



Donald K. Wagner

February 23, 1923 - September 22, 2012

Age 89, passed away on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Arbor Hospice Residence.

He was born February 3, 1923 in Port Hope Michigan, the son of Jesse and Mae (Fortune) Wagner. He was raised in Port Hope, Michigan and he served his country as a Marine pilot in World War II. After the war he met Betty, his wife of 65 years, and they moved to Port Hope Michigan where they began to farm. There he became the first Commander of the Port Hope Am vets. In 1960 they moved to Redford, Michigan when he became an air traffic controller. In 1962 he joined State Farm Insurance and built a successful agency in Livonia Michigan, winning numerous company awards. Don was an active member and past president of the Redford, Livonia, and Saline Kiwanis. He was also given the prestigious Hickson Award. Don was also known all over Michigan for his "bikes for tikes" program. He is survived by his beloved wife Elizabeth (Betty), his four children, Raymond (Barbara) Wagner, Betty (William) Gaffke, Kenneth (Barbara) Wagner, Richard (Christine) Wagner and 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be on Thursday, September 27th from 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home 301 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI and on Friday, September 28th from 10:00 A.M. until the service time at 11:00 A.M. at the First Presbyterian Church 143 E. Michigan Ave Saline. with Rev. Dr. Judith Shipman, officiating. Following the service at the church there will be military honors under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kiwanis Club of Saline and to the First Presbyterian Church of Saline and envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church. To leave a memory or for directions, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Visitation

SEP 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline
143 E. Michigan Avenue
Saline, MI 48176
<http://salinepres.org/>

Service

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald K. Wagner*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Don consistently came to my office every year to sell us our Christmas wreaths. He was always so friendly. I will miss him.*

Diane Irwin - October 01, 2012 at 02:51 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I did not know him well but his genuine kindness was very evident. I knew him from the Kiwanis club and he was one of the first to greet me at my first meeting. So inviting, so caring he offered to print me some cards with my name and the Kiwanis logo on them. Then he made sure I got them. My deepest sympathies are extended to Betty and all of the family.*
Anne Haven

Anne Haven - October 01, 2012 at 11:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald K. Wagner.*



September 27, 2012 at 04:28 PM

CS

“ We were saddened to learn of Don's passing and want to extend our deepest sympathy to all of his family. We certainly missed seeing Betty & Don on their daily walk when they left IW. He had a wonderful sense of humor - "carried the cane to fight off the women". Charles & Sharon Salesman, 120 Cheetah

Charles & Sharon Salesman - September 27, 2012 at 09:49 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Donald K. Wagner.



September 26, 2012 at 11:22 AM

DG

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



dan gaffke - September 25, 2012 at 02:56 PM

DG

When we visited Grandpa and Grandma at Imperial Wilderness in Naples on 41 Grandpa always told us that 41 went all the way back to Michigan. So when we were in the Copper Harbor this summer and found this sign we had to take a picture to show Grandpa that we found where 41 started. We told him about it, but never gave the pic to him, Florida won't be the same without him. Love you Gramps.

dan gaffke - September 25, 2012 at 07:30 PM

RB

“ Roy B. purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Donald K. Wagner.



Roy B. - September 25, 2012 at 02:13 PM

DG

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Dan Gaffke - September 25, 2012 at 09:07 AM

KM

“ We met at IW in Naples, FL. He was a wonderful and caring man. He turned an old bike of mine into almost new and good to donate to the wonderful cause of "Bikes for Tikes". We will miss you Don. Our deepest sympathies to Betty and the family.

Karen and Don Miner

Karen Miner - September 24, 2012 at 02:19 PM

KC

“ I remember the first time we met. Ryan took me to meet his grandparents. Grandpa was so proud of his family. He took me downstairs and proudly shared with me the people in his photos. Children, grandchildren, anniversary parties, etc. I will always remember when he pulled out one special photo from his wallet...his beautiful wife. He smiled with such love and pride. He told me stories of being on the farm, flying planes and building his State Farm office. I am so glad I had the honor of meeting him.

May the choir of angels come to greet you and speed you into paradise

Lovingly, Katrina

Katrina Campau - September 24, 2012 at 11:35 AM