



## Philip "P.J." DeVoir

June 21, 1934 - January 4, 2012

Philip James "P.J." DeVoir, 77 of St. Joseph, Michigan was called home on January 4, 2012 surrounded by his family.

Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Disabled American Veterans or Hospice at Home. Messages of condolence may be sent to [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

P.J. was born June 21, 1934 in Princeton, MO to James and Elvarene (Pollard) DeVoir. He graduated from South Bend Central High School in 1952, and for much of his adult life was a hard-working foundry man. On October 18, 1952 he and his beloved wife Cecilia Gartee were married in South Bend, IN.

P.J. is survived by his wife Cecilia; seven children, Stan (Debbie) DeVoir, Roxanne (Jeff) Kezlarian, Philip DeVoir, Timmy DeVoir, David DeVoir, Mary (Terry) Nicholas, and Jason DeVoir; 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

# Tribute Wall

VS

“ I just found out that P.J has passed away. I was so sad to hear that. So sorry for your loss. I grew up knowing your family for a very long time . Roxanne was my best friend all through high school and I still consider her my best friend.I have so many fond memories of everybody in the family. P.J seem to me to be a nice person and good father. My prayers are with you and your whole family. He will be missed. Love to the DeVoir family  
Vicki Soltis



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**vicki soltis** - January 16, 2012 at 11:50 PM

JL

“ My dad & Phil's dad worked at Studebakers and came to Albion together. I knew Phil as a child. We both went to SB Central. After I left Hayes-Albion, I worked with Phil for several years at Midwest Foundry. He was a friend. He was always a leader and did his job very well. Foundry is tough work with tough people and everyone did not always get along well, but everyone liked Phil. He had a special personality and could get people to do just what he wanted. He was not a very big person in size, but as a man there were none bigger. I have fond memories of Phil and will keep them close. Good luck and best wishes to Ceil and the DeVoir family.  
Your friend in Albion-Jim Lance

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**James Lance** - January 13, 2012 at 08:19 PM

RW

“ So many great times. We used to love to visit in Albion. The uncles would cook out and there would be lots of cousins and great food and lots of love! Those times created deep, strong bonds between all of us. Thank you Aunt Ceil and Uncle PJ for many wonderful visits in Stevensville too! Uncle PJ was so handsome and he never seemed old!!

*I am lucky to have had you as my uncle. Rachel*

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**rachel wain** - January 09, 2012 at 01:43 PM

NS

“ Dave,  
I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Scott will be there for you when you need him, just as you were for him.



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**Nancy Smikle** - January 09, 2012 at 12:45 PM

KC

“ I only met Mr. DeVoir a few times but, I have had some good laughs with his children. He will be missed.

*God bless your family,*

*-Kari Clement*

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**Kari Clement** - January 09, 2012 at 12:05 PM

JV

“ *From the dawn of time men have asked to be celebrated and not mourned in their death. Yet, because in times of pain it is so difficult, dying men rarely receive their wish. That will not be the case tonight.*

*Tonight I will raise a glass to the man that was a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to many. Tonight I will toast his achievements and his eccentricities, his strengths and his weaknesses. Tonight I will look for the pieces of Philip that live on in me.*

*If I cannot do this with family on this night, I will raise my glass with whoever is around me, telling my stories to strangers. I can do this with a smile knowing that this is only the first Irish funeral of Philip 'PJ' DeVoir*

*I love you Grandpa, Joseph*

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**Joseph Stanley De Voir** - January 07, 2012 at 09:32 PM