



Frank J. Versagi

December 5, 1924 - October 17, 2014

Frank Versagi, 89, died peacefully at home due to a massive heart attack, on Friday, October 17, 2014, and is survived by his loving wife, Muriel, and their respective children, Charlotte Versagi, Anne Marie Drew; Frank Paul Versagi and Debbie Martin; Lynda Sirko and Michael Iacobelli. Six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Born in Cleveland December 5, 1924, Frank moved to Port Huron in 1952, where he was chief chemist for the Mueller Brass Company. Before he married Muriel in 1970, he had become an internationally recognized writer and editor of a weekly HVAC INTERNATIONAL business newspaper. He and Muriel moved to Royal Oak in 1975, at the time Frank moved into his third career, an internationally active management and marketing consultant. Awarded the Bronze Star for valor in World War II, Frank is a past president of the Lions Club and of the Chamber of Commerce, and served on the city's Charter Review Committee and advisory committees for Royal Oak Schools, Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College. Retired, he is best known locally for having exercised influence in Royal Oak civic and political affairs through his website, Versagi Voice. The visitation will be Tuesday 2-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mr. Versagi will lie in state Wednesday 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Burial will take place at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Royal Oak Historical Society Museum are appreciated.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss Charlotte, my friend. Warmest Regards, Ed Higgins

Ed Higgins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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