



Roy Eugene Dickens

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Roy Eugene Dickens, age 78 of Hazel Park, passed away August 13, 2019 in Royal Oak, Michigan. He was born August 29, 1940 in Lola, Kentucky, to Corbett and Byrdie Dickens.

Beloved Husband of Marilyn. Dear Father of Gina (Rob) Atkinson, David Dickens and the late Donna Dickens. Loving Grandfather of Steven and Crystal Dickens and Ashley Atkinson. Great-Grandfather of Lydia and Colin Dickens. Brother of Oma Fontes, Anna Fay Dickens and Daniel Dickens. He is pre-deceased by his siblings Wayne Dickens, Maxine Gusler and Robert Dickens. He is also survived by his numerous nieces and nephews and by his loving dog Max.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1962 through 1965. He joined the Hazel Park police department in 1967 and retired from in 1995. After retirement, he went to work as a court officer until 2010. He was a frequent visitor at Brays in Hazel Park where he enjoyed the company he kept and their coffee.

A private Memorial Service will be planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Heart Association or the Officer Down Memorial Fund, which can be found at www.odmp.org.



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Sharon Campbell lit a candle in honor of Roy.

Playing pinball against Kyle and Roy at the laundromat when Kyle still owned it. ❤️
Time passed so fast with so much fun that I was sad when I finally replaced my washer. Fondest memories, friend !!



August 15 at 3:58 PM



Will Weaver posted:

My condolences. I have great memories of Roy. if any of you on here was an out-of-control teenager in the 1980s like I was and you might have had some of the same experiences with Roy. Roy was a good man, instead of taking you to jail Roy would either set you straight and let you go depending on what you've done or he put you in the car and take you home to your mother and let your mother set you straight. Many times Roy would give me good advice even though I was out of control. I really liked Roy. When you have a memorial service please let me know I would like to attend and pay my respects. please have somebody post the memorial service on FacebookBest regardsBilly Weaver

August 14 at 8:10 PM



Dave Hope August 28 at 5:15 AM

Thanks for all the good things you did for me. He could have put me in jail a few times. He always stopped and talked to me. Great cop great man



Sebrina Joe August 22 at 6:56 PM

Will, you are absolutely spot on, growing up in Hazel Park in the 80's everyone knew Roy. I have many cherished memories. He was one of a kind.



Gina Dickens Atkinson August 18 at 1:08 PM

It is a memorial group



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Cindy M Dooge posted:

I was first introduced to Roy in 1980 at Holiday Inn in Hazel Park in the hotel restaurant. He was having a morning cup of coffee with our General Manager at that time. Of course he was a policeman in Hazel Park too and always made the time to check in with us to see if everything was alright and if we needed any assistance on his rounds. I have to say upon meeting him for the first time I was very impressed by him. As time went on and I seen him more times making his daily rounds checking on the local businesses I realized what a kind and caring man Roy really was. He always made himself available to help others.He was always professional in his job but at the same time you could see in his eyes what a very kind and caring man was wearing that police uniform.A few years later I met Roy's Beautiful wife Marilyn and their beautiful daughter Gina. Well right away I could see what a wonderful woman Roy had to come home to. Marilyn is such a beautiful woman I came to find not only outside but inside her heart as well. Roy will be missed by so many people like myself who thought he was the greatest Hazel Park Cop ever. God Bless Roy, Marilyn, Gina, David, and all their Grandkids and Great Grandkids.With all of my love, Cindy M Dooge

August 14 at 4:48 PM



Gina Dickens Atkinson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

May you be eating all your favorites now Dad 🍎🥺🍎🥺



August 14 at 11:32 AM



Rachelle Noland posted:

I remember growing up on Maple Lane in Hazel Park. We would stop by his mother house and talked to her . My grandparents had a parking lot for the race track. Then by the time I came to live with my dad it was a garden. I remember seeing Roy at Brayz Hamburgers. He always looked out for my dad. My dad was Donald Burgess and he was blind . He walked all over Hazel Park . Roy will be missed. God Bless his family

August 14 at 2:51 AM



Lisa Stankevich August 15 at 10:10 AM

I grew up next to his mother Birdie. I remember him always coming by and checking on her. Many years later when I worked at Brayz he recognized who I was even 20 yrs later. He will be missed



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SH

Sherree Holster posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I grew up down the street from him. Roy always watched out for me, and was always kind! He will be missed. All of you will be in my thoughts & prayers.

August 13 at 9:37 PM



James Moore lit a candle in honor of Roy.

Roy was a great friend to my mother Mavis. He never let you down when he said he would do something and always gave great advice to me. He had joked with me once at Brays that I had high class coming to his restaurant. He is missed by the Moore family as a friend.



August 13 at 4:56 PM

LS

Lisa Gehart-Stewart posted:

Roy, You will be missed by so many. When we first met, I was only 2 1/2 years old. You always told me how I saved your life by being a little brat swinging on the porch rail even though I was told many times I could not do that. I went over cracking my head open. You were such a huge influence on me growing up. We have a very special bond that is probably hard for others to understand. But we know and I am so thankful to have met you that day. I have the scar on my forehead that reminds me of you everytime I see it. I will miss you so much. I will think of you everytime I see my scar. ♥♥♥♥
Lisa Gehart-Stewart

August 13 at 4:48 PM

TG

Terry Baker-Kubiak (Greene) posted:

The memory I have of Roy is he would come to our house and get a cup of coffee. He always called my father George Greene preacher man. Roy was the best officer he treated you with respect and played with the kids, like tell them to run and he would clock their speed. He will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

August 13 at 4:27 PM



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Marjorie Jones Kasbarian posted:

My youngest brother, Ron Jones, just called that your husband, father, grandfather had passed away. My memory goes back over a half-century ago. My family (Joneses) lived across the street from the Dickens on Maple Lane, Hazel Park. Brydie and my mother were good friends because they shared a lifestyle since both came from the South. My brothers(Butch,Jimmy and Ronnie) and my sister(Sandy) were friends with the Dickens' children. I was in the same grade as Roy and remember him as a good friend through about the 11th grade at Hazel Park High School. My brothers, sister and me shared many good times together way back in the 50's. My sympathy to his wife and family members. God bless each of you.Marge Kasbarian

August 13 at 4:26 PM



Gina Dickens Atkinson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I will mis you forever Dad 😞❤️



August 13 at 3:39 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Dickens family.



August 13 at 2:57 PM



Charles Lankford Sr lit a candle in honor of Roy.



August 13 at 1:55 PM



Wanda(JenIta) Mcalpine posted:

I will never forget Roy when I was going home and had stopped on Caledonia just to cry, before getting home.Had lots of things to deal with, after we talked awhile, I was laughing and felt so much better.He was always there if you needed a shoulder to cry on.Will miss him, Wanda McAlpine

August 13 at 1:39 PM



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Kitty Sweeney Glinka posted:

Marilyn I am so sorry for your loss. I truly feel your pain as I lost my husband three years ago. The memories of all the great times shared with him will help ease the pain of your loss. Love, Kitty Sweeney Glinka

August 13 at 1:03 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Roy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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