



## Louis DeRocco Jr.

December 14, 1926 - August 10, 2018

Louis DeRocco, Jr., age 91 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 10, 2018 at the Woodland Hospice House of Mt. Pleasant with his family by his side. On December 14, 1926, Louis was born the son of the late Louis and Lula DeRocco, Sr. in Detroit, MI. He graduated from Redford High School in 1945, and later from the Lawrence Institute of Technology with a BS in Industrial Management. Louis lived in the Detroit area for the first seventy years of his life. In-between high school and college, Louis proudly served overseas as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corp during WWII as a Corporal. During his working years he spent time as both an accountant for General Motors and as an insurance adjustor later in life. Louis was considered an enthusiast of the arts and a man of many passions that included playing the organ at the Redford Theater, and was involved in the restoration of the Redford Theater. He enjoyed attending performances of the Detroit Orchestra, listening to operas, reading, watching hockey, and especially golfing. He also loved collecting antique cars and was a member of the Detroit Area Corvair Club. Most of all he enjoyed his family, spending time with the children, and also had a love for animals.

Louis is survived by his nieces and nephews Debbie (Steve Gilray) Robb of Mt. Pleasant, Marty (Michele) DeRocco of Clare, Vanessa (Mike) Sargent of Clare, Kimberly (Bruno) Persyn of Clare, and Roger Knight of Seattle, WA. He is also survived by his great nieces and nephews Angie, Holly, Amy, Adam,

Rechelle, Josh, Sarah, and James, his six great-great nieces and two great-great nephews, and his sister-in-law Mary DeRocco of Lansing, MI. Louis was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Lula DeRocco, Sr., and his siblings Pauline Knight, James DeRocco, and Rose DeRocco.

A funeral service in honor of Louis will take place on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home at 5:00 P.M. with Ms. Sheila Parker officiating. Burial will take place privately at the Calvary Cemetery of Mt. Pleasant. Visitation will be held place at the funeral home on Wednesday from 3:00 P.M. until the time of service at 5:00 P.M. Memorial contributions in honor of Louis may be directed toward Woodland Hospice. Online condolences may be shared on the DeRocco family page at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 15. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St.  
Clare, MI 48617  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

JL

“ As a long time member of the Motor City Theatre Organ Society Lou was an essential part of our early efforts to take over operation of the Redford Theatre and establish our movie and concert series. Lou helped out wherever he could, however he could and was happy in whatever role the theatre needed him in. Always pleasant, always smiling. Rest In Peace Lou, thanks to you, the show goes on.

*John Lauter/MCTOS/Redford Theatre*

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**John Lauter** - August 16, 2018 at 01:31 PM

WM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.....As a child I remember going to your Grandma and Grandpa DeRoccas and having family gatherings there....

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**Waneta McQueen** - August 13, 2018 at 08:21 AM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss. I don't know Louis personally, but I have heard lots of nice things about him through my sister-in-law Eadie. She sure enjoyed his company.  
*Lynn McNerlin (Leon Bowerman's sister)*

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**Lynn McNerlin** - August 12, 2018 at 10:21 PM

CN

“ Debbie and family, sorry to hear of your uncle's passing. He was a delight when he joined us for events. Love and hugs to all  
*Chris and Bob*

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**Christine Nace** - August 11, 2018 at 09:50 PM