



Roy Pouliot

May 31, 2012

Roy E. Pouliot, age 85, passed away May 29, 2012 Beloved husband of Joan for 63 wonderful years Dearest father of Russell(Betty), Reid, Randall(Linda) and Roger(Stacie) Cherished grandfather of Brandy Pouliot, Rhonda(Matthew)Cassabon, Dominic(Danya) Tyner, Ian Pouliot, Jacob Pouliot and Lysie Pouliot, and great-grandfather of Monica, Cory, Dominic Jr., Nadia and Nina Survived by brother Robert Coach Roy was a prominent swim coach in the state of Michigan, who produced many Michigan champions, including a U.S. Olympic gold medalist in 1964. Roy was also the swim coach for Michigan Age Group, and was also the swim coach of the year multiple times. He was a teacher at Barbour Junior High in Detroit, MI for 25 years. Roy was an active member at Bethany Lutheran Church in Detroit, Mount Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling, MI and a current member of Faith Lutheran Church in Troy, MI Visitation will be Thursday 2:00pm until 9:00pm at the Sterling Heights Chapel of the E.J. Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. 3801 18 Mile Road(NW corner of 18 Mile). Funeral Service Friday 11:00am at Faith Lutheran Church 37635 Dequindre Rd Troy, MI. Roy will lie in state at 10:00am until time of Service. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Roy Pouliot

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ Roy Pouliot

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ Dear Pouliot Family - So sorry to hear of Mr. Pouliot's passing!! He was my swim coach at Detroit Turners. I was in the same group as Cindy Goyette. He was a WONDERFUL COACH!! You should all be EXTREMELY PROUD OF HIM!!! Thanks for sharing his time with us!! Mary Gargaro

Mary Gargaro - June 10, 2012 at 09:40 PM



“ I just heard about Roy, and I can't tell you how sorry I am. Roy was a wonderful coach, and I will never forget our times at Lochmoor. More importantly he was wonderful person. He was always very supportive, and fair. I remember when he took us to Brennan pool for the 1960 Olympic trials. We got to compete in between the events. I still have my medal that says 1960 Olympic Trials. Joan, I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family. You were nice to share him for all those years. Warmly Sally

Sally Clarke Spain - June 04, 2012 at 12:21 PM

FC

“ I so wish I could be with you today to celebrate Roy's life. What a great life it was! As I read the tributes here I realize how many others he touched besides me and his other Turners swimmers back in the 50s. I started in as one of Roy's swimmers at 11, and being with him at pool side through my junior high and high school years was an amazing learning and affirming experience. He got the best out of us, and made sure we had fun every stroke of the way. He was one of the great swim coaches of his day, still held in high respect by generations of former Detroit area swimmers. He was the best of role models. One of my joys has been to be in contact with him and you, Joan, over the past recent years.

Frank Cody - June 01, 2012 at 05:49 PM

LK

“ Dear Pouliot Family,

I had hoped to meet Roy again personally in the past several years but have been unable to find you. I would like to thank Roy, and all of you, for sharing his life with all his swimmers. Though I was never one of his best, he instilled in me the tenacity and perseverance to pursue swimming, and this carried strongly to my career; he was always encouraging and never criticizing or importantly, comparing his weaker swimmers to his stars. There were times when Roy questioned my commitment, especially when Kay Filgo and I would take a slow lane and deliberately try to pace ourselves to come in last, or nearly so- Roy would simply look over and say “Simon, I’m watching your girls over there!” That was enough to get us going.

I began swimming when I was 5 years old on the Lochmoor Club team, and joined Roy and the Golden Lions at ~9. Roy was my coach and a very strong influence in my life until I retired at 17 to prepare for college in California. I swam briefly for UCSD and then took a long hiatus until 48 years old when a similarly inspiring coach in East Lansing, Wally Dobler, convinced me to join a Masters team. Now with the strong support of my new coach Jennifer Parks, I will swim in the FINA World meet in Italy next week to celebrate my 60th birthday.

Roy was a wonderful man and father figure for me. Thank you Roy and thank you to Joan and to all the “R” sons as we used to call you. I will be thinking of and praying for Roy, especially next week in Italy.

With love and fond regards,

Laurie Simon Kaguni

Laurie Simon Kaguni - June 01, 2012 at 01:38 PM

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Laurie Simon Kaguni - June 01, 2012 at 01:36 PM

JP

“ Dear Josn and all the Pouliot family: Oh, I can see the balcony over the pool at Turners...I was a backstroker; I can hear Roy's strong voice. Swam for that other team, the Women's City Club with John Hussey, but will never forget our great rivalry and how much we liked our competitors and their wonderful coach!

Great Olympian Cindy Goyette was my little sister is sorority at WSU; Peggi Wirth was my best friend as a rug rat/age grouper, Maureen Jordan was my heroine...and they all swam for Roy. He was a fabulous coach and had a wonderful career...he affected so many young people in a positive way. (I became a teacher and swim coach, like my main role models, Mr. P. and Mr. H.)

My sympathy to all of you that you lost such a fine husband, father and grandfather; remember the good times and great memories!

Jennifer Parks, Holland, MI...on my way to the pool, now, of course ;-)

Jennifer Parks - June 01, 2012 at 11:10 AM

GF

“ I know he will be missed. May it help a little to know that he did touch the live of many of us in a positive way. Working out at Turners, trips to swim meets in and out of State, and a good roll model are all part of a great memories for many of us and he was an important part of it.

Glenn Frank - May 31, 2012 at 06:23 PM

“As I reflect on Uncle Roy, I think of the many different roles he had in life. He was a son, grandson, big brother, husband, father, coach, teacher, friend?and most important to me? an uncle. I have had some pretty great uncles in life and so I hold that term with great respect. Uncle Roy lived up to every bit of it.

He was there from the very beginning of my life as my parents first-born, Uncle Roy was the landlord of my first home growing up. He helped make available to my family and me a stable home. He opened up his life and family to us and we spent a lot of time together as the snap shots show early on. He shared not only his ? stuff?(home ,cars, swim club, trailers, campers, 3 wheelers, canoes, fishing poles) but MOST importantly He shared his home, vacations and personaltime with us. This earns my greatest respect and love as I realize what an incredibly big sacrifice that was to share his family time and space with a ton of loud noisy nieces and nephews, grandchildren and friends. He took us on canoe tours, made available winter sports equipment, became a hunting lodge, fish camp and sometimes even a wedding chapel or a honeymoon suit!

All of us hold wonderful memories of the many vacations shared with Uncle Roy and Aunt Joan. Without a doubt, our family became closer and larger as we were able to spend vacations with cousins in such a glorious and beautiful atmosphere. To this day I am blessed to have such an extended family and closeness to my cousins, that can be traced to Uncle Roy and his incredible willingness (and Aunt Joan as well) to allow us to invade their life and space so often.

Uncle Roy was a man that held true to his values and beliefs?a rare thing these days. He worked hard and enjoyed what he worked for. He loved his wife and family and took responsibility for them. I may not have had many deep conversations with Uncle Roy, I did not need to, he lived out the real calling of his heart. However, most importantly, He loved God and made sure his boys had an upbringing and knowledge that taught faith in God. I am sure, when we get to the other side Uncle Roy will be there with his straw hat and a sign that says ?This is It!? ready to take us on a heavenly tour

*of the most beautiful camping and fishing spots.
We love you uncle Roy!*

Robin Peters - May 31, 2012 at 06:15 PM

PF

“ *Pouliot Family. My deepest sympathy. Roy was one of the finest gentleman of his time. So proud that he taught my kids at Turners. Those were the happy years and we all had fun with the teams. You are so lucky to have had a great man surrounding you and your loved ones.*

Pat Stelma and family - May 31, 2012 at 04:46 PM

JM

“ *Dear Joan, I feel very fortunate to have had our time together in recent winters in Gulf Shores, AL., to have worked out and swum with Roy at the local pool and in the Senior Games there and to have had the chance to get to know you better. Roy amazed me in those games, still churning out white water in the 100 yard butterfly. Mary and I are very sad to hear of Roy's passing and offer our sincere condolences to you and your family. The memory of his booming voice from pool-side, easily heard over all of the din of an on-going, age-group swimming meet, has always stayed with me and surely will continue to remain. I was always grateful that he took me in at the Dtroit Turners in my senior H.S. year as one of his own swimmers in a pool setting that was already a bit crowded with his enthusiastic team. A member of our Lord's faithful, surely he now resides with God. I thank you for all of the time that you shared Coach with us swimmers. Jim MacMillan, Traverse City, MI (jamesm acmillan2@gmail.com)*

Jim MacMillan - May 31, 2012 at 11:23 AM

MR

“ Dear Joan and family,
My deepest condolences for your loss. Roy was a wonderful man and it was my pleasure to care for him on recent years at SarahCare. Many prayers for your strength and peace at this difficult time. Marcia

Marcia Arnold RN - May 31, 2012 at 09:50 AM

ST

“ My condolences to all the Pouliots. Roy was like a second father to all of us "girls" on his swim team. Roy was the ideal coach. He was firm, but always kind. He never berated us for a slow time. He never destroyed our self-esteem. And he was always a perfect gentleman. We were all so fortunate to have had him as our coach and mentor.

Susan Stuckey Thoms

Susan Stuckey Thoms - May 30, 2012 at 02:41 PM

MH

“ Dear Family, I was saddened to read of your loss and I'd like to extend my deepest sympathy for your dear husband, father, brother and grandfather Roy Pouliot. I can only imagine the pain you must feel. I pray that you can find hope in the Bible: 1) A loving God would never take our loved ones: (James 1:13) ?With evil things God cannot be tried nor does he himself try anyone.? 2) God will comfort you: (Psalm 34:18) ?Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart; And those who are crushed in spirit he saves.? 3) Jesus Christ, thru God?s Kingdom, His Word, the Bible, gives us a wonderful hope, namely, the prospect of living in a paradise on earth and seeing the resurrection of our dead loved ones. (Luke 23:43; John 5:28, 29)) ~ Hope this comforts you like it has my family during loss.

Mrs. Houston - May 30, 2012 at 10:10 AM

DW

“ *Mrs. Pouliot, we are so sorry for your loss, but rejoice in Heaven's gain! Praise God and take comfort knowing that Mr. Pouliot is now in the loving arms of his Lord. Dan and I will keep you and your entire family in our thoughts and prayers through these difficult days, asking that God give you the peace that only He can give.*

*Dan and Val Wolgast
(Friends of Stacie and Roger)*

Dan and Val Wolgast - May 30, 2012 at 09:25 AM