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Resided in Alpharetta Georgia

50 year resident of Plymouth Michigan

Yvon J. L'Italien, retired research chemist with Pfizer (Warner-Lambert-Parke Davis), died peacefully on Friday, April 8, 2016 in Alpharetta, Georgia surrounded by his family. He was 93.

Yvon was born June 24, 1922 in Trois Pistoles, Quebec Canada to Epiphane L'Italien and Yvonne (Fortin) and enjoyed a memorable childhood with 13 siblings. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1942 to 1945. Following his formal education in 1947 at Laval University in Quebec City he moved to the United States after gaining employment as a research chemist for Parke -Davis Laboratories. The following year, Yvon married Celine (Drouin), also a native of Quebec, and they established their home in Detroit, Michigan. In 1959, he moved his family to Plymouth, Michigan where lived for 50 years raising three sons and two daughters; Michel, Rene, Constance, Lucie and Marc. Yvon loved his children and was always extremely proud of his family. He enjoyed traveling with them, taking annual trips to Quebec to reinforce their heritage and French language.

In 1973 Yvon lost his daughter Constance (19) to cystic fibrosis. Two years later, he lost his dear wife Celine (50) to cancer. Yvon was fortunate to marry the second love of his life, Genevieve Cloutier in 1978. He retired from Pfizer in 1983 having acquired many patents for his research and discovery of stimulants and depressants, as well as memory drugs for Alzheimer's and dementia. Until Genevieve's death in 2008, they spent their time traveling, visiting their families, pursuing various hobbies and enjoying life. Yvon especially enjoyed his dear Canadian expatriate friends, referred to as the "French-group". In 2009 Yvon moved to Atlanta Georgia where he lived with his daughter Lucie and her husband Bill St. Antoine.

Yvon was the devoted father of Michel Litalien (Sonja) and his daughter Alexandria, Rene Litalien (Joni) and daughters Shannon & Katelyn, Constance (deceased), Lucie St. Antoine (William) and daughters Caroline & Danielle, and Marc Litalien (Amy Cranch). He is also survived by his step children: Shari Daher-Jubenville (Mel), children Monique, Andrew, Christopher, Michael Scholey (deceased) children Eric, Kevin, Michael & 10 great grandchildren.

Yvon was cremated and will later be interred in his birth town of Trois Pistoles Quebec, Canada.

Memorial Tributes may be made to:

The Alzheimer's Association

See more at: www.alz.org/donate

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Yvon Jean L'italien*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *We ahall always remember the parties we had when the l'Italians came to Ann Arbor. Your presence always meant good food, stories from the master storyteller, and an atmosphere that was almost electric. Thanks for the memories... You will be missed.*

Bill Meyer - April 27, 2016 at 04:27 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Yvon Jean L'italien.*



April 24, 2016 at 01:31 PM



“ *We all miss him, but will never forget his smile and laughter! We are thinking of the entire family.*

Chris and Cindi Meyer; Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Chris Meyer - April 24, 2016 at 12:34 PM

RW

“ I shall miss seeing him when visiting my mom, Marguerite, at Benton House. What a joy to be around. Always positive and ready with a smile. He loved music and played the bells a couple of performances there. Always ready to do his best. He also loved the Lord and it showed on his face and relaxed spirit. Praying still. Ruth Wagner (Marguerite's daughter)

Ruth Wagner - April 23, 2016 at 06:25 PM

RG

“ Our thoughts are with your family. We have wonderful memories of Connie as our babysitter and your Mom and Dad as wonderful neighbors on Provincetown Lane. May God bless all.
Ron and Marilyn George

Ron and Marilyn George - April 17, 2016 at 06:17 PM

JK

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We became acquainted with Yvon when he married Genevieve (Jan's aunt). We shared many wonderful times with them in Wheatley and at their home in Plymouth. Yvon was a true gentleman and we are very pleased to have been a part of the Canadian component of his life. Jan and Carl Kearns - Windsor, Ontario

Jan & Carl Kearns - April 14, 2016 at 10:02 PM

GB

“ Truly sorry for the loss of your Dad, one of the "original members" of the French-Group. I feel blessed to be part of that group (one generation removed). One of my most vivid memories is being at your house in Plymouth for dinner on the night the Beatles made their debut on the Ed Sullivan Show. I know Mom & Dad (Claude and Suzanne) always knew they had true friends in Yvon and Celine (and later Gen). Our prayers are with you all.

Guy & Linda Belleau

Guy Belleau - April 14, 2016 at 06:18 PM

MK

“ We have wonderful memories of times shared with Uncle Yvon and Aunt Gene at Wheatley. And the profoundly moving toast to us that Yvon delivered at our wedding. Our deepest sympathy to all the family. Marshall and Pat Kern (Pat is Tony and Irene Ouellette's daughter)

Marshall Kern - April 14, 2016 at 08:53 AM

GS

“ *Michel and Sonja,*

So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Greg and Kris Smith

Greg Smith - April 14, 2016 at 07:49 AM

RL

“ 1 file added to the album Dad



Rene Litalien - April 12, 2016 at 09:46 PM