



## Mr. Jude Thaddeous Lekan

September 4, 1936 - March 22, 2012

St. Joseph - The handsome and earthly vessel we had come to recognize as Jude T. Lekan

was relinquished to the earth on March 22, 2012. In exchange, Jude's warm and generous spirit was released to the heavens where he has been reunited with his loving parents, Edward and Dorothy; his wife, Yoshiko; and his grandson, Dayne. Jude was 75 years young. Remaining to honor and continue Jude's legacy of compassion and hope are his brothers, David, John, and Jake; sister, Patience; son, Eddie, and his grandson, Jude. Jude leaves us with abundant memories of his charming intensity. Regardless of the setting, Jude gave his all. He worked, played, and relaxed hard. Jude was a competitor, although he encouraged his opponents as if his true desire was that their performance be better than his best. He laughed with all of us, and when necessary cried with some of us. But, what Jude did with the most sincerity and the greatest fervor was give himself to us and love us. He will truly, truly . . . truly be missed; and by none more than me. I love you, dad.

Jude's life will be celebrated at the Elks Club at 601 Riverview Drive in Benton Harbor, on March 31, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Military rites will be performed at 1300 hours. Festive beverages and good food for our souls will be available. Please come prepared to smile, laugh, and share.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Dey-Florin Funeral Home in St. Joseph. Messages of condolence may be sent to [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Benton Harbor Elks Club  
601 Riverview Drive  
Benton Harbor, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ Eddie and family.... Jude, without fail, gave more than he received. His zest for life and love was often tangible and contagious.... he was someone you just wanted to be around. His presence in my life will forever be etched on my heart and his wise and thoughtful advise will swirl in my head for a lifetime. Jude fought the good fight with the kind of courage and grace few can claim..... he set the bar. His presence here on earth will be missed but his joyous reunion with his Lord and Savior, and with those in his life that he cherished and loved that went before him, gives us hope for our own salvation and the time when we too will all be re-introduced. Susan Stout

Susan Stout - April 10, 2012 at 02:20 PM

JB

“ Eddie, I'am so sorry for your loss off your father.  
My prajjuyejulie rs are with you.  
JulieBurgess

Julie Burgess - April 02, 2012 at 03:45 PM

KC

“ Kimberly Conklin Cudlitz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude Thaddeous Lekan



Kimberly Conklin Cudlitz - March 29, 2012 at 02:02 PM

KC

Eddie and family our prayers are with you. I remember you all as a family and as neighbors up in the "Circle"  
Kimberly Conklin Cudlitz  
Maine

Kimberly Conklin Cudlitz - March 29, 2012 at 02:04 PM