



## Durwood Clark Allen

May 30, 1931 - May 1, 2016

Durwood Clark Allen, 84, of Traverse City and formerly of Birmingham and Harbor Springs, passed away Sunday, May 1, 2016 at The Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City.

On May 30, 1931 Durwood was born in Highland Park MI to the late Durwood Ernest and Rhoda Amelia (Vinz) Allen. Honorably Durwood served our Country in the United States Navy during the Korean War. After his time in the service he went on to college at the University of Florida on a swim scholarship and finished his schooling at Michigan State University. One special summer he met Leslie Gale Stevens at a beach in Caseville, MI. Eventually, he would propose to her under the Beaumont Tower at MSU. The two were married on July 12, 1958 in Highland PARK, MI. Together they lovingly raised two wonderful daughters, Dana and Kristen.

Durwood worked as a banker for most of his life. He retired after 37 dedicated years as an Executive Vice President of Standard Federal Savings and Loans. One of his proudest business moments when he was younger was to help save an Ice Arena on Square Lake Road from bankruptcy, he even had his daughters and friends helping with the Zamboni and the snack shop.

Also, he was active in many organizations including; the Jaycees of Birmingham, Bloomfield Open Hunt, Kiwanis Club in Harbor Springs, Score of Petoskey and he was a member of the Birchwood Golf & Country Club in Harbor Springs.

He enjoyed his bike tours all over Europe with Leslie, downhill skiing, water skiing, golf, tennis and many other activities. He even researched his family ancestry back to the 1500's in England.

Family however was most important to Durwood. He loved his wife and daughters but his grandchildren brought him his greatest joy. He was always so proud of them and their accomplishments. He could be frequently spotted at the base of An Alpine Ski Racing

Slope, hosting a ski team at his home, along a Cross-Country Running Course cheering, at a swim meet or even a trilithon. Currently he was proud of Jamie for making it to the Olympic Trials for Rowing and proud of Briggs for his THOW's (Tiny House On Wheels) venture.

Durwood will be fondly remembered for his sense of humor and love for his family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Durwood is survived by his wife Leslie of 57 dedicated years, daughters; Dana Allen of Traverse City, and Kristen Allen of Petoskey, grandchildren Jamie Chapman and Briggs Chapman, a brother-in-law Edson (Ruth) Stevens of Ebikon Switzerland, two nieces; Daniele (Reggie) Stevens-Chapman of Laurel, MD and Chantel (Frederick) Stevens-Badel of Chavannes-Le-Chene, Switzerland, special cousins, Richard Dixon of Caseville, MI and David Dixon of Manhattan Beach, CA, beloved cats Champ and Harley and many other loving family members and friends.

Durwood is preceded in death by his parents and many Pets.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home from 3-6pm and a visitation in Harbor Springs at the First Presbyterian Church from 2-4pm on Friday, May 6, 2016. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society.

Kindly share thoughts and memories with Durwood's family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation for friends and family**03:00PM - 06:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**MAY** **Visitation for friends and family**02:00PM - 04:00PM

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First Presbyterian Church

7940 Cemetery Rd., Harbor Springs, MI, US

# Comments

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“ Chris and I had many good times with Durwood (and Leslie). Memories of the Bloomfield Open Hunt are dear and deserve to be kept alive. Durwood's life and hobbies speak well of his intelligence. He certainly had a handle on his ancestors and thoroughly enjoyed his research on that. Leslie had kept him going with her energy and verve. He did well in his life and had a chance to enjoy many facets including skiing and golf and most definitely his two daughters and grandchildren.

We shall miss him and know he is in God's hands and keeping an eye on all of us!

Here's to good memories,

Chris and Phyllis Mazure

**phyllis mazure** - May 11, 2016 at 10:29 AM

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“ Leslie, Helmut and I just returned to Harbor Springs and were stunned and truly saddened to learn of Durwood's passing. We have such wonderful memories of you both starting at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club and, of course, here at Birchwood. We will always keep the good times close and be so grateful that we had the privilege of knowing such a fine man. May God bless you and welcome Durwood.

**nancy and helmut schluender** - May 07, 2016 at 12:59 PM

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“ Leslie: Suzy and I have missed Durwood (and you) at our Majors Game team picking sessions. Since you both headed downstate, there's been no one during the final round to ask if Rory McIlroy has been chosen yet. We'll miss Durwood's sense of humor and hope you'll visit up north before the snow falls again. We're glad to have known Durwood.

**Bob & Suzy Buelow** - May 06, 2016 at 12:45 PM

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“ Leslie,

Paul and I were saddened to hear of Durwood's passing. We felt we knew him from the wonderful, loving memories you shared with us. He was quite a man and your marriage and the family you two created was full of love, wonderful times and cherished memories.

We have spent the last two weeks with our family and are currently in Minneapolis babysitting our grandchildren. We have been thinking of you and your family all week and will especially do so this afternoon.

Fondly,

Linda and Paul Dawson

**Linda Dawson** - May 06, 2016 at 10:38 AM

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“ Dear Family,

Always a cool beverage on the deck typified your hospitality at the sixth tee of the Farms at Birchwood. God has taken Durwood and embraced him. Amen. Frances Shepard

**Frances Shepard** - May 06, 2016 at 10:15 AM

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“ Dear Leslie: Deepest condolences. You did a fantastic job of supporting Durwood throughout the years including his difficult final journey. We retain very fond memories of our times with Woody. Love, Tom & Nancy.

**Tom Sarowski** - May 06, 2016 at 07:04 AM

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“ Very sorry to hear the news of Durwood's passing. He was one of the really good guys at the bank. May he rest in peace with a life well lived.

Our thoughts and prayers for the family and his closest friends, Tim & Diane Rice

**Tim & Diane Rice** - May 05, 2016 at 09:19 AM

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“ We have fond memories of sharing a few Christmas Eve's with Durwood and Leslie at Dana's home. He loved to tell stories and was so delightful. May you find comfort in your fondest memories made over the many years you had together. Peggy and Ron Cunningham

**Peggy Cunningham** - May 04, 2016 at 12:08 PM

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“ My love and sympathy Leslie, Dana, and Kristen. It was always fun and a treat to be with Durwood. Our B.O.H. days and special times Up North with him were all wonderful and now we have the blessing of our memories.  
With love, Mary Lou Mabee

**Mary Lou Mabee** - May 03, 2016 at 06:14 PM

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“ Dana and Leslie,  
We are sorry to see about Durwood's passing. We remember him as a joyful and fun person. Our condolences to you.  
Dave and Ruth Craven

**Dave Craven** - May 03, 2016 at 06:02 PM

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“ Leslie, I am so sorry to hear of Durwood's passing. We miss seeing you at Birchwood. Love, Sandy and Nick Moises

**sandy Moises** - May 03, 2016 at 03:09 PM

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“ God bless! Our deepest sympathies to you and your daughters, Leslie.

**Marita and Fred Hackl** - May 03, 2016 at 02:29 PM

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“ Dear Leslie,  
Many wishes to you during a sad time. I remember visiting Durwood in the hospital when and he was so nice and appreciative that he had a Birchwood visitor.  
Maryle Barbe



**Maryle Barbe** - May 03, 2016 at 02:28 PM



“ Ms. Leslie,.....SO sorry to hear of Durwood's passing. Truly loved this guy,....he gave me, (and others), so many "Durwoodian" quips ! I feel lucky and 'blessed' to have known him, (and You),...and experienced his clever sense of humor!  
He IS a 'real' Birch-WOOD-ian ! Keep Smilin' at us, Durwood !  
bob,....(the Starter)

**bob damman** - May 03, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ Dearest Leslie & family,  
We were saddened to hear about Woody. He put up a good, long fight. We'll miss the good times with him and Leslie at Birchwood and on the ski slopes. And of course we miss his wonderful martinis. I salute him as a fellow sailor, and thank him for his service to our country. I enjoyed his attention to detail and respected his dedication to geneology, leaving no turn unstoned.  
Leslie, we pray for your peace of mind, and honor your loving commitment to this great man in his declining years.  
We send you our love and hugs.

John + Janie Little

**John + Janie Little** - May 03, 2016 at 10:57 PM



“ Dear Leslie, I was soooooo sorry to hear the news of Durwoods passing. GOD BLESS you and your entire Family. I know HE will be with you.

Gary Osterbeck

**Gary Osterbeck** - May 04, 2016 at 09:02 AM



“ Remembering Durwood ---Bike rides in Europe, skiing in Vail, Dinners and Stories. He loved telling stories and sharing his life. RIP Durwood. Love and prayers for your family. Ann Neal

**Ann Neal** - May 03, 2016 at 01:15 PM



“ Leslie and Dana,  
Our son Maury informed up of Durwood's passing. We fondly remember our BOH days with you. Time passes so quickly.  
Our thoughts are with you.  
Nancy and Maury Brassert

**Maury and Nancy Brassert** - May 03, 2016 at 12:47 PM