



Louis James Yelich

July 20, 1928 - August 12, 2020

Louis James Yelich, age 92, born and raised in Ironwood, MI, current resident of Richmond, Texas, passed away at home on August 12, 2020. Devoted and loving husband of 68 yrs. to Barbara DenDooven Yelich. Lou loved God, loved his family and loved his country. He was a man of strong convictions, a skillful orator, and enjoyed an intellectual debate. Lou was a self-reliant, self-taught man who enjoyed learning and sharing his opinions and talents with everyone. He graduated from the University of Minnesota, School of Business in 1954. He was an Air Force Veteran who served in both WWII and the Korean War. Lou was an entrepreneur and talented businessman, a 53 year member of the Houston Downtown Rotary Club, and an active supporter of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association. Preceded in death by parents, Louis and Ann Yelich, sisters, Mary Yelich, Ann (Bruce) MacVicar, Bernice Yelich, and brother, John Robert Yelich. Survived by sister Veronica (Mike) Uzelac, and children Lou (Lana) Yelich, Ann (Rick) Candea, Mary (Tom) Ball, Tom (Maureen) Yelich, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass will be held Monday, August 17, 2020, 10:30am at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. Lou will be laid to rest in his home town of Ironwood MI. at a later date. Charitable contributions in Lou's memory can be made to Homes for Our Troops, www.hfotusa.org, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, www.calfarley.org, or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Tribute Wall



“ *Louis James Yelich*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Louis James Yelich*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Louis James Yelich*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Louis James Yelich*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I am sad to hear of Lou's passing. I lived across the street from the Yelich family home. My parents knew his mom and the siblings when they live in my house. Last summer when he was here, he offered to help Steve with projects around our home! He will be greatly missed.*

Marla Kangas and Steve Bunt

Marla Kangas - August 23, 2020 at 07:58 PM

DB

“ Dear Yelich family,

My wife and I are Lou's next door neighbors in Ironwood. We were greatly saddened to hear of Lou's passing. We always looked forward to Lou and Barbara arriving in the summer and staying for a month or two.

Lou used to love to reminisce about growing up in Ironwood- he often talked about what a great place it was in which to grow up, and having raised our 4 children here, I wholeheartedly agree. I will cherish those conversations we had.

To be honest, Lou and I didn't always agree on things, and we had our moments. But he truly loved the town, and especially our little neighborhood here in "Jessieville", and that was something we both could agree on. He was a man of strong convictions, and I respected him for that.

I was able to speak with him on the phone just a few weeks ago, and he sounded like the same fiery Lou that he always was. It's hard to think that he's gone. He will be greatly missed. We will keep the family in our thoughts.

*With warm regards,
Dave and Laura Beekman*

Dave Beekman - August 20, 2020 at 11:45 AM

CR

“ Dear Ann and Yelich Family,

We are so sorry for your loss. Your father and mother raised such a wonderful family. Ann, I will never forget the touching, heartfelt memories you shared about our mother, Virginia Reed, at her visitation. Those words still have an impact on me, Rick and Sharron, and Mom's grandchildren. We are holding you in our hearts and praying for the repose of your father.

Love, Colleen Reed (and on behalf of Sharron and Rick Reed)

COLLEEN VIRGINIA REED - August 17, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Louis James Yelich.



August 15, 2020 at 03:36 PM

CA

“ Sorry to hear about the passing. We trust God will support you all during this time.
Let us know how we can help.

Curtiss and Alinda - August 15, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.
Dick and Leslie Francis

Leslie Francis - August 14, 2020 at 09:43 AM

LC

“ *What a wonderful family. Our “gang” of girls Was always welcome at the Yelich home! My brother was great friends with Lou. Mr Yelich, you will be missed. We send our love To you Ann and all of your family. Linda Hebert Crisp and Joe.*

Linda Crisp - August 13, 2020 at 06:44 PM