



Mr. Curt F. Dombecky

April 23, 1948 - July 14, 2012

DOMBECKY, CURT F.

Curt F. Dombecky of Grand Ledge, MI, was taken from us on July 14, 2012 following a cycling accident. He was born in Detroit MI on April 23, 1948, and was the the son of Neva and Eugene Dombecky. Curt spent his childhood in Detroit. He went on to Michigan State University, where he was an active participant in the Sigma Nu Fraternity. Curt graduated with his B.S. in Economics. He spent many years associated with the auto industry, becoming an industry recognized facilitator and consultant in the retail automotive arena. Through his company, Northern Lights Facilitators, he also consulted for numerous Fortune 500 companies utilizing his award winning tools and techniques, both in classroom and interactive television broadcast. Curt believed that life was more meaningful and enjoyable when physical, emotional, social, spiritual and intellectual components are in balance. That was culminated in his love for exercise, yoga, meditation retreats, and an overall well-being . His hobbies have included, piloting his single engine aircraft, cycling, swimming, yoga, ice skating, running, scuba diving, surfing and he became a second degree black belt in Karate. Curt was actively involved in many speaking and motivational clubs. He was a member of St. Michael's Church and active in their choir. For years, he actively participated in announcing gymnastic meets for Michigan State University, Twistars USA., and various international invitational gymnastic meets. Curt had a tremendous love for his friends and families both near and in Hawaii. He will be

remembered for his singing, his smile and his extraordinary sense of humor. Curt is survived by his wife of 25 years, Francine; daughter, Chantel Dombecky of Dallas, TX; sisters, Christine (William) Stuart of Bloomfield Hills and Maureen (Lawrence) Matta of Clarkston; nephew, Joshua Matta; father-in-law "Mac" McKenzie and his Hawaii ohana and Chantel's Godfather and a long time good friend, Dick Howard. Memorial visitation will be Thursday, July 19, 2012, 6-9pm, Vigil 7:30pm and Friday, July 20, 2012, 10am until time of Mass 11:00am at St. Michael Catholic Church 345 Edwards St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Memorial contributions may be made to Peckham Community Partnership Foundation 3510 Capital City Blvd. Lansing, MI 48906.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Service

JUL 19. 7:30 PM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Visitation

JUL 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
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Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GE

“ *Fran and Chantel,
We were so saddened by Curt's passing. Even though we are many miles away, we stil recall places and great times we spent together with your family. Rich's eyes light up and he has a sly smile on his face whenever we reminisce about MSU and "Wiley". Please keep in mind all those who are praying for you to remember the good times and the years you were able to spend with Curt. He was close to a legend in our family.*

Rich & Gayle Elsasser

Gayle Elsasser - August 09, 2012 at 12:58 PM

CD

Thank you Gayle! Great hearing from you! I live in Dallas ---almost on 8 years. I remember my first fajitas at your house ;O)

Chantel Dombecky - September 29, 2012 at 01:03 AM

GC

“ I was shocked to hear of Curt's passing. He was scheduled to consult in Boston mid-August and as always I was very much looking forward to his visit. No matter what the situation, Curt always had a way of putting a smile on everyones face. I told him one day he reminded me of a priest and he thereafter referred to himself as Father Dombecky. In that same conversation I told him my full name was Eugene and only the nuns in grammer school referred to me as same. From then on..... I was Eugene. Its not hard to share good times with someone like Curt, but his loss will be difficult. He was truly an amazing individual who will be very much missed by all.

*Eugene "Gene" Canty
Infiniti Division
Nissan North America*

Gene Canty - July 30, 2012 at 12:04 PM

CD

Eugene,

That was his Dad's name also :O) (Ironic and unfortunately, he too was killed by an unfit/reckless driver and I never got to meet my grandpa.) Curt was to be visiting me this week in Dallas. I was very much looking forward to his visit also. Thank you for sharing. As you said, this loss is tragically difficult. However, reading tributes like yours brings a smile to my face. This is his quote and make it proud:

“May I show gratitude for the gifts you have granted to me by making use of them to the fullest.

Provide me guidance through a sign that I can recognize as so profound that it could only have come from you.”

Curt Dombecky

Chantel M. Dombecky - August 01, 2012 at 04:23 AM

GG

“ Curt and I shared a number of training memories with Saturn Corp over the course of many years. One could always count on having a great time when Curt was around. He shared his joy for life every moment whether in front of a crowd or sharing around the dinner table. Curt also love to promote his work and freely shared gifts including "dombecky.com" T-Shirts; One of which I was wearing when I received the news of his passing. From my family to Fran and yours, may God in His mercy pour out His love and care upon you during this time of loss.

Gene and Patty Girdley

Gene Girdley - July 20, 2012 at 04:58 PM



“ I met Curt approximately 12 years ago while attending a swimming class at the MAC. Since then we have had several engaging discussions about our mutual interests, especially swimming and consulting. For the past four years I have particularly enjoyed my time with Curt at our swim coaching with Wally on Sunday mornings. Curt was an amazing human being, and this is a terrible loss for us all. My sincere condolences to Curt's family.

Alison Howie-Day

alison Howie-Day - July 19, 2012 at 08:28 PM

CD

Thank you Alison. I sleep in his '1st place ribbons room' when I come home from TX to visit my parents.

Chantel M. Dombecky - August 01, 2012 at 04:26 AM

KB

“ Dear Fran, Bill and I are so sorry to hear of Wiley's accident and passing. He was a wonderful guy. We are unable to attend the funeral as Bill has a conference Wed. - Sun. in Traverse City. Know our hearts and thoughts are with you and his family. Sincerely, Karen Burke.

Karen Elaine Burke - July 19, 2012 at 04:40 PM

SW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We went around the bypass and went to Mcdonalds on Sat. morning, in the few minutes we were gone his life was taken. We wish we could help you find out what happened. There was already 3 cars stopped, so we didn't stop. There were alot of other classic cars going to Fitz Park that day. Hopefully someone will have seen something and let the police know. We have lost both our parents, know that the memories do help get through the dark days.

Shelley White - July 19, 2012 at 02:42 PM

DW

“ Curt was always a staple of my holiday visits home after I first moved away because Midnight Mass meant Curt and my Dad were singing in the choir. Curt probably lived more life in a single day than most people do in a year. My best to Chantel and Fran.

Dan Weiss - July 19, 2012 at 08:48 AM

CD

Thank you Dan!!!! Well said :O)

Chantel M. Dombecky - August 01, 2012 at 04:29 AM

AB

“ Fran, we are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Amy and Teresa Bozung

Amy Bozung - July 19, 2012 at 07:41 AM

DH

“ Chantel and Fran, Your dad was such a special person on this earth. His presence will be so missed but never forgotten. He touched so many people's lives. We will keep a piece of his spirit in our hearts forever. Eskimo legend says, "Perhaps there are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy." If this is true, your dad's opening is one of the brightest. Since we cannot be there on Friday, Malama Kekahi I Kekahi. Our love is with you. Debby and Bill Hicks

Debby and Bill Hicks - July 18, 2012 at 08:24 PM

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“ Hello To the Dombecky Family,

*My mother saw Curt's name in the News Paper in the "Remembrance" section. Sorry for your loss. In your time of sorrow, may you be blessed with friends who care, faith that overcomes, and memories that comfort. How I knew the family is that his mother Nava use to babysit me in Detroit in the 50's. Say hello to Chris and Mo for me....Ila Stelter and Diana Kozlowski (Stelter)
Email is dkozlowski2007@gmail.com*

Diana Kozlowski (Stelter) - July 18, 2012 at 06:33 PM

DC

Curt was a locker down the row at the Michigan Athletic Club for many years. We have been talking about nutrition, exercise and health for many years. He was a bright and articulate man who will be missed at the MAC...he had many friends.

David Clinton

David Clinton - July 20, 2012 at 08:31 AM

CD

Diana,

I am Curt's daughter, Chantel Dombecky and would love to stay in touch with you! dombecky@gmail.com

Chantel M. Dombecky - August 01, 2012 at 04:32 AM

ME

“*Dear Fran, I am so sorry to hear about Curt (who I remember as being called Wiley!) . I know it's been years since we have seen you. Actually, it was your 50th surprise birthday party he gave you. He was an awesome, generous and thoughtful man. I'm at a loss for words, but our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care - Miriam and Bill*



Miriam Elias-Norris - July 18, 2012 at 04:23 PM



“*Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Curt F. Dombecky.*



July 18, 2012 at 09:56 AM

WD

“ Sorry to loose such a great friend and such a nice person as Curt enjoyed are 4 years by working with his swimming at the M A C Wally Dobler

Wally Dobler - July 18, 2012 at 09:39 AM

AN

“ Anonymous lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curt F. Dombecky



anonymous - July 18, 2012 at 08:04 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Judy K. Brown - July 18, 2012 at 07:19 AM

LY

“ Goodbye to a dear, dear friend and colleague. May you find the peace, harmony and balance you sought in life. May your family find comfort in their memories and your legacy of kindness, caring, and sharing.

Leigh Yates - July 18, 2012 at 07:18 AM

TE

“ So sorry for your loss Fran. Our prayers are with you and your family.

The Edmunds

Tod Edmunds - July 17, 2012 at 05:13 PM