



Maurice Patrick Roche

January 10, 1924 - April 21, 2020

ROCHE, MAURICE PATRICK died of natural causes on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at home surrounded by his family at the age of 96. Maury was born on January 10, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan; the son of Frank and Margaret Roche one of five children. Maurice served in the United States Marine Corps E Company 2nd Battalion 6th Regiment during World War II at the battles of Guadalcanal and Tarawa. Maury failed the eye exam to join the Marine Corps three times because he was color blind. On his fourth attempt he had memorized the patterns and passed. Maury was wounded on Tarawa and sent back to the Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego California where he spent over twelve months recovering. After returning to Detroit, Maury met and fell in love with the love of his life Ellen Lane Boss. They were married July 13, 1946 and had eleven children. Ellen and Maury were married just short of 63 years until her death in March 2009. Maury spent 41 years with the Detroit Fire Department in the communications Division. His most difficult times were during the Detroit riots where he supervised the dispatch of units with a system he created which later became a national model for such crisis. Maury retired as Chief of Communications in December 1985.

Maury was an avid runner and ran his first and only marathon at 60 years of age in 1986. In addition to running Maury loved reading and spending time with his wife at their cottage in St Helen Michigan with their friends, the Over the Hill Gang as they called themselves. Maury was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and Old St Mary's Church in Greektown

Maury was predeceased by all his brothers and sisters and his wife Ellen. He is survived by his eleven children Michael Roche, Curt (Ursula) Roche, Kevin (Mary Jo Wolff) Roche, Mary Ellen (Alan) Kunst, David Roche, Patricia Roche, Daniel (Gretchen) Roche, William (Kristin) Roche, Maureen (Richard) Trombley, Ann (Paul) DeMeulemeester, and Martin Roche. Maury leaves behind 26 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and is survived by his sisters' in law Marceline Roche and Ruth Offenbacher.

Funeral Services are private under the direction of Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons. In lieu of

flowers please consider a Memorial contribution to the American Cancer Society.
Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest
Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

Tribute Wall

DV

“ This is a belated remembrance as I only just learned of your father's passing. I was Mike's classmate at Maryknoll in Glen Ellyn, IL. I met Mr. Roche when I joined your family for Thanksgiving on at least two occasions. You were all fortunate to have such tremendous parents. Your father took Mike and me to his office at the Communications Center for the Detroit FD to show us the new developments with call in boxes. Truly a fine gentleman. In fact I owe your dad a debt as he help pay my way to Hingham, MA after Mike and I returned from our trip to Europe completely broke. I'll pay the debt with a contribution to the Cancer Society in his name. Hopefully one of you will see this as I would like to be in contact with Mike. Mike was best man at my wedding. My email address is : dvillacb@sbcglobal.net

My best to all of you as most of you were young kids back then.
With prayers for your dad,
Dan Villa, Monterey, CA

Daniel Villa - November 23, 2021 at 12:52 AM

KO

“ I speak for all the Harrington family when I say that Uncle Maury was a very special man and meant a lot to our family. Love all our memories of him & Aunt Ellen and our cool cousins. He was very kind to our mom and family and we will not forget that.

Loved hearing all the stories he and our dad and uncles shared...so fun. He is now with them all in heaven and the stories continue!

RIP and thoughts & prayers are with all the family.

Love, cousin Kathy & Dave Orsi

KATHLEEN A A ORSI - May 01, 2020 at 03:06 PM

PA

Thank you cousin's.

We all share wonderful childhood

Memories from the close knit relationship our parents had. We will miss Dad with all our hearts.

Yes they are together again, having a blast no doubt.

Your kind words are very much appreciated.

Patricia - May 02, 2020 at 10:35 AM

MR

“ Marty,
Matt and I have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Matt and Sally Roslund

Mr. And Mrs. Roslund - April 30, 2020 at 09:30 AM

SR

“ RIP Friend, Sy Resnick here sending condolences to your family. I am a 65 year fire buff of DFD and of course met you at Central Office in the old days at 697 Macomb. I met you through a FF friend while I hung out at Eng 49 in the late fifties. Maury did me the honor that on Monday of the 67 riots let me volunteer at Central to help with anything I could. NEVER FORGOTTEN



Sy Resnick - April 29, 2020 at 05:32 PM

MT

Thank you so much for your kind words, our Father was Proud to serve the city of Detroit. We Loved listening to the stories he will be Greatly missed💔

Maureen Trombley - April 29, 2020 at 07:23 PM

SC

“ Chief Roche, you are remembered for your years of service to the fire department of Detroit. You will be missed. We have the watch from here, sir!

Sean Doerr-Detroit Fire Communications - April 27, 2020 at 01:10 AM

BR

Thank you very much the fire department meant a lot to my dad.

Bill Roche - April 28, 2020 at 11:11 AM

AJ

“ Uncle Maury you were truly a one of a kind!!! I miss you, and you were truly an awesome man, husband dad, and friend! Miss you!! 💔💔

April Just - April 26, 2020 at 06:00 PM

HH

“ Maury was a wonderful man and will be missed by all that knew him.I have heard so many great stories from my Dad about growing up with Maury!They were best friends!Thoughts,prayers and love are with the Roche family ♡

Hope Offenbacher Heginbottom - April 26, 2020 at 05:34 PM

BH

“ Esteemed, honored and loved and a man who's life put the Great in the Greatest generation. RIP Uncle Maury. Brian Harrington

brian harrington - April 26, 2020 at 04:56 PM

HM

“ Such a Great Man who will truly be missed. I loved listening to my Dad and Uncle Maury talking about old times, they really were the best of Friends Forever.

Holly (Offenbacher) Morello - April 26, 2020 at 03:12 PM

GS

“ Always admired Mr. and Mrs. Roche when I was a teenager going to their house. Mr Roche always had a smile and a kind word. He never talked down to us just cause we were kids. Accomplished so much in his life and was an inspiration to so many, I know he will truly be missed. All our love to the entire family. George and Rose Schulte



George Schulte - April 26, 2020 at 08:24 AM

NT

■ No matter how old we are, it's never easy to lose a parent. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We loved listening to all the stories of our Dad's growing up together. Truly two best friends for a lifetime! Much love to the Roche Family!

Nancy & Nick Tranchida - April 27, 2020 at 11:01 AM

MR

“ We'll miss you. Proud to be your family.



Maurice C. Roche - April 23, 2020 at 01:29 PM

RW

“ Sorry that we can't be there to give you a big HUG! Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Best wishes to all your Family. Miss you guys. All our love, Roger & Lenore Weiss

Roger Weiss - April 23, 2020 at 12:48 PM

KR

“ Love you Dad and miss you. And you never overstayed your welcome(inside joke). Continue to miss all those who we lost over the years.



Kevin Roche - April 23, 2020 at 08:55 AM

BR

“ Grandpa you were such an amazing man, and an inspiration to us all, you touched so many lives. It's not the same without you. Love Brandon,Pam, Vincent and Patrick

brandon roche - April 23, 2020 at 06:49 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maurice Patrick Roche.



April 22, 2020 at 08:02 PM

AD

“ It was the greatest honor of my life to be with Dad at the end of his.

Ann DeMeulemeester - April 22, 2020 at 07:18 PM

CO

“ We will remember the fun Friday night family dinners with Uncle Maury at the head of the table. It was a tribute to him, and Aunt Ellen, for raising such a wonderful family. Also, Uncle Maury will always remain in al special place in my heart for introducing my parents to each other❤️ He lived his faith and has certainly been a role model for 3 generations.

Carol Osborn - April 22, 2020 at 07:10 PM

MR

“ I'm going to miss my evenings spent with dad. We enjoyed talking about history and dad was generous to all

martin roche - April 22, 2020 at 06:19 PM

EO

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Erica Owens - April 22, 2020 at 04:25 PM

EO

“ Thank you Grandpa (and Grandma) for creating our amazing family ❤️



Erica Owens - April 22, 2020 at 04:03 PM

MW

“ The world lost a Truly Good Man. Our loss is heaven's gain. Thank you for welcoming me and my kids into the family. I'm going to miss all your great stories, jokes and sense of humor. My heart is broken, but I know you're in heaven. In fact they probably sent you to the front of the line. Miss you already, love Mary Jo

Mary Jo Wolff - April 22, 2020 at 03:35 PM

BR

“ Going to miss drinking a few beers at Dad's and hearing him tell me about his service in the Marines and all the trouble he got into as a kid.

Bill Roche - April 22, 2020 at 02:58 PM

BR

“ 3 files added to the album A few more Photo's



Bill Roche - April 22, 2020 at 02:53 PM

BR

“ 8 files added to the album Dads photos



Bill Roche - April 22, 2020 at 02:46 PM

KT

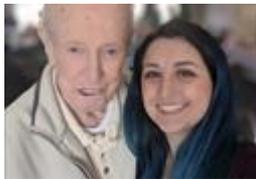
“ Forever in my heart and always on my my mind. My grandpa was my best friend. I will miss the talks and visits we shared. I love you grandpa. Love you forever and always love your Kellie



Kellie Trombley - April 22, 2020 at 02:32 PM

KT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kellie Trombley - April 22, 2020 at 02:22 PM

KT

February 23rd 2020

Kellie Trombley - April 22, 2020 at 02:23 PM

LK

“ Love, Alysson and Kylie Kuhns purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maurice Patrick Roche.



Love, Alysson and Kylie Kuhns - April 22, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Maurice Patrick Roche.*



April 22, 2020 at 10:13 AM

LM

“ *Linda Maltese lit a candle in memory of Maurice Patrick Roche*



Linda Maltese - April 22, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maurice Patrick Roche.*



April 22, 2020 at 07:43 AM

KB

“ *Very sorry to hear of his passing. He will always hold a special place in my heart. Sending lots of love to the entire family during this difficult time.*



Kelly Borgia - April 21, 2020 at 09:09 PM

RI

“ *Richard lit a candle in memory of Maurice Patrick Roche*



Richard - April 21, 2020 at 08:22 PM

MT

“ *Maureen Trombley lit a candle in memory of Maurice Patrick Roche*



Maureen Trombley - April 21, 2020 at 08:20 PM

MR

“ *Michael Roche lit a candle in memory of Maurice Patrick Roche*



Michael Roche - April 21, 2020 at 05:32 PM

MT

Love you so very much Dad ❤️ so Happy you are reunited with Mom and your family

Maureen Trombley - April 21, 2020 at 08:11 PM