



## Walter E. Wilds

September 14, 1926 - December 21, 2024

Walter E. Wilds, 98, passed away in his home on December 21, 2024. He was born on September 14, 1926 in Farmington, Michigan. The day after he graduated from high school in 1944, Walter enlisted in the US Navy to serve his country in World War II. His strong work ethic, commitment to doing the right thing and overall integrity confirmed his status as a member of what's been called America's "Greatest Generation."

Following his honorable discharge from the Navy, he attended the University of Michigan where he excelled academically and became a lifelong and passionate fan of U of M football.

He worked as an insurance agent and ran his own insurance agency for more than 30 years.

Walter was an avid reader, golfer, and accomplished chess player. He loved dogs and owned many during his life. Walking his beloved canine companions became a favorite daily activity, especially once he retired.

Friends and family remember Walter as a loving and kind-hearted man with a quick wit and a gift for storytelling. He was never at a loss for a clever quip and took great joy recounting his life's exploits, blessing his listeners with the precious gift of laughter.

Beyond everything he was devoted to the two most important women in his life - his wife Barbara, who predeceased him in 2002 and his daughter Cynthia who survives the father she adored.

Memorial services are pending. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I became acquainted with Walt through my friendship with his daughter, Cindy. At first, it was a quiet and polite acquaintanceship as most times with parents of friends. As the years passed, I got to know him much better and appreciate his gift for storytelling and his sense of humor and his great love of dogs! We had some good laughs! He was a very sweet man. I always knew him to be in a good mood and pleasant to be around. As time passed and his health began to fail, he still maintained his good spirits and sweet ways. I never heard him complain. I witnessed his great love and concern for Cindy during a serious health crisis she went through even though he was not well himself. His entire focus was on his daughter getting better. I am grateful I got a chance to get to know him. He is a warm memory in my life. I will keep both Walt and Cyndi always in my heart.

*Debbie Schick March 2025*

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**Debbie** - March 14, 2025 at 02:46 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Walt's passing. He was a great friend to our family for many years and one of the best friends my dad ever had. He was a kind man with a great sense of humor, very caring and always interested in what was going on in his friends' lives. I can say I'm a much better chess player from all the games I played with him - the games he always won! And we had some great times on the golf course, too. Wishing you peace, Walt, and sending sincere condolences to Cindy.

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**Mark Cavanaugh** - February 12, 2025 at 06:23 PM