



Theodore "Ted" Charles Dusseau

December 16, 1929 - May 1, 2023

Theodore Charles Dusseau wore many hats in his 93 years of life. He was a son, born to Charles and Marjorie (Blessing) Dusseau on December 16, 1929. He grew up on a salvage yard, in Lenawee Junction, Palmyra, Michigan, the home of the original Dusseau Auto Parts. It was in this salvage yard, that a young Ted started tinkering with cars around the age of seven or eight, taking them apart and putting them back together again. This skill proved to be invaluable as he later would open a salvage yard of his own located on Treat Hwy in the year 1950. This yard carried the same Dusseau moniker and was also one of the staples of the Treat Hwy Automotive Mile. It was here where he fostered many friendships and where he conducted business working side by side with his two sons, Steve and Dan. The business has withstood 73 years of an ever changing car industry. Up until a couple months ago you could still find Ted behind the counter in the shop giving orders to his sons. If he'd had his way, they would be open today.

Running a successful business would not be enough for Mr. Dusseau. He believed in his community and he believed that Lenawee County was a great place to live. He wanted to ensure that it stay a great place, so public service became his calling. He started his political career serving on the Madison School board from 1968 to 1974, serving as the president for one year. He moved on from that to serving as the Madison Township Supervisor for 16 years. He spent many years as a member of the Independent Order of Odd

Fellows, where he was the Grand Master of Michigan for one year. His values and strong conservative beliefs led him to become an active participant in the Lenawee County Chapter of the Republican Party, serving as the party's chairperson for thirty plus years. This past February, Ted was given an award for his many years of service to the party. It was well deserved.

It goes without saying that Ted was many things to this community. His no nonsense business persona was well known by all who worked closely with him whether they were wheeling and dealing over a car part or creating a plan to bring the water treatment plant to Madison Township. However, he was so much more than what he gave to the public. To us, he was a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather, and a great-great grandfather. Ted's family brought out a softer side to his tough exterior. He was a jokester, telling the kids tall-tales like how he fought in the civil war. He loved to poke fun waiting for a reaction. Once caller ID became a thing, he would answer the phone pretending to be a pizza place if he knew it was one of us. Ted had a sweet tooth. He loved his sweets...there was never a time where you couldn't find Pecan Sandies shortbread cookies, mini candy bars or M&Ms in the pantry. He loved sports, especially baseball. He announced football games at Madison School for over 30 years. He was an umpire for many years, calling the shots from behind the plate. He loved watching Westerns, with the sound barely audible. I could go on and on, he simply loved life. He loved his family and we loved him.

The accolades are many but they meant very little compared to the family that he cherished. He could not have achieved any of this without his wife of 74 years, Glenaleen Lavell (Holden) Dusseau. It was with her that they created the legacy that sits before us today. Along with his wife, Ted is survived by his children, a son Steve (Ruth) Dusseau, his daughters Rebecca Liedel and Kathleen Cremeans, and his daughter-in-law Deb Dusseau. His grandchildren Deanna (Matt) Dusseau-Garno, Seth (Cassiday) Dusseau, Tommy (Nguyet)

Flowers, Denise Dusseau, Devin (Matt) Dusseau-Bates, Melissa (Alex) Shively, Daniel (Lisa) Dusseau II, Ryan (Emily) Cremeans, Liz (Luke) Spencley, and Alex Cremeans. His 25 great grandchildren, and his two great-great grandchildren. I would be remised if I didn' t mention Grandma's caregivers, Michelle Linares and Jenae Garza, without them we would not have been able to get through the last six months.

You don't live 93 years without experiencing great loss. Theodore was preceded in death by his parents, his son Daniel Dusseau, his son-in-laws Keith Cremeans and Lawrence Liedel, his granddaughter Julie Dusseau, and his great granddaughter Isabella Rose.

Ted's 93 years of loving life ended on May 1, 2023, with his wife holding his hand. He never left her side, and she never left his. Their love is what we hold onto as move forward. Our hearts are broken, but we find peace knowing that we will be reunited one day in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Often, times when you would end a call with my grandpa, he would respond to our " I love You's" with "Very Good." I would like to say to my grandfather today, you lived an amazing life, you were successful, you loved, you lost, so until I see you again, "Very Good, Grandpa, Very Good."

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian; with the funeral service beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a private burial at Palmyra Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lenawee Humane Society or Jasmynn's Voice. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Palmyra Cemetery

East US 223
Palmyra, MI 49268

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ *An incredible man. Grateful for our years of friendship and the priceless advice and wisdom Ted shared with me and so many other. A huge loss.*

Devin Stevens - June 25, 2023 at 11:15 PM

BM

“ *A life well lived. Caring and being an active person in so many ways. Always giving and helping others you are all in my thoughts and prayers Bill Miller God's grace.*

bill miller - May 11, 2023 at 08:48 PM

JJ

“ *I loved working for Ted he was a grandpa to me and I will miss you dearly. Sending my condolences to family .love june*

Jacinto rodriguez jr - May 05, 2023 at 02:24 PM

JW

“ *Ted's Family:*

I have a lot of memories of Ted going back to my younger days of buying parts and fixing my own cars. I got to know Ted more when I started my political career in 2003. I worked closely with him when I ran for Sheriff four times as a Republican. I appreciated his advice, friendship, and leadership. His family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers. RIP my friend. I am sorry I could not make it to the funeral home.

Retired Lenawee County Sheriff Jack Welsh

Jack Welsh - May 05, 2023 at 08:16 AM

BL

“ I have fond memories of visits to Adrian when I was a young kid. I loved Uncle Ted and Aunt Lavelle and all my cousins there. On behalf of my mother, Ted's younger sister Yvonne, her husband Gerald, my brother David and the rest of our family we express our deepest condolences to Ted's incredible family and friends. Peace to the family and rest in peace Ted. — Brent

Brent Leever - May 04, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Charles Dusseau.



May 04, 2023 at 10:54 AM

BH

“ Steve, You have our sympathy

Bernie and Becky Henricks - May 04, 2023 at 01:54 AM

JM

“ My deep condolences to Ted's family. He was dedicated to making a positive impact in the community. I truly enjoyed his sense of humor and his wisdom. His work is truly appreciated. May he rest in peace.

Julie Moore - May 03, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Charles Dusseau.*



May 03, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Our Brother in Odd Fellowship was a perfect example of brotherhood. We always treasured our time with Ted and LaVell. His service to the Order was outstanding in every way. No matter what challenges he faced Ted did a superb job. He will be missed by many. Go Rest High on That Mountain.*

*In Friendship, Love, & Truth,
Carl and Connie Strouse*

Carl and Connie Strouse - May 03, 2023 at 11:48 AM

RK

“*Brother Ted represented the best values of a true Odd Fellow. He was kind, compassionate, helpful, and composed in his demeanor. Ted touched the lives of many. He was a stallworth supporter of our youth and the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Camp of Michigan in Baldwin. Ted was an esteemed leader of our organization, a Past Grand Master, then Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction of Michigan for many years. His presence and heart will be sorely missed, but his work and example will stand as a testament to his character. Rest in eternal peace dear Brother, and may you be enveloped and nurtured by the love of our Lord.*

With unending gratitude and respect,

*Robert and Judy Kowalski
Mesick, Michigan*

Robert L Kowalski - May 03, 2023 at 09:18 AM

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“*Eleanor, Sandy & Sue purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Theodore "Ted" Charles Dusseau.*



Eleanor, Sandy & Sue - May 02, 2023 at 09:45 PM


Darlene
Hooker

“*Darlene Hooker lit a candle in memory of Theodore "Ted" Dusseau*



Darlene Hooker - May 02, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Charles Dusseau.



May 02, 2023 at 05:09 PM