



## Garrett H. Mouw

February 14, 1919 - March 29, 2010

Garrett H. Mouw, age 91, a resident of Dearborn, formerly of Birmingham, passed away Monday, March 29, 2010 in Southfield. He was born February 14, 1919 in Royal Oak to Dutch immigrants, Garrett Herman Mouw and Johanna Janbroers. Mr. Mouw graduated from Royal Oak Dondero High School in 1936, and received his bachelors in engineering from Michigan State University in 1940. From 1940 - 1945 he worked as a metallurgist at the General Motors Allison Engine Plant in Indianapolis. He married Marjorie Grace Erb at Christ Church Cranbrook on July 5, 1941. In 1945, the couple moved from Indianapolis to Detroit, where he began work in the family business, Royal Oak Tool and Machine Co., eventually serving as its president. Later, a second company, Royal Oak Grinder, was formed to manufacture specialty equipment. He was also active in many organizations, including the Detroit Tooling Association and the Rotary Club of Royal Oak. In 1961, Mr. Mouw became a member of the William Beaumont Hospital Board of Trustees, serving as its President 1978 - 1980 and Chairman of the Board 1980 - 1984. Serving in several leadership roles, he was elected to the Board of Directors in 1990, where he served on many committees. He played a major role in the formation and development of the Beaumont nursing centers. In recognition of his many contributions, he attained the status of Director Emeritus. Mr. Mouw was a deeply curious man who immersed himself in numerous diverse interests including skiing, photography, cooking, travel, music, hunting, fishing, and gardening. He enjoyed spending time with family

and friends at the Pere Marquette Rod and Gun Club, where he pursued many of his interests. In 2001, he moved to the Henry Ford Village in Dearborn, where he was well known for his smile, kindness, and humor. He is survived by his son, John Marika Mouw of Homer, AK; nephew, Gary Mouw of Birmingham; and niece, Wendy Beck of Cave Creek, AZ. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Marjorie; brothers, Henry and Wendell; and sister, Cornelia. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in his memory to William Beaumont Hospital or the Salvation Army Royal Oak Citadel Corps. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Garrett Mouw was a "great" man in every sense. With his wife Marjorie, my parents, Bud and Betty Chamberlain and "The Robertas" Garrett helped form my ideals. He was generous and giving. He was a wit in the most elegant sense. Aristotle would have loved Garrett Mouw. The words "deeply curious" define his character as much as any words can. His son John also lives that inquisitive way of life - dedicated to service Garrett's spirit still soars on "Lost Boy" and whenever I ski there I still hear violins play. Among many truths I learned from Garrett is "When you hear a piece of classical music and you love it at once, you can be sure it is Mozart.

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**Doug Thorburn** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gary and family, I was so sorry to read of Garrett's passing. He and I were neighbors in Bloomfield Village for a few years. I believe I remember him saying that he retired early because his family had a history of dying early. Well, if I remember that correctly, it sure proved to be wrong! He was a class guy of whom I thought often when near Beaumont Hospital. I am sorry for your loss.

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**Kyle C Kerbawy Sr** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM