



Wendell Ming

July 9, 1925 - January 6, 2018

Wendell Horace Ming, 92, died early Saturday, January 6, 2018. Born in Mt. Clemens, Michigan on July 9, 1925, Wendell was raised in and spent most of his 92 years living in Clawson, Michigan. He was the fifth son of seven children born to George and Beatrice (nee Treliving) Ming. Wendell served in the United States Navy During World War II, setting foot in Hiroshima, Japan just days after the atomic bomb was dropped.

After returning from the war, Wendell camped out at the Michigan State campus to enroll in college, but because of the large influx of applicants post-war, classes were already filled. He returned home and began working at a Sunoco service station in Birmingham, which he managed for over twenty-five years.

On September 23, 1950, he married the late Doris Roby, whom he met on a blind date at a Detroit Lions game. He was practically a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Clawson, where his memorial service will be held. Wendell enjoyed golfing, fishing, baking and gardening. For many years Wendell and Doris spent the better part of Michigan winters with Doris' family in her hometown of New Orleans. He stayed active throughout his life, working well into retirement as an auto transport driver.

All who knew him remember Wendell as generous, thoughtful, determined, hardworking, and dedicated to his friends, church, and family. Diagnosed with ALS in 2006, Wendell defied all the odds against him. He resisted a wheelchair until he had no other choice, continued living independently, and

learned how to use new technologies like an iPad and email to communicate when he could no longer speak.

Wendell is survived by his children, Douglas (Kathleen) Ming, Wendy (Dennis) Hinz and Kenneth (Stephanie) Ming; twelve grandchildren, Amanda (Tobias) Boshertz, Krysta (Thomas) Silveri, Katie (Dan) Hale, Cari (Brad) Ackley, Christy Hinz, Adam Ming, Rachel (Josh) King, Jessica (Caleb) Jenkins, Emily Skaggs, Ashley Skaggs, MacKenzie Ming and James Ming; ten great-grandchildren; and his only remaining sibling Sylvia Worthley.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 749 W. 14 Mile Rd, Clawson, MI 48017 with a luncheon immediately following. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a memorial tribute be made to: ALS of Michigan, 24359 Northeastern Hwy #100, Southfield, Michigan 48075, or www.alsofmichigan.org. Please share a memory at SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
749 W. 14 Mile Road
Clawson, MI 48017

Tribute Wall

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“*Doug, Wendy, Ken and your families, we are very saddened by the loss of your dad. I'm sorry the weather did not allow us to attend his memorial. When we were kids and would come to see Grandma who lived with you, your mom and dad were always so welcoming. In later years I remember them coming to some graduation parties on our side of town and weddings, always happy to tell us the latest news of all of you. Just before Ken and I moved up north we went to see them at their new place. Sherry brought Auntie Syl and Dortha brought Uncle Ernie. We had such a nice afternoon catching up and reminiscing! That would be the last time I saw your mom and Uncle Ernie. We are so glad we got to see Uncle Wendy this summer. He was a gentle soul with a great sense of humor. We will miss him dearly!*

Love, Barb and Ken

Barb Baldoni - January 12, 2018 at 11:06 AM

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“*My condolences to Wendell's family for their loss. Memories from the Forties in Clawson,*

*Bob Krupitzer
Neighbor on Council Ave*

Bob Krupitzer - January 12, 2018 at 10:35 AM

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“ *It saddens my heart to hear about the passing of Uncle Wendell I remember my parents taking us kids to see Uncle Wendell and Aunt Doris such fond memories of them both I wish I could have had spent more with them*

Terri Wilcox Neufarth - January 12, 2018 at 06:23 AM