



Richard J. Kleff

March 21, 1939 – December 17, 2022

Kleff, Richard (Dick) Joseph 3/21/1939 - 12/17/2022 Grand Rapids age 83, died after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease on December 17, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joey Kleff, infant son, Richard Joseph Kleff Jr.; parents, Joe and Helen Kleff; sister, Ann Hoon; in-laws, Frank and Helen Wisniewski; as well as many close friends and relatives. Dick is survived by his wife of almost 57 years, Dolores (Dee) Kleff; children, Paul (Denise) Kleff, John (Rose) Kleff, Suzy (Dan) Herrera; grandchildren, Sydney, Danny, Leo, Elsa; great-grandson, Brycen; as well as sisters and brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Dick graduated from Grand Rapids Catholic Central class of 1956, and Ferris State University with a degree in Pharmacy in 1962. He worked for various pharmacies and owned his own pharmacy for several years. Dick was a founding member of the Knights of Columbus Council #8117 and led the development of the Mercy Respite Center which provided short term care to special needs children and their families.

He was a member at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church where he regularly volunteered his time. He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, and was quite the handyman, always putting around the house. After retiring he and Dee enjoyed traveling together.

The family would like to thank the staff of Provision Living Center of Forest Hills and Gentiva Hospice for the care they provided.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, December 27, 2022, from 6-8pm at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

All are welcome to join the family in praying the rosary at 8pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30am, Wednesday December 28, 2022, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1449 Wilcox Park Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Memorial contributions may be made to a Hospice organization of your choice or Alzheimer's Association of Greater Michigan, <https://www.alz.org/gmc> 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601.