



## Raymond M. Sreboth

October 8, 1922 - March 26, 2013

Raymond "Ray" M. Sreboth, 90, of St. Joseph, passed away Tuesday morning, March 26, 2013, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland in St. Joseph.

Mass of Christian Burial celebrating his life will held at 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 3, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 211 Church Street, with Fr. Alphonse Savarimuthu officiating. Burial will be held Wednesday at 1:30 P.M. at Resurrection Cemetery in St. Joseph with Military Rites. Visitation will be held from 5:00 until 8:00, Tuesday evening, at the Dey-Florin Funeral Home, 2506 Niles Ave., in St. Joseph. The Rosary will be recited at 7:30. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either St. Joseph Catholic Church or to Hospice at Home. Messages of condolence may be made to [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Ray was born October 8, 1922, in Chicago, Illinois. He was one of two children born to Mathew and Mary Sreboth. He graduated from Hartford High School. Ray proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married Eva and together had five children. He got his Bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University, his Master's degree from the University of Michigan, and his Doctorate degree from Western. Ray devoted his professional life to public education. He served as Principal and Superintendant of Covert High School, as Superintendant of the Benton Harbor Public School System from 1962 until 1973, and later as

Superintendent of Berrien County Intermediate District from 1973 until 1986. He was a member of Lest We Forget and the Wood Workers Guild. Additionally, he enjoyed researching Circus history in America and was a loyal fan to his alma-mater, Western Michigan University. He attended regular meetings with the Loyal Order of Raccoons at Big Boy in Stevensville. Most of all, Ray was devoted to spending time with his family.

Ray is survived by his children, Marie (Tim) Wood of Frisco, Colorado, Nancy (Larry) Mohny of Kalamazoo, Ray, Jr. (Kathy) Sreboth of Coloma, Susan (Hans) Schroeder of St. Joseph, and Laura (J.C.) Dorfler of Oakley, California; grandchildren, Zack (Suzie) Mohny, Jake (Jenny) Mohny, Katie (Jason) Doehrman, Meghan (John) Boyer, Matthew Sreboth, and Ryan and Drew Dorfler; nine great-grandchildren; nephews, Michael (Jackie) Flick, Michael (Teddy) and Scott (Mary Anne) Sherry; niece-in-law, Holly Sherry; brother-in-law, Bob Dwyer; and by his sweetheart, Lois Saurbier.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his wife Eva in 1985; his sister, Frances Flick; and by his nephew, Pat Sherry.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013  
2506 Niles Avenue  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
(269) 983-1514  
staff@florin.net

## Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church  
211 Church St.  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
<http://stjoestjoe.com>

## Burial

APR 3. 1:30 PM (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery  
1760 Lakeshore Dr  
St. Joseph, MI 49127

# Tribute Wall

GA

“ Dear Sreboths,  
I am so sorry that I am unable to relate my condolences to you personally, but I have a really nasty cold and unable to get out. It seems like I have known your dad my whole life. I always enjoyed chatting with him--be it at a Sherman gathering or a local event. He was such an "up" person; his enthusiasm for life was contagious. I know that words cannot ease your lose but, be assured, memories will keep him with you forever.  
Sincerely,  
Ginny Antonson

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**Ginny Antonson** - April 04, 2013 at 09:46 AM

SI

“ I am very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I remember him, and your mother too, with great fondness. As kids and teenagers we were always welcome at your house, as you were at ours. Wish I could be there today to pay my respects to him.

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**Scott Ives** - April 03, 2013 at 01:59 PM

CT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was one of my favorite customers for all the years I ran the Stevensville Big Boy. Many a morning I sat with the "Raccoon Club" and had coffee. They even made me an honorary member! He became a friend, attending my wedding reception in 1994 and I still have a very touching card he made and sent to me in 1998 when I was going through one of the hardest times of my life. The world has lost one of it's most gracious men, but God has reclaimed one of his most special angels. RIP Ray.  
Cherie Towler

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**Cherie Towler** - April 03, 2013 at 12:55 PM

 Karen  
Roland  
Todd  
Varpa

“ *To Ray and Kathy*

*Rob and I are saddened to hear the passing of your father. May you cling to the happy memories of your father. We read some of the tributes and see that he was an amazing man. They say "apples don't fall far from the tree", we can see this is true. Your family is amazing. May God comfort you at this time and may you rejoice and be proud that your Dad had an amazing journey while on earth. I pray that God puts a hedge of protection around your family to embrace the fond memories. Peace love and groove*

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**Karen Roland Todd Varpa** - April 03, 2013 at 11:26 AM

RP

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I graduated from BHHS with Nancy. In the early 1990s Ray was my German student at LMC. He was a lifelong learner and had a great sense of humor. He was influential in helping me obtain a teaching position at Lakeshore Schools. After moving into his neighborhood, we often crossed paths and had German discussions. Ray is an inspiration to educators and his smile and humor will be missed.*  
*Renate Pennington (Brandt)*

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**Renate Pennington** - April 03, 2013 at 10:09 AM

FS

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Ray. My mother had the pleasure of being his secretary at the Benton Harbor Area Schools. We've grown up with the Sreboth family. My brothers and sisters, and I went to school with the Sreboth clan. They all seemed to have the Sreboth smile and sense of humor. Ray was an annual donor to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. I'm sure he will be missed.*

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**Fred Summerfelt** - April 02, 2013 at 07:14 PM

RD

“ 6 files added to the album New Album Name



**Roy M. Davis** - April 02, 2013 at 09:26 AM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your father...My thoughts and prayers are with your family..

**Dennis Herman** - March 31, 2013 at 06:57 AM

SI

“ To Ray and Susie,

*I am so sorry to hear about your father passing. My favorite memory of him will always be him dressing up and handing out candy on Halloween. I was so scared and I remember Rory saying to me it was just Mr Sreboth , I didn't need to be scared. The old neighborhood was the best and I do believe in part because of you Dad. You both are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Shelley Ives-Toffelmire** - March 30, 2013 at 05:27 PM

SI

“ *Shelley Ives-Toffelmire lit a candle in memory of Raymond M. Sreboth*



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**Shelley Ives-Toffelmire** - March 30, 2013 at 05:21 PM

  
Marylou  
Doehrman

“ *To Nancy and Katie,*

*We're sorry about your dad and grandpa. He was quite an accomplished man, and it sounds like he led a very full life. I'm sure you have many wonderful memories of him.*

*Marylou and Denny Bride*

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**Marylou Doehrman** - March 30, 2013 at 04:55 PM

AC

“ *Thinking of your family during this time of loss. Keeping you in our prayers. Dale and Annette Christie*

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**Annette Christie** - March 29, 2013 at 10:09 PM