



Harry Emerson Fosdick

October 5, 1929 - May 26, 2020

Update: Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. Pastor Ken Gilmore will officiate the service. Military Honors will be held under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard. Those wishing to be a part of the vehicle procession should meet at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline at 10:30 A.M.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 90, passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 and is now with his Heavenly Father and his wife of 67 years, Rosemary. Harry was born on October 5, 1929, the son of Max Secord Fosdick, and Pauline (Burrow) Fosdick. He was the great-great-great grandson of Johnathan Dorr Fosdick and Emiline (Whiting) Fosdick, who came to Michigan in 1835 and settled in the Saline area. Harry served in the U.S. Army, 40th Division, in Korea during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged from the Army. While attending Eastern Michigan University he met Rosemary Rae and on February 7, 1953 they were married in Dearborn, Michigan. She predeceased him on May 10, 2020. Harry was a teacher in Lansing, Brighton, and at Riverside High School/Crestwood in Dearborn Heights. He was a well-respected basketball coach for most of his teaching years. Harry is survived by his children, Mark (Lee Ann) Fosdick of Fowlerville, Scott (Patti) Fosdick of Saline, David (Wendy) Fosdick of Canton, Charles (Tracy) Fosdick of Saline, Sean (Karen) Fosdick of Chelsea, Kristine (Scott) Opland of Saline, Jonathon

(Kelly) Fosdick of Belleville, and Stephen Fosdick of Milan. He is survived by 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Harry's two older sisters, Jean Osterhout and Maxine Lossing predeceased him. Harry was a member of the Saline American Legion Post 322, and for many years coordinated the posting of flags on graves in Saline for Memorial Day and worked on sauerkraut dinner preparations. In his later years, Harry spent much of his time attending his grandchildren's sporting events and talking sports. He will be missed by his family and many friends. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. Pastor Ken Gilmore will officiate the service. Military Honors will be held under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard. Those wishing to be a part of the vehicle procession should meet at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline at 10:30 A.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to the American Legion Post 322 in Saline. To sign Harry's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Meet at Funeral Home for Vehicle Procession

JUL 18. 10:30 AM - 10:40 AM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Graveside Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harry Emerson Fosdick*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Sending late but very heartfelt condolences to all the Fosdick family from Sherman Collins (originally from Milan, then EMU, then Dearborn) and family. My father, Sherman, just found out today about your father, his old friend, passing and learned of your mother's passing as well. He asked me to share his and my mother's deepest sympathies on your loss, and also to tell you that your father 'was a very good, kind man who meant a lot to all who knew him'. My sister and I went to school in Dearborn with Dave, Scott, etc , have many great memories of those years and are now sad to hear about the loss of both your parents in such a short time. We send our best to all of you and hope time has helped bring some peace. - Sincerely, Julie (Collins) Frontera*

julie frontera - October 05, 2021 at 10:35 PM



“ *I loved Uncle Harry so much! It was always fun to visit their home when he was there and watch him interact with my cousins and Aunt Sister. He was a wonderful father and husband. That chuckle of his was unforgettable. What a great man! I was proud to call him Uncle Harry. Love, Michelle*

Michelle Kolbe - July 03, 2020 at 07:02 AM



“ *Condolences to the Family and Friends. Many happy memories.*

Barbara Losee - May 30, 2020 at 01:32 PM

RC

“ A great American. He was my Coach and teacher at Brighton. I will never forget his life lessons and he will be missed. To all of his family I am so sorry.
Congressman Dick Chrysler

Richard Chrysler - May 30, 2020 at 01:43 AM

AE

“ Mr. Fosdick was a smart, kind and patient man. He was my science teacher in 8th grade and in 10th grade - he was just a lovely man. I am so sorry for your loss but please know that he made a profound impact on so many. May you find peace in your time of grief.

April Ellison - May 29, 2020 at 03:12 PM

DK

“ I had the honor of knowing Mr. Fosdick attending Riverside High School graduating in 1975. Mr. Fosdick was my science teacher and always was prepared and kept his classed disciplined but fair and fun. I know he was very liked and respected by not only his peers but also all of the students. Mr. Fosdick was a credit to his profession and lived a life well lived. My heartfelt condolences to the family and I know he got in the express elevator to heaven and was reunited with his wife of 67 years.

David Kelley

DAVID KELLEY - May 29, 2020 at 01:39 PM

JB

“ Dear Scott & Patti
Take comfort in the joy your parents must have as they are together, again. God knows best. Take care Jeff & Grace Brookshire

Jeff & Grace Brookshire - May 29, 2020 at 10:34 AM

JA

“ To the family of Harry Fosdick, my sincerest love, sympathy and prayers. I am a 1969 grad of Riverside HS and have volumes of memories of Coach he became a mile post for me in unusual ways. I was the last one cut from the basketball team my senior year and was crushed. I was angered the next day when he asked me to be the team manager and correspondent with the local newspaper. Reluctantly, I said yes. I did both later during my time at U of M with track, became a sportswriter and coached HS basketball in Cleveland and have served urban people in ministry the past 43 years. Even when I didn't know it, God was using Coach to prepare me for life. Romans 8:28

Sincerest love and prayers to you all!

Joe Abraham - May 29, 2020 at 10:28 AM

KO

Oh Joe! Thank you so much for sharing this! Our family loves to hear these stories. My father's influence was far reaching. Our family is crushed at losing both our parents in only a two period. Our dad was indeed incredible.

Kris Opland - May 29, 2020 at 01:33 PM

SC

I send my deepest sympathy to Coach Fosdick's family. I was one of his students when he taught at Brighton High School. He was always friendly, kind and a great educator.

Suzanne Marie Campbell-Conerway - May 31, 2020 at 11:31 AM

LI

“ Home Point Financial extends its deepest sympathy to Steve and his family.

Lisa - May 29, 2020 at 10:20 AM

MS

“ *Mike Szczerba RHS71: fine man and basketball coach, he will be missed RIP.*

Mike Szczerba - May 29, 2020 at 09:34 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hess lit a candle in memory of Harry Emerson Fosdick*



Mary Hess - May 29, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harry Emerson Fosdick.*



May 29, 2020 at 08:45 AM

LW

“ *Mark, I didn't know your parents, but I am with you in prayer. May they rest in peace*

Lee and Jim Wolney - May 29, 2020 at 12:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harry Emerson Fosdick.*



May 28, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ *Mr. Fosdick was a kind, gentle man who always welcomed conversation, especially when it involved sports (particularly, basketball). He and Mrs. Fosdick will now keep watch over their family, from above. Rest In Peace.*

The Michael Family

Jim Michael - May 28, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ *To Kris and the Fosdick family, please know we are thinking of you during this time of sorrow. But take comfort knowing your parents are now together again. Bob&Carol Opland and family*

Robert Opland - May 28, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *Bank of Ann Arbor purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Harry Emerson Fosdick.*



Bank of Ann Arbor - May 28, 2020 at 02:59 PM

SM

“ *Dear Scott, Patti and family,
We are so sorry about your dad's passing and so soon after your
mom. Our hearts and prayers continue to be with you all. God bless
you.*

Bill and Sue Mulka

Sue Mulka - May 28, 2020 at 01:06 PM