

Douglas Van Wormer

March 5, 1928 - September 27, 2020

Douglas Van Wormer, of Sterling Heights, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2020. Douglas is survived by his cherished wife of 62 years Lorice; the loving father of Jane (William) Parks, Tammy (Keith) Locke, and Lori Van Wormer; the adored grandfather of Joshua Abbey, Thomas Locke, Kaitlyn Locke, Jacob Locke, Jessie Zurgable and Derek Zurgable; and the beloved great-grandfather of Logan. He is preceded in death by his brother, Jack Van Wormer and his son Douglas Van Wormer Jr. Douglas proudly served his country during the Korean War in the United States Army. After he was honorably discharged, he worked for Philco Ford as an electronic technician where he traveled throughout the United States. When they settled down in the Clawson area, he started working with General Electric. He worked with GE for 25 years. When he retired in 1988 at the age of 60, they moved to Alpena where he could better enjoy his hobbies; hunting, fishing, golfing, riding his four-wheeler with his grandchildren, hiking with his family in the woods, and sitting around a campfire. He also enjoyed showing his slides and movies of his time in the service, his travels, and other family memories. Douglas loved playing card games- euchre, pinochle, and any others you could imagine, as well as listening to Frank Sinatra. After retiring, they also became snow birds and spent half the year down in Florida at the Rice Creek Adult RV park. They made many friends when they were there, and Douglas always looked forward to happy hour at 4pm. When they moved back to metro Detroit a few years ago, they made their home at Pine Ridge of Hayes. There Douglas made many friends as well. He enjoyed spending his time playing in euchre and pinochle tournaments. They even held a senior prom there, and both Douglas and Lorice were nominated for Prom King and Queen! Douglas was an avid University of Michigan fan and he always tried to catch Tiger Woods playing on the weekends. He will be dearly missed.

Douglas' family will receive friends for visitation on Friday, October 2, at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, October 3, starting at 11 a.m. Masks are required to enter the funeral home. The funeral service will be webcasted and live-streamed on the funeral home website. Memorials are appreciated to Hospice of Michigan, 43097 Woodward Avenue, #102, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan,

48302 or at <http://www.hom.org>. Please share a memory at <http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com>.

Cemetery

Christian Memorial Cemetery

521 E. Hamlin Road

Rochester Hills, MI, 48307

Events

OCT **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road, Utica, MI, US, 48317

OCT **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - October 03, 2020 at 10:16 AM



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Malia Waterbury - December 01, 2020 at 03:34 AM



“ The Weiskirch's, Al, Jen, A.J & Jake purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



The Weiskirch's, Al, Jen, A.J & Jake - October 01, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



October 01, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ To Lori and family, I am so saddened for your loss. Unfortunately, I never had the occasion to meet Douglas. Knowing Lori, I know he raised a hardworking, kind and caring daughter. I learned so much about him after reading his obituary. What an amazing man! His love for family, the outdoors, his many hobbies, and of course 4 pm happy hours! A man you will miss but your many memories are yours to cherish. My thoughts and prayers, Suzanne Cross

Suzanne - September 30, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



September 29, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



September 29, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss Tammy. My thoughts are with you and your family.
Krissy

Krissy - September 29, 2020 at 11:27 AM



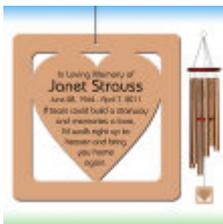
“ Melissa Gray, Devin & Mia purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



Melissa Gray, Devin & Mia - September 29, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ Robin, Jim, Remi, Bill, Carrie, Mark, Jan, Bob purchased the Heart Wind Chime - Personalized for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



Robin, Jim, Remi, Bill, Carrie, Mark, Jan, Bob - September 29, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



September 29, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



September 29, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



September 29, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Rest is peace Doug.

Butch & Gerri Denson from Rice Creek

Geraldine Denson - September 29, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ Sending my heartfelt condolences for your loss. I hope you all keep the strength and peace.

God bless

Dan Karpowicz

Dan Karpowicz - September 29, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ We loved playing Euchre with Doug at Rice Creek. He was such a sweet man. He is now a very special angel playing cards in heaven. Vern and Karen Nuest

Karen Nuest - September 28, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



September 28, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ Kit & Carole & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



Kit & Carole & Family - September 28, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Van Wormer.



September 28, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ Lorice and family, I know the void you are experiencing and nothing I can say will ease your heartache. May the Lord comfort you and bless you with many happy memories.



MARGIE ELROD - September 28, 2020 at 02:28 PM



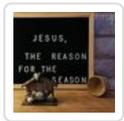
“ Mimi, we are feeling your loss and our hearts are heavy as we mourn Doug's passing. For 36 years you have been neighbors and friends. Bless you and we wish you peace and healing.

Linda, Larry Andrew and Evan - September 28, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ Larry got left off!! His live is sent your way, too.

Linda, Larry, Andrew and Evan - September 28, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ Our condolences to your family.

Keith & Sandy Taylor

Sandy - October 01, 2020 at 09:07 PM