



## Wayne Stewart

February 17, 1939 - April 24, 2019

Thomas "Wayne" Stewart, age 80, died peacefully at home on April 24, 2019 after a valiant three year battle with cancer and heart disease. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Judith, his daughters, Jill Bookout (Jamie) and Julie Silverstone (Tom Adams) and his grandchildren, Erin, Molly, Ryan, Jackie and Eric, his sister, Barbara Bryant (Bill) and son-in-law, Michael Silverstone. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Clara Stewart. Wayne was born on February 17, 1939, in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Utica High School, earned his bachelor degree from University of Colorado, and was awarded his Juris Doctor from University of Detroit School of Law. He successfully built and ran his own law firm in Macomb County for over 50 years. Wayne was a man of dignity, integrity and strong convictions who lived his life with a wonderful sense of humor. Above all, he valued his family, his friends and his community. Athletics was always an important part of Wayne's life, both as a player and a fan. From his Utica High School days as a football, basketball and baseball player, he later continued his love of athletics by becoming a long distance runner with the Boston Marathon being a highlight accomplishment. He also loved to be with his buddies playing golf, talking golf, watching golf. Wayne also followed and often attended high school and college (especially Michigan State) basketball and football teams and events. Wayne was a wonderful loving father and a most exceptional grandfather. He always was involved in his grandkids' lives showing them his silly, fun-loving nature. He was always there for all their school and sports

activities. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blks east of Van Dyke), Utica, Michigan. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, Wayne's family suggests that remembrances could be made in the following manner: 1) Contributions to Utica High School Athletic Boosters, c/o Utica High School, 47255 Shelby Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48317; (2) Contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital - [st.jude.org](http://st.jude.org); and (3) Vote Republican. Please share a memory with his family at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Gathering

MAY 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

### Memorial Service

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Stewart.*



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May 03, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ *We have known Wayne for over twenty years and he had a great sense of humor. It was always a pleasure to see him in his office. Jerry and Wayne had great conversations and I just sat and listened. He always spoke of his family and loved you all. He directed us in so many important decisions and helped guide us in the right direction. We will truly miss him. God Bless this family in this time of grief and remember you can always keep your memories and God will get you through.*

*Love and prayers to Judith and family.  
Jerome & Barbara Ciesinski*

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**Barbara Ciesinski** - May 03, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Wayne. He was such a wonderful man. He made my parent (Andy Kovalcik/ Theresa) feel so comfortable in all the years they worked together. My mom and I were sharing stories last night of how Wayne and my Dad would talk so much about baseball. I am sure they are up in heaven sharing those same stories. We will keep his friends and family in our prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Theresa / Jeff Kovalcik** - May 03, 2019 at 09:17 AM

LS

“ Wayne was not only a trusted legal resource, but a good friend to our grandparents (Dr. & Mrs. D. Bruce Wiley), parents (Donna & Bill Beattie) and uncle Art Wiley. I had the privilege of working with Wayne here in Indiana when one of his clients purchased real estate here, and Wayne referred her to our title company. His kind good humor will be missed by many. May Wayne rest in peace, may he have the reward of his works, and may his family be comforted by their many happy memories.

Lesa Shackelford - May 02, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Stewart.



May 02, 2019 at 03:53 PM

RH

“ Wayne Stewart was a good friend, my lawyer and a classmate. We shared school functions and good times together. Prayers to his family.  
Ron Huber

Ron Huber - May 02, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Stewart.



May 02, 2019 at 10:01 AM

JN

“ Jackie from Sassy Nail purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Wayne Stewart.



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**Jackie from Sassy Nail** - May 01, 2019 at 09:23 PM

CA

“ Wayne was a founding member with several others of the Stewart, O'Reilly, Cornell, Donovan, Lascoe and Rancilio law firm where I began my legal career in 1974. He taught me lots about real estate, probate and estate planning, and was a very supportive mentor. He had a funny sense of humor, and liked to joke with and about people he liked. I am glad to have had him as a friend and mentor. May he rest in peace.

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**Clark Andrews** - April 29, 2019 at 09:53 AM

CT

“ Wayne was a true friend. He will be dearly missed. Hilary & Tip Tiffany.

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**Charles (Tip) Tiffany** - April 28, 2019 at 02:30 PM

CG

“ No matter our age, I always saw Wayne in his white varsity sweater with it's big orange and black outlined "U" on his proud chest, smiling at some smart bit of humor he was about to deliver. He was fun, he was a leader, he was a friend, he was a star in our great Class of 1957! I am sad to know I won't see him again which seems impossible. My sympathies to Judith and family.  
Christine Messmore Gilling

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**Christine Messmore Gilling** - April 26, 2019 at 10:57 PM

BB

“ Dear Wayne’s family,

*I am so sorry to read of Wayne’s passing. Wayne wrote my parent trust many years ago, he then helped me settle everything after their passing. For years, my dad told me to “call Wayne immediately” upon their death, which I did. I am thankful my parents selected Wayne as their attorney, he was so easy to talk to and work with. Wayne was so incredibly proud of his wife, his daughters and his grandchildren. He was the best dressed lawyer I have met, with his wide assortment of golf shirts! Wayne joked a few times that he met my Dad thru the Warren Police Dept. and an FOP “trust special” he held. I had to laugh at the vote Republican request. Don’t worry Wayne, my husband and I will definitely honor your request! You have my deepest sympathies and prayers. I truly am saddened knowing Wayne has passed.*

*Sincerely,  
Bridget (Bulger) Bobick*

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**Bridget (Bulger) Bobick** - April 26, 2019 at 06:04 PM

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“ *Utica High School Class of "57" & Friends, Celebrate the life of Wayne Stewart, an original, a stellar measure of a man admired by many.*

*A twinkle in his eye would signal when he was about to embark on one of his "Comedic," adventures. Laughter and his infectious smile was his trade mark. He left us with cherished memories.*

*Our heartfelt prayers to the Stewart Family.  
Rest in Peace our dear friend!*

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**Mary -Bobak-Matuja** - April 26, 2019 at 10:37 AM

AB

“ I will always remember Wayne as the attorney who prepared my parents' will many many years ago. He was kind and just. Then when I was an adult he helped me care for my elderly father with his estate plan. He helped me as well and many of my friends. I remember him very fondly for his sense of humor. Rest easy.  
Andrea Bercich

Andrea Bercich - April 25, 2019 at 10:16 PM

GS

“ I remember the days when he lived down the street when we were kids and fought every once in awhile but we were always good friends. Going to miss him at luncheon for class of (57). Rest In Peace Wayne

Gordon Stough - April 25, 2019 at 08:26 PM

AM

Wayne & I were reprimanded for talking too much in Dr. Hymen's chemistry class. Dr.Hymen asked us if we would like to finish today's conversation in the hall. We said yes & exited -laughing. I wasn't laughing when I received a D- for the marking period! He was a very good friend & we have kept in touch over the years. He was brave & strong & loved! Andy Tibble Murdock

Andy Tibble Murdock - April 26, 2019 at 09:26 AM

BM

Wayne was a good neighbor, living on Grant Park Blvd. Moving from Detroit to Utica as a 6th grader, Wayne was my first contact. It was an immediate friendship. I remember well our Christmas shopping trips to Hudsons,downtown Detroit. Wayne's dad would drive us there, leaving us for the day. Rest In Peace Wayne. Thank you for the friendship.  
Barry Mikulski

Barry Mikulski - April 28, 2019 at 10:07 AM

WP

*Peace be with you dear friend....and may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Our deepest sympathy to Judy and family. He will be missed by so many.*

*Walt and Dee Pfeil*

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**walter pfeil** - April 30, 2019 at 11:37 AM

ED

*I worked for 2 years during law school as a clerk in the Stewart O'Reilly law firm which Wayne co-founded. Wayne was always nice to me, a patient teacher, and as I came to learn, superb lawyer. I have fond memories of my time w/that Firm, due in large part to Wayne. He will be missed. Ed Dawda*

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**Edward C Dawda** - May 01, 2019 at 10:59 AM