



Wayne E. Stockton

October 15, 1930 - September 16, 2021

On September 16, 2021, Wayne E. Stockton entered into glory one month before his 91st birthday. Wayne was born on October 15, 1930, in Flint, Michigan and grew up on a farm in Flushing. He was the second child of Farmer John and Margaret (Klock) Stockton. In 1955 he earned his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State and in June 1956 he married Ruth Clink. He then entered the Air Force and was stationed in Great Britain with his new bride.

Following his military service, Wayne and Ruth returned to Metro Detroit. They raised their three children in Southfield Michigan, and he practiced Veterinary Medicine for 34 years at Kelly Veterinary Hospital in Detroit. Wayne was an active member of Ferndale Free Methodist Church and enjoyed taking his family on road trips all over the US, often in pursuit of an unusual rock or a rare bird sighting.

Upon retirement Wayne and Ruth moved to Wayne's family property in the Huron National Forest. Wayne was an avid lover of the outdoors, and for the two decades that he and Ruth spent up north he loved gardening, hunting, and all that northern Michigan had to offer. His faithful tractor carried him all around his 80 acres, from the pole barn to Uncle Mahlon's field and back through the Pine Palace. Retirement was also his chance to travel the world with Ruth.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Ruth; children Ann (Gordon) Nickel, David (Sue) Stockton, Susan Snyder; grandchildren Rebecca (Pat) Cooke, Christina Nickel, Jessica Snyder, Charles Snyder, Joe Stockton, Landon Nickel, Hannah Snyder, Daniel Stockton; great granddaughter Lucy; brother Eugene; and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Laurel, sister Shirley, and brother Lynwood.

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, September 22, from 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. There will be no visitation on Thursday. The funeral service will take place Friday, September 24, 11:00 a.m. (visitation 10:00) at Ferndale Free Methodist Church, 1950 Woodward Heights, Ferndale. Graveside service will be take place Saturday, September 25, 2 p.m. at Twin Lakes Cemetery in Lincoln, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Ferndale Free Methodist Church, Ferndale, MI (<https://ferndalefmc.com>) or Lincoln United Methodist Church, Lincoln, MI (<https://www.umc.org/en/find-a-church/church/?id=52982>) are appreciated.

For full obituary and to share a memory, see www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22.** 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

****No Visitation on Thursday, September 23****

SEP **23.**

N/A

Funeral Service

SEP **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Ferndale Free Methodist Church
1950 Woodward Heights
Ferndale, MI 48220

Graveside Service

SEP **25.** 2:00 PM.

Twin Lakes Cemetery (Lincoln, MI)

Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Deepest condolences from your teammates at Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan.*

Laura - September 24, 2021 at 09:32 AM

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“ *I'm very sorry for your loss, Dr. Stockton. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Stephanie Cape (Sanofi Genzyme)*



Stephanie Cape - September 22, 2021 at 04:47 PM

LC

“ *Sue and Family,*

*My deepest condolences for your loss. May he rest in peace.
Prayers to you and your family for strength.*

*Lynn Cherry
OCC*

Lynn Cherry - September 22, 2021 at 04:12 PM

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Thoughts and prayers to Ruth and family. Wayne was such a great guy. Enjoyed spending time with Wayne and Ruth. He was a great caring and compassionate person. Loved carving and learning new skills. He was so proud of his kids and grandchildren. We had the pleasure meeting Landon at the Evert roundup carving show. Thank you Wayne for all the memories shared. Walt and Cindy Oldeck Oscoda , Michigan

Walt and Cindy Oldeck - September 27, 2021 at 05:22 AM

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“ Dear Ruth and family, so sorry to read of Wayne’s passing. It’s been many years since we were in touch but I have thought of you many times. Such a strong loving family and so devoted to your faith. Dan, too, went to be with our Heavenly Father. I m sure you know Wayne is at peace, such a good man. You and your family were blessed.
With love,
Nancy Lorigan

Nancy Lorigan - September 21, 2021 at 06:22 PM



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David Stockton - September 19, 2021 at 09:15 AM

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“ He is witty, light-hearted, kind, and generous. I'm using present tense because the part of him that made him Wayne is very much alive in the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I was privileged to be a recipient of his kindness as I lived in the Stockton's home for 2 years. I never heard him raise his voice. In fact, he was jovial most of the time. He loved taking care of his property and his fruit trees. One of my favorite memories is listening to him practice his turkey call. He told Mike when we got married to take care of me because I was like a daughter to him. I have precious memories of living with the Stockton family. See you in Heaven, Wayne!
Love, Kim Solt

Kim & Mike Solt - September 18, 2021 at 09:55 PM