



Carroll Craige Nadig

August 17, 1941 - January 29, 2017

A genuine man with a huge heart and caring soul, Carroll Craige Nadig passed away on Sunday morning, January 29th, 2017 at 8:42 a.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. At his side was his beloved wife of 53 years, Sandy, and his loving family, Erik and Christi, Jeff and Katie, Mark, Brad, and Connie and John (Sandy's sister and brother-in-law). Carroll was born August 17th, 1941, in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Whitehall High School in Whitehall, Pennsylvania in June 1959, where he and Sandy were classmates. Carroll then enrolled at Pennsylvania Military College (PMC) and attained the rank of First Cadet Battalion Commander, graduating in 1963. He also completed post graduate work at New York University and Eastern Michigan University, earning his MBA. After graduation, Carroll joined Ford Motor Company, starting at Michigan Truck in Wixom in 1965. He retired 46 years later, having had a wonderful and fulfilling career with Ford and Visteon. After retirement, Carroll found a new career with Great Lakes Educational Group, tutoring High School students. Doing this gave Carroll a tremendous amount of satisfaction, joy and enthusiasm in his retirement years. Carroll was a man with a large personality, and most notably, an even larger heart when it came to family and friends. He had a very sincere love for the Saline community and enjoyed volunteering his time to participate with his four sons in the Boy Scouts, Youth Baseball, and the Warriors Wrestling program. He also was an avid weightlifter his whole life, having participated in competitions in his younger years; and he continued to enjoy spending time lifting weights and being in the gym. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Saline, Michigan, where he served on the Personnel and Finance Committees. Carroll had a unique and exquisite zest for life, a humorous wit, loved to dance, loved to vacation – especially cruising, and got the most joy from being with his family and friends. He was a man for whom integrity and dignity were the cornerstones of his life, along with his faith. Those of us who loved and admired him say: “Farewell, loving husband, dearest Dad and genuine friend; you will always be with us”. As the song by Frank Sinatra says, “I did it my way”, and that certainly epitomized Carroll's approach to life! Surviving him are his wife, Sandra; his four sons and daughter in-laws, Erik and Christi, Mark and Gwendolyn, Brad and Dock Yi, and Jeff and Katie; and twelve beloved grandchildren: Kaleb, Craig, Jennifer, Cassidy, Hannah, Denise, Bryce, Camryn, Graham, Sarah, Reed,

and Nolan. Other survivors include his stepbrother, Larry DeJong, and wife, Pam; his brother and sister in-law, John and Connie Viglione; and his niece, Nancy, and husband, Chris. Preceding Carroll in death were his mother, Drinajean, and husband, Raymond Oswald; his father, Thomas, and wife, Dorothy Nadig; and his stepbrother, Ralph DeJong. Also there to greet him in his heavenly home is his beloved granddaughter, Ella Nadig. Funeral Services will take place on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 12:00 Noon at the First United Methodist Church of Saline, 1200 North Ann Arbor Street, Saline, Michigan 48176, with pastor Tom Zimmerman officiating. Burial will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the First United Methodist Church of Saline, designated for the Good Samaritan Fund to help those in the community in need, or to the Saline High School, which will be set aside and designated to help student athletes in need of tutoring/educational help at Great Lakes Educational Group. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline where friends may begin calling on Thursday, February 2, 2017 between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. To leave a memory, to sign Carroll's guestbook, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 East Michigan Ave.
Saline, MI 48176
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Graveside Service

FEB 3. 1:15 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery
227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Sandra and family,
My deepest sympathy on our loss. Carol was a class mate and friend while at
PMC. I will cherish his memory.
David C. Sapp, 473*

Dvaid C. Sapp - February 11, 2017 at 12:01 AM

JS

“ *I was one of Carroll's classmates at PMC Class of '63. Please accept my
condolences at the loss of you husband, father and grandfather.
Sincerely,
John Stoeffler*

John Stoeffler - February 09, 2017 at 07:16 PM

DG

“ *Carroll's friendship, leadership, and guidance were freely provided to me and are
among my most treasured experiences on this earth. When he was having fun, it
was infectious and when he was not happy you took note, because something
was not fair or really unjust. I will miss him forever. Sandy, thanks for sharing the
Bear with us.
Denny Gerlach*

Denny Gerlach - February 08, 2017 at 06:15 PM

KH

“ *My deepest sympathy on the death of your husband. I am Kathryn Helffrich from
Allentown. Maybe one of the last relatives of your husband's from this area. My
mother (Helen Fenstermaker Helffrich), sister Ruth and I visited Drinajean often at
her home on Sixth St. in Whitehall. In fact, I think your twin boys visited her and
slept there too. My grandmother Kate was a sister to your husband's grandfather
Carroll. My parents visited Lillian and Clark often. I am 93 years old and a widow
of 20 years, and still live in my own condo here in Allentown. Two of my three
children live very close to me. Your obituary agrees with what I heard many years
ago - Carroll was a good man, kind, industrious and loved his boys. I pray the
Lord will comfort your heart.*

Karen Hartzell - February 05, 2017 at 02:01 PM

DC

“ So sorry to hear of your husband's passing, Sandy! I haven't seen you in many years, but I remember the times that we used to see each other a lot. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Dolly Collins

Dolly Collins - February 03, 2017 at 07:31 PM

CH

“ Sandy,
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. I will always remember "Butch" as a great high school friend.
Our love,
Joan and Carvel Hoffman

Carvel Hoffman - February 03, 2017 at 11:12 AM

BE

“ My sincere condolences to his family. It had been many years since I last saw him. He will now join the many family members who departed before him. I'm sure he will be missed by all.

Bruce Ebner

Bruce Ebner - February 01, 2017 at 09:58 PM

JE

“ My thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to Sandy and family. I will always remember Butch not only as a Whitehall classmate but a friend who cared about the relationships formed in our high school days.



Joe Ebner - February 01, 2017 at 07:40 PM

HK

“ Rest in peace Butch. Remembering the days of wrestling at Whitehall. Butch was always upbeat. My condolences to you and family Sandy.



Henry Kolb - February 01, 2017 at 05:21 PM

RP

“ *Carroll was a friend and colleague at Ford and truly an HR professional and leader of others. His passion for Ford, and his belief in our employees was always a focus of his work. He will be missed by all of us.*



Rick Poynter - February 01, 2017 at 02:28 PM

DD

“ *Dear Sandy & Family-
So very sorry to learn of your loss. I sure got to know Carroll very well during the countless hours we sat together in the bleachers at our sons' baseball, football and wrestling events. He was a great guy who was a devoted and enthusiastic fan of all Saline athletes. He will be dearly missed.*

Dick & Sue Anne DeGrand

Dick DeGrand - February 01, 2017 at 01:58 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Carroll Craige Nadig.*



February 01, 2017 at 09:44 AM

JL

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of our Whitehall classmate. He will be fondly remembered by all of us.*

John Laub

John Laub - February 01, 2017 at 08:55 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carroll Craige Nadig.*



February 01, 2017 at 03:11 AM

SG

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Nadig family during this very sad time. I know Carroll will be missed by his family, friends and Saline Community.*

Sharon Gingras - January 31, 2017 at 06:28 PM

CK

“ *You've been such a blessing to so many people, Carroll, and Sandy, your sons and their families can attest to that. You are already sorely missed, but your legacy is forever. Our love and prayers to each family member and friend as they celebrate your life and impact in so many ways! John & Carol Kenzy*

Carol A. Kenzy - January 31, 2017 at 03:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carroll Craige Nadig.*



January 31, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carroll Craige Nadig.*



January 30, 2017 at 08:10 PM