



Marc DeMaat Sr.

November 26, 1940 - July 13, 2020

Marc DeMaat Sr of Mears, Michigan, formerly of Grand Rapids, died after a short illness at age 79, on July 13, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents Harold “Dutch” and Cora. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Susan; his children: Adelle (Ted), Marc Jr (Lisa), and Jeff (Lisa); grandchildren: Jakob (Janessa), Eli, Isaac, Nathan, Benjamin, Jordan, and Amber; and great-grandchildren: Cora and Thomas. As a lifelong “West Sider”, he founded The Leonard Street Market and DeMaat Brothers Painting along with his brother, Tom, with whom he enjoyed many years of success, before retiring to Silver Lake. He was an active member of his church and his community and enjoyed golf, sailing, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a fierce competitor in the game of euchre, enjoying years of playing with Susan’s extended family at their campsite in the woods, always enjoying the win! He had special relationships with each of his 5 siblings and their spouses, all of whom remain close. We take comfort in knowing that he is now with the Lord, able to walk without pain and eat burnt toast into eternity. A celebration of Marc’s life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Westside Christian School: 955 Westend Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 or Grace Adventures (Sponsor A Kid to Camp Fund): 2100 North Ridge Road, Mears, MI 49436. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 737 Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442 (231) 726-5210

Comments



“ I have fond memories of growing up on Penn Ave. and being close friends with Marc during our teens and early 20's. Cruising around Veterans Park in downtown GR, drag racing on lower Monroe Ave., Big Boy's Drive-In on Division Ave. just south of 28th Street, running go-carts on the new concrete on I-96 during its construction, siphoning gas late at night from the vehicles behind Meijers on the corner of Michigan and Fuller and other close encounters with the police. A teenage life style of that era depicted in the classic "American Graffiti".

I also remember a camping/fishing trip up into Canada near Wawa, Ontario. We pitched our tent on a sand bar just below a power dam on the Montreal River. We just about were washed away when they opened up the dam to generate electrical power. In addition, when we were ready to go home, Jerry Honk's car would not start. At that time they were still building the road (Kings Hwy 17) around Lake Superior. A construction truck gave us a "jerk" to get the car started. We made it back to St. Ignace before the car finally died again on a hill. We had to pool together our money to get the generator replaced.

I fully understand the pain Susan has after losing the one you loved and lived with for nearly 60 years. I lost my wonderful wife last year after 55 years of marriage. Marc was one of the ushers/groomsmen at our wedding.

Don Olree

Don Olree - July 25 at 02:33 PM



“ Some of these stories i had not heard. ;). Makes me laugh and glad to know i wasnt as naughty as he was

adelle vandervelde - July 26 at 07:47 PM



“ It has been a long time since we all shared such hearty laughs and love, but you are in my heart always and in my thoughts frequently. I love you all very much and am very sadden to learn that Marc Sr. has left this earth. Burnt toast and overdone steaks...what a guy. Love you Marc!!! Georgienne Hammer

Georgienne M Hammer - July 20 at 12:05 PM



“ I did not know Marc, but I want to express my deepest sympathy to his family. Good to know he is with the Lord. May God comfort you, Susan and the rest of his family. Joyce De Feyter (friends with Tom and Ruth De Maat).

Joyce De Feyter - July 20 at 10:19 AM



“ Deepest Sympathy to Sue and the whole DeMaat family. We enjoyed many summers at your little cottage on Silver Lake ! Tom & Connie Riewald

Connie Riewald - July 19 at 02:51 PM