



Gerold Boelstler

March 7, 1937 - April 15, 2018

Gerald Herman Julius Boelstler, age 81, of Lexington, passed away on April 15, 2018. He was born on March 7, 1937, in Detroit, to the late Herman and Theresia Boelstler.

He married Yvonne Cote, she preceded him in death on August 4, 2017.

Survived by four children Joan Van Heck, Steven Boelstler(deceased in 2016)) and daughter-in-law, Kara Boelstler, Christine Law, and Lisa Boelstler. Grandchildren: Zachary Law, Mikaelyn Law, Megan Boelstler(Mike Fisher), Jamie Boelstler, Jacob Herr, Sam Herr, Nick Van Heck, and Sierra Law. Great Grandchild Henry Steven Fisher

He served honorably in the U.S. Navy 1955-1957. Loved being a Detroit Firefighter for 25 years, retiring in 1985 as a Sergeant. Earned an Associates Degree from Macomb Community College

When he retired, he and his wife became snowbirds, spending winters in Florida growing fruit that he loved to share - heavy boxes that would arrive at our doorstep filled with the juiciest oranges. They spent their summers in Lexington with family and friends.

Where ever he was, he enjoyed his family around him. The houses always had an open door policy. He was usually waiting at the door with a big grin,

holding it open and carrying in our luggage.

He loved to fish and hunt especially with Steve. He loved spoiling us, driving us around on vacations in Florida, shopping with us and carrying the bags, giving us special treats from his pockets full of candy and building big bonfires for all of us to gather around. He was always a part of his “kids” activities, including, in the last few years, our yearly canoe trip. He proudly attended the school activities and celebrations of the grandkids. We will always remember the magical Christmases that were the result of months of searching for the right gifts for each of us and the cheerful holiday gatherings that would last for days.

A toast to you, dad, for there's no other that will take the place of our dear father.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the Engine House, 309 Cass Avenue, Mt.Clemens. There will be a Memorial luncheon following the service.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home - 57737 Gratiot, New Haven.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Engine House
309 Cass Avenue
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
<http://www.theenginehouse.net/>

Tribute Wall

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“ I have lot's of memories of my Uncle Gary. He was like a father to me. Heck, he took me to see Lassie in the Detroit's Thanksgiving Parade when I was young. My Mom, may she rest in peace, would always say that he would come and help no matter what he was doing. I remember him enjoying people. Cooking for everyone at their "Easter breakfasts". Always being concerned about others, not himself. That was why Joan, Steve, Christine and Lisa emulated him. Aunt Yvonne and he showed by example what it meant to be "Good People". A funny story: Uncle Gary: I'm re-painting Grampa Cote's dining room (in Florida). Me: What color? Uncle Gary: The same color; that way I won't know where I missed. Take care Uncle, you'll be missed. Dan York

Dan York - April 18, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerold Boelstler.



April 17, 2018 at 07:27 PM

DV

“ Loved going up to Cote's cottage. That's how I got to know the Boestler's. Going to the beach, hitting the drive in, sitting by the bonfire and playing cards. There will always be a special place in my heart for all the Boestler's because they are my family. Gary, you will never be forgotten.

Dan Vaughn - April 17, 2018 at 07:21 PM

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Joan Van Heck - April 17, 2018 at 02:29 PM

JE

“ There are way too many memories to choose from. From all the family reunions, holidays, and all the summers at the cottage. It is going to be difficult going up to the cottage this summer, knowing that Aunt Yvonne and Uncle Gary will not be there to visit. You two are going to be missed. But we will all have all the memories in our hearts to keep your spirits alive. My heart goes out to Joan, Christine and Lisa. You 3 still have the Cote's now and forever. .



Jeff - April 17, 2018 at 12:44 PM