



Gerald Minto Wallace

July 11, 1930 - June 11, 2020

Gerald M. Wallace, 89, died peacefully June 11, 2020 at Munson Hospice House. Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. Wallace, he was preceded in death by them and three brothers, Eugene, Ralph and Paul.

Gerald grew up in Pontiac, MI. In high school he developed a love of track and field in which he successfully participated as a sprinter. He also did so at Adrian College.

Upon graduation from Adrian College, he was immediately called into service, ending in the Demarcation Zone in Korea at the time of the cease fire.

After returning home he began his career in the field of education in the Waterford School District. He was a teacher, varsity basketball coach, counselor and assistant principal until he accepted the principalship of Walled Lake Central High School. He held this position until his retirement in 1985.

After his retirement, he and his wife moved to Higgins Lake, Michigan where he loved to sail, water and snow ski, sea-doo, snowmobile and ride his motorcycle.

In 1999 he and Carolyn moved to Traverse City and then alternated between there and Gulf Shores, Alabama. He was extremely active in the Michigan Club in Alabama, serving as president and chairman of numerous committees.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carolyn and daughter Lynne (Edward) Grant. He is also survived by his sister Juanita Craft, sister-in-law Shirley Wallace, numerous nieces and nephews and extended family.

Private interment will take place in Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Commerce United Methodist Church in Commerce Township, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gerald Wallace Scholarship, Legacy Scholarship Funds, Inc., Suite C, 3095 South Commerce Road, Walled Lake, Michigan 48390.

Comments



“ Jerry, Mr. Wallace, hired me in January, 1984, as his secretary. He was a wonderful man and principal! I was sad when he told me he would be retiring in 1985, since I was just getting used to this job. We had one Apple computer in the Attendance Office, and I got to gain some experience on it. He was always interested in progress in technology. He and Carolyn were always so thoughtful and kind to me and my daughters. I loved being a part of the Walled Lake Central family. I will be in prayer for Carolyn and all the family. Thank you, Jerry, for giving so much to so many! Maria Avant

Maria Avant - August 18, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Gerry was my principal at Walled Lake Central HS for several years and he was an excellent principal. Although we sometimes disagreed on building, department or district policies, I was always treated with respect. During my 38 years in mathematics education I have worked with supervisors who were as good and supportive as Gerry but none that were better. In addition, he and his wife Carolyn were good neighbors (4 doors down the street) of ours in Waterford Twp for many years and Carolyn was a counselor at Waterford Kettering HS where our daughter attended high school. Gerry will be missed but not forgotten by those who knew and worked with him. (Phil Cox,. Walled Lake Central HS Mathematics Department, 1971-1994)

Philip Cox - August 18, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ Gerry was my hs principal for a number of years. He was a great guy and an excellent principal. I'll always remember his talent for motivational speeches. By the end of his annual "back-to-school" speech, I was ready to run through a wall to reach those kids. My sympathies! (Ed Hara, WLCentral English Dept., 1967-1990)

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“ He will be missed, but remembered for all the smiles he gave us over the years. What a great man...so glad I had a chance to know him. I am deeply saddened by your loss. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Kathy Kage Curry



Kathleen Curry - July 02, 2020 at 10:06 AM