



Ladd E. Houdek

April 23, 1925 - June 6, 2014

Age 89, of Saline, MI, left this life unexpectedly on Friday, June 6, 2014. He was born April 23, 1925 in Berwyn, Illinois, the son of Ladislaw E. and Alvina J. (Snyder) Houdek. He was the eldest son of five children. Ladd graduated from high school early and joined the United States Navy at age 17. He served in the United States Navy during WWII until 1947, mainly in the South Pacific. Through the military, Ladd graduated from the University of Minnesota, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 1950 Ladd married Jacqueline Keeney and she preceded him in death on March 10, 1994. Moving to Saline, Michigan in 1965, Ladd was one of the founding fathers of the Ford Saline Plastics Plant, and worked as plant manager for many years. Survivors include his daughter Wendy Houdek Erskine (Keith) of Tavares, Florida, his sister, Violette Steinke of Sorrento, Florida and a host of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death in addition to his wife, Jacqueline, by a son, David Houdek, and three brothers, John, Bruce, and Ronald Houdek. Cremation has taken place. A private memorial service will take place at a later date. The family asks that memorial donations be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley or to a charity of your choice. To sign Ladd's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Comments



“ Ladd and I went to Japan together to work on the Probe instrument panel. We had some interesting times dealing with Mazda. Ladd was a great guy to work with. I also remember running with Ladd in Run held at a Grand Rapids community College. It was a miserable experience. It convinced me to give up running, and take up biking. I will miss him. Walter Wurst

Walter Wurst - June 17, 2014 at 07:05 PM



“ As a nearby neighbor, we shared our neighborhood and home watch. For many years he practiced golf iron shots across Willis Rd. as empty fields could once be viewed from his front door. When his swimming pool ruptured, his grass remained green through the long hot summer.

His friendly wave when driving by or picking up his mail will be missed.

Cleon and Sara Newton

Cleon and Sara Newton - June 17, 2014 at 05:03 PM



“ I first met Ladd at Millington Plant in Upper Sandusky Ohio in 1963 played golf with him at Lincoln Hills G C. He got me my job at Ford Saline in 1967. Have been friends and played golf and worked out at Rec Center since it opened. I have had a good life threw my contact with him. He will always be a part of me.

Charlie Wolford

Charles Wolford - June 11, 2014 at 07:56 PM



“ I first met Ladd at Travis Pointe CC back in the 80s. Our games of golf were always fun and spirited. He was a devoted husband to the love of his life Jackie who proceeded him in death. I was Ladd and Jackie's AAA Insurance agent for many years. My wife Sharon would greet Ladd at the Saline Recreation Center every day before his fall. Ladd will be missed, our sympathy goes out to Ladd's family. Dan Struble

Dan Struble - June 11, 2014 at 03:22 PM



“ I met Ladd thru my father Noble. He would come home from golfing laughing and telling us the fun that they all had at Travis Point (Uncle Paul, Doug, Alan and Bill. I know that he will be missed by all. May GOD be with the family during this journey.

Linda Robertson

Linda Robertson - June 10, 2014 at 05:24 PM



“ I got to know Ladd at Travis Pointe Country Club. We enjoyed playing golf as often as possible . . . golf, golf trips and poker with Doug, Noble, Al and Bill. He really knew his golf rules and he didn't mind letting you know the rules. He always knew when it was time to press the bet. We will miss him. Paul Robertson

Paul Robertson - June 08, 2014 at 12:26 PM



“ My dad and Ladd were very good friends. He thought a lot of Ladd. I enjoyed the sparkle in Ladd's eyes and his competitive joking. He will be sorely missed but I realize that he is now in a better place. My thoughts and prayers are with his family!

Kelly Wilkie - June 07, 2014 at 02:34 PM



“ I worked with Ladd at Saline and played golf with him at Tecumseh Country Club. A gentleman and competitor, with a wonderful dry sense of humor. We enjoyed many great days, more on the golf course than at work as it should be.

Bob Feldkamp - June 10, 2014 at 03:22 PM