



Joseph D. O'Connell

September 26, 1925 - October 1, 2018

Joseph D. O'Connell of Eagle passed away October 1, 2018. Joseph was born September 26, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Daniel and Mary (Glade) O'Connell. Joseph proudly served his country during WW II in the Army of the United States and also served his community as a police officer in Detroit and then later in his career he worked for the State of Michigan training new officers as a Regional Supervisor. He was a longtime faithful member of St. Michael Parish, enjoyed woodworking and writing.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Arlene (Imrich); children, Karen O'Connell, Kathleen O'Connell and Daniel O'Connell. Joseph was preceded in death by 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday, October 5, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by The Reverend Fr.

James Eisele. Visitation will be Friday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Mass at 11:00 a.m. Rite of Committal will follow with military honors at Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions in Joseph's name may be given to St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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345 Edwards Street
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. O'Connell was our neighbor in the 50s and 60s. I grew up with his children. He was bigger than life, not only because of his size, but he was stunning in his Police uniform. Yet, he was a gentle and kind man as was his dear wife. He inspired me as a boy and I had hoped to emulate him as an adult. RIP sir. John Zarb*

JOHN A ZARB - March 18, 2023 at 11:03 AM

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“ *I worked with Joe for several years at the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council. He was a very dedicated employee who regularly shared his considerable police knowledge with all his peers at the Council. We worked together on several successful projects, and I found Joe to be a tremendous resource for many of us "younger" former cops who were hired by the State of Michigan to work at the Council.*

Condolences and God's blessings to his family. Rest in Peace, Joe!

*Bill Nash
East Lansing, MI*

Bill Nash - October 07, 2018 at 07:55 PM