



Joseph A. Wilhelm

April 14, 1916 - March 18, 2014

LEXINGTON- Joseph A. Wilhelm, age 97, passed away peacefully at home on March 18, 2014, after a lengthy illness with cancer. He was born in Wyandotte to John & Elizabeth (Younggabel) Wilhelm. Joseph is survived by his wife Judy (Budd) Wilhelm; a son Kenneth (Lynn) Wilhelm; two grandchildren, Karen & Joseph; three step grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; two step-sons David & Roger Budd; a brother George (Theresa) Wilhelm, and many special friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Alexandra (Sandy) Goralczhk, a sister Helen, and brother Frank & John. Joe served as a Civilian Engineer with the Army Ordinance Dept. during WWII. After the war he co-founded Fraser Reel and Specialty Co., later known as Fraser Mfg. Corp. moving business and family to Lexington in 1950. He was active in Village government for many years as councilman and mayor, and was instrumental in obtaining government support and funding for many programs, including the harbor and the village paving project. He served over 30 years on the board of Eastern Michigan Bank (formerly State Bank of Croswell), ending his tenure as Chairman for many years. He was a former member of the Lions Club and Knights of Columbus, as well as many professional organizations. He was an early graduate of Lawrence Institute of Technology. Visitation will be 2 - 9 PM Friday and 9:30 - 10:30 AM Saturday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Lexington. Rosary will be 4 PM Friday. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday at Ave Maria Parish- St. Denis Catholic Church, Lexington. Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock will officiate. Burial will be in St. Denis Catholic

Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Blue Water Hospice and the Make A Wish Foundation.

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe will be remembered as a very sweet and caring employer and friend. He will be greatly missed since he has touched so many lives on earth. My deepest condolences.

Becky Bachorski - March 22, 2014 at 10:10 AM

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“ Mr. Wilhelm and Judy have not only given us lots of love and memories that will continue to last a lifetime, but have also allowed us to have them and consider them to be part of their family as well as our own. I love them both and will miss Mr. "Whilly" (as I refer to him at home only) but, I will continue to cherish the many memories and gifts of love, that he and Judy have always shown our family! We love you both and are forever grateful for everything you both have done for us! Always!

Patty Blume - March 20, 2014 at 01:56 AM

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“ My sympathy and prayers and that of Sr. Maria Inviolata, SMDG, Pastoral Administrator of Ave Maria/St. Denis Church to the Wilhelm Family in the loss of their loved one "Joe". I pray and say as we have been doing now for centuries: "Eternal rest give to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on him. May he rest in peace! May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace." Sincerely, Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock, RC Priest & Sacramental Priest of Ave Maria Parish Lexington , MI

Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock - March 19, 2014 at 06:29 AM