



Dorwin E. Gross

July 5, 1929 - March 2, 2015

Age 85. Passed away March 2, 2015 peacefully at home in Ann Arbor, Michigan with family by his side, after a two year battle with bladder cancer. Survived by his dearest wife of nearly 60 years, Verna I. (Czapf) whom he met as a teenager at Hope Lutheran Church. Survived also by his children John (Lisa) Gross of Saline, Michigan, Nancy (Ron Fergle) Gross of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Paul (Rose) Gross of Westminster, Colorado; grandchildren Tyler Gross, Elliot Fergle, Sarah Gross, Mallory Buss, Ian Gross, Rhiannon Gross, and Olivia Gross; and great-grandchild Alexis Buss. Born July 5, 1929 in Portland, Indiana, he grew up in Detroit, Michigan and was a 1947 graduate of Mackenzie High School. He served as an Army Sergeant in the Korean War. Dorwin received his Bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and lived, worked, and raised his family in Dearborn, Michigan. Upon retiring after forty-two years as a purchasing agent at Ford Motor Company, he and Verna summered in Ann Arbor and wintered in much loved Marco Island, Florida. An avid traveler all his life and especially in retirement with Verna, he visited all 50 states and numerous countries on six continents. He loved flying (received his pilot's license), playing tennis with various leagues, watching football, playing shuffle board with the South Seas group on Marco Island, and buying the latest techno gadgets. Preceded in death by his father Merritt R. Gross, mother, Esther Marie (Coffman) Gross, brother Merrill Gross, and grandson, Alexander Gross. He will be remembered as a good man. A private memorial was held at home on March 2nd; per his wishes no other funeral event is

planned. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorwin E. Gross*

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“ Verna,

Your steadfast care and devotion are a tribute to the loving relationship you shared. Dorwin was a caring and wonderful neighbor and a joy to all who knew him. He will be missed by all of us.

Bev Ward

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“ Verna,

So sorry to hear about Dorwin. You and your family will be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

A. Krasich & family

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“ DEAR VERNA AND FAMILY,
HEAVY HEARTS HERE AT BLDG A HEARING OF DORWINS
PASSING.
HE WAS SUCH AN EXAMPLE OF COURAGE AND GRACE AND
WE WILL CERTAINLY MISS HIS SMILE AND WONDERFUL
MANNER.

YOU WERE A LOVING CAREGIVER, VERNA, AND HELPED HIM
TO ENJOY THE SEASON OF 2014 IN THE SUN AND ENABLED
HIM TO BE WITH HIS PALS AT THE SHUFFLEBOARD COURT
EACH MORNING.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR. IN THE MEANTIME, STAY
WELL.

FONDLY,
PAT AND JOHN WEAVER

PAT AND JOHN WEAVER - March 04, 2015 at 08:04 AM