

Elmore Leonard's Bloomfield Twp. home gets major facelift

In a quaint home tucked away on a lazy, tree-lined Bloomfield Township street, renowned Detroit writer Elmore Leonard wrote about things hardly quaint or lazy.

The famed crime novelist, known for such works as "Get Shorty" and "Out of Sight," died two years ago of stroke complications at the ripe old age of 87 - this despite his history of smoking - which left the house to the mercy of memorabilia collectors who congregated to the cream-colored residence to buy a memory of the author, known for his snazzy dialogue and blunt narration.

Since then, the six-bedroom (plus two optional) residence has been steadily modified by its new owner, updated and expanded by 3,000 square feet that includes a new kitchen and family room, the Detroit Free Press reports.

Some of the home is unaltered from Leonard's writing days. His typewriter still remains where the author clacked away, and so do some of his first-edition novels. But the rest could be called a legitimate re-do, with re-finished floors, designer sofas and chandeliers replacing its former furnishings. And much more.

The most telling renovation is the backyard's new gunite saltwater pool in the backyard that includes a changing room as well as a basketball and tennis court that looks toward an outdoor-covered kitchen.

The Free Press also reports the home's owner, Tim Easterwood, will be putting the house up for sale in three weeks. He is currently updating the lower level with a wine cellar and a theater, all part of what has been an estimated \$2 million project.

The asking price? A very Elmore Leonard-cool \$4.5 million.

The home is located at 2192 Yarmouth, north of Maple Road near Cranbrook Road.