



# John V. Deaver

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## **John V. Deaver**

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**J**ohn V. Deaver died on March 22, 2020, in his home at Henry Ford Village, Dearborn, Michigan. He was born on June 16, 1922, in Tustin, California, the son of Virgil and Louise (Utt) Deaver. He had been a resident of St. Clair County, Michigan, from 1983 until 2016 at which time he moved to the Henry Ford Village, a retirement community in Dearborn. Mr. Deaver leaves his wife Belle; four children, Carolyn (Robert) Rau, of Ypsilanti, Michigan; Charlotte Deaver of Brooklyn, New York; Lucas Deaver of New Rochelle, New York; Katherine Ziquin of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; two stepchildren, Catherine Knoth of Maine; and the Reverend Paul David (Duffy) Lawson of Claremont, California; a sister, Elisabeth Archambault; a sister-in-law, Carol Deaver of Escondido, California; grandchildren, Elizabeth Kosel, Robert F. Rau, Nicholas Rau, Benjamin Deaver, and Boethius Lawson; great grandchild Natalie Grace Kosel. He was predeceased by a son, Winston Deaver, two brothers, Edward Deaver and James Deaver, and a sister-in-law Violet Deaver. Mr. Deaver served in Scotland and Italy during World War II as an Air Force navigator and flew 32 Special Office of Strategic Services missions over Norway, Italy, and Germany. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic actions over the Italian Alps in the spring of 1945. Before the War he attended Black Mountain College in North Carolina. After the War he lived in Mexico City where he attended Mexico City College, received a Master's Degree and taught Economics. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Chicago where he studied under Milton Friedman. Following his studies, Mr. Deaver was employed as an economist with Chase Manhattan Bank in New York, then with General Electric Company, then with Ford Motor Company. He retired from Ford Motor Company in 1987 where he had held the position of Chief Economist. While at Ford he had three times been awarded the Seer of the Year trophy from Harvard Business School as the economist who most accurately predicted the economic outlook for that year. After his retirement Mr.



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Deaver became Chairman of the St. Clair County Republican Party in 1988 and served for several years. He was associated with Kirsch Technologies of St. Clair and RMD Technologies of Ypsilanti, and assisted in establishing Unity Mold of Croswell. Mr. Deaver held several offices in the St. Clair Rotary Club, including President in 1999, and was a member of the American Legion Post 449 in Marysville, Michigan. He attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church in St. Clair and St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit and was the co-founder of the Curmudgeons, a discussion group in St. Clair. A funeral service will take place at St. John's Episcopal Church, Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, Saturday August 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Visitation will be Friday July 31, 2020 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home, St. Clair, Michigan. Urn interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church or the St. Clair Rotary Club. Local arrangements by L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.lcfandson.com](http://www.lcfandson.com)



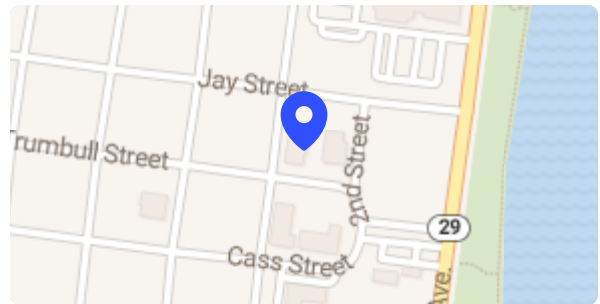
# Events

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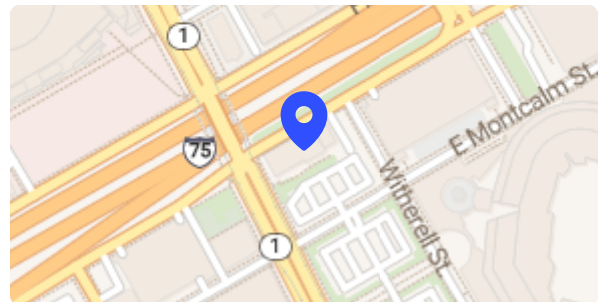
## Visitation

- Friday**, July 31, 2020
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- L.C. Friederichs & Son**  
214 Trumbull, St. Clair MI



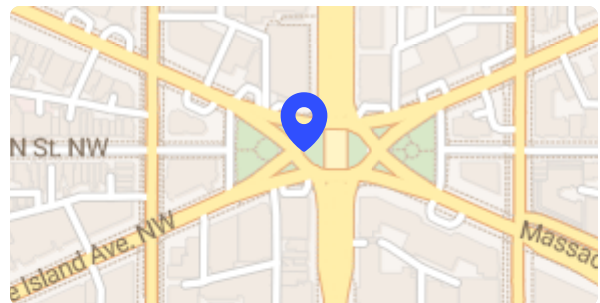
## Service

- Saturday**, August 1, 2020
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. John's Episcopal Church**  
2326 Woodward Ave., Detroit MI 48201



## Cemetery Details

- Arlington National Cemetery**  
Washington D.C. MI





# Tribute Wall

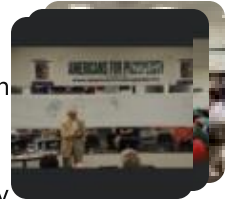
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**Chris McCoy** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

A very fond memory is John sharing his personal memories and knowledge at an event honoring Milton Friedman that I held with some Young Republicans and friends. He drove himself and everyone was thrilled with his first hand knowledge and wisdom. I am grateful and blessed to have known him. Rest easy John! Sympathies to his family. Love from the McCoy family.



July 26 at 4:52 PM



**James J Bier** posted:

Rotary brought John and me together. He had an endless strength and enthusiasm for any task he chose to take on, and he took on many. In particular I remember him working with me to assemble American Flags when the St. Clair Rotary first started that project. John became a respected friend. He is missed. Jim and Lea Bier

March 31 at 5:45 AM



**David Gillis** posted:

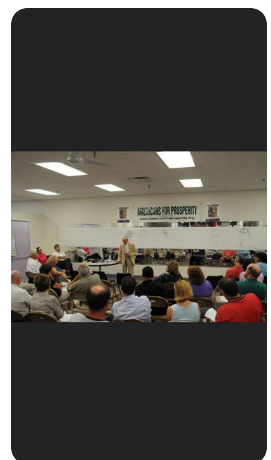
I am saddened by the passing of one of the wisest people I have ever known. A fellow Curmudgeon who brought a new meaning to debate as we met at the St. Clair Inn for our monthly "meeting of the minds." I'll never forget the day we met in the office of the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce and how the spark of friendship grew from then. Oh, how I looked forward to our Friday morning breakfast where all or most of the world's problems were resolved. In my advancing years I found in you a knowledgeable mentor, someone I could trust and a dear friend I loved very much. My deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to wife Belle and family. John left his mark on society and certainly in my heart. He will be missed.

March 27 at 12:17 PM



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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