



Edward J. Bilkovic

May 30, 1924 - November 3, 2013

LEXINGTON- Edward J. Bilkovic, age 89, died Sunday November 3, 2013 at his daughter's home in Sterling Heights.

He was born May 30, 1924 in Shadyside, OH., son of the late Joseph and Julia Bilkovic. He and Janet L. Lowry were married on June 21, 1952 at St. Joan of Arc Church in St. Clair Shores.

Ed was a WW II veteran of the U.S. Army. He serviced restaurant and bar equipment. He was a member of St. Denis Catholic Church where he was a lector, was a member of the V.F.W., and was an avid Detroit Tigers fan. When he lived in Grosse Pointe Woods he coached Little League and umpired for many years.

Surviving are his wife Janet; sons David (Susan) of Columbus, OH, Michael (Kimberly) of Romulus and Mark (Kimberly) of West Bloomfield; daughters Shelly (Melvin) Raab of Sterling Heights, Theresa (John) Cannell of Toronto and Geralyn (Kevin) Hahn of Warren; sister Irene Burkhart of Shadyside, OH; 18 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Sharon Ventimiglia.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 A.M. Saturday at St. Denis Catholic Church in Lexington. Fr. Donald J.Eppenbrock will officiate. Burial will be in St. Denis Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Lexington from 3 to 9 P.M. on Friday and at the church from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. on Saturday. Vigil Service 7 P.M. Friday evening at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family has

requested memorials to Great Lakes Hospice Foundation
(greatlakeshospicefoundation.org).

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *My thoughts and prayers to my whole entire family. Uncle Edward may be gone from us, but now back with his brother (my grandpa) William Bilkovic, and his nephews my grandpas sons william and robert, as well as with his daughter he lost a few yrs back.*

jessica bilkovic - November 10, 2013 at 08:44 PM

TF

“ *Dear Bilkovic family- our prayers and thoughts are with all of you as you undertake Ed's funeral weekend. Ed was clearly a fine man and a great father. God's hands are welcoming him in heaven. Take care!*

The Wheatley Family - November 07, 2013 at 01:04 PM

SY

“ Dear Bilkovic Family,
Very sorry to hear of Ed's passing. He was a good man who gave so much back to the community.
Ed umpired my Little League and Babe Ruth games in GP growing up in the 1970's. 40 years later, he is still the gold standard for baseball umpires. Fair. Knowledgeable. In command of every game. He took his responsibility seriously, but he was always smiling and always had a good word for the player to make the games fun. He was simply the best.
When I was in eighth grade, Ed asked me if I wanted to be an umpire. I took his umpiring class and became a certified LL umpire. Who knew that there were that many rules in baseball? Thanks to Ed, I umpired GPLL games until I went to college.
They say no one remembers umpires. They remember the great ones. And Ed was a great one.
I am very sorry for your loss. But very appreciative for the positive role that Ed had on my life and the lives of so many others.
Respectfully, Scott D. Young

Scott Young - November 07, 2013 at 12:28 PM

MW

“ Dear Mark and family, Very sorry to hear of your loss. Your Dad was a tremendous supporter during our great little league years and he was a very good umpire as well. I'm sure he was an even better Dad. May he rest in peace.

Mike Walkowiak - November 07, 2013 at 10:32 AM

AM

“ Sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you in every moment during your time of sorrow.

Anngie and Balt Mota - November 06, 2013 at 10:45 PM

KH

“ *RIP, Edward J. Bilkovic. So sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Karen Hewelt - November 06, 2013 at 08:47 PM

ZH

“ *Our Condolences to our dear Friend Geralyn and her Family. Thoughts and Payers are with your Family at this difficult time... Godspeed Mr. Bilkovic . May your life be eternal*

Zoe hassler - November 06, 2013 at 07:04 PM

GB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. We send our Deepest sympathy.*

Gabrielle Bilkovic - November 06, 2013 at 05:19 PM

MD

“ *Sad to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you.*

Melody and Jim Derbin - November 06, 2013 at 08:08 AM

FE

“ *My sympathy & prayers to the Bilkovic family in the loss of their loved one. I pray and say as we have been doing now for centuries: "Eternal rest give to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on him forever. May he rest in peace! May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."*
Sincerely, Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock, RC Priest Sacramental Priest of Ave Maria, St. Denis Campus, Lecington, MI

Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock - November 06, 2013 at 06:14 AM

SA

“ *Dearest Bilkovic Family,
Heartfelt condolences for your loss.*

Steve & Bobbie Agresta - November 05, 2013 at 08:03 PM

AV

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family, hugs*

Amy Voltam - November 05, 2013 at 07:34 PM

RT

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to your family...*

Rick and Tina Truhol - November 05, 2013 at 02:49 PM

ML

“ *Edward J. Bilkovic*

Michael J. Louwers - November 05, 2013 at 11:50 AM