



## Sidney Gary Lammers II

December 23, 1930 - January 16, 2017

Sidney Gary Lammers, II, 86, of Traverse City, passed away Monday, January 16, 2017 at home.

On December 23, 1930, Sidney Gary Lammers II, was born in Grand Rapids, MI, to Sidney I and Jacqueline (Winchester) Lammers. His addition to their family would be followed by siblings Michael Lammers (Lucy), Janie Garlow (Steve), and Jeffery Lammers (James McLaughlin). Sidney graduated from Union High School in 1948. He proved to be a standout athlete and accomplished scholar. After a short enlistment in the US Air Force he attended Michigan State University and later transferred to Central Michigan University to pursue his eventual bride to be, Beverly Carolyn Burkholder. They married in June of 1952. Sidney's work experiences took the family to many Michigan locations and 2 Chicago area locations until finally settling his family in Traverse City in 1968. Together they had five children: Sidney Gary Lammers III (Maria), Mary Elizabeth Goeb Wisner (Terry), Carol Lynn Ebright (Doug), Scott Wesley Lammers (Rhonda) and Nancy Kay Leach (Shane). Sidney is survived by his siblings, all his children, thirteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Sid was delighted to have the family together to celebrate his 86th birthday on December 23, 2016. In addition to enjoying time with his family, Sid had a successful business career as owner and president of Normic Industries which he founded in 1968 and maintained until his retirement. Sid believed in community service and served on the TC School Board, the Board of Traverse City State Bank, chairman of the Michigan Small Business Association Board of Directors and he was president of the National Nameplate Association. Sid's other contributions included the Lions Club and The Rotary Club. He was also a member of the Traverse City Golf and Country Club. In his later years Sid enjoyed reading his extensive first edition James Michener book collection, a drive along the Grand Traverse Peninsula and a good piece of apple pie with sharp cheddar cheese. After his divorce in 1993 Sid shared his life with Sue Alguire. His family will be forever grateful to Sue for her loving care and companionship. As the aging process progressed, Sid's needs became greater and Sue's commitment grew stronger. Sid's four local children maintained weekly lunch or breakfast dates with their dad which everyone recognized as so valuable and the highlight of his day. These outings often included a grandchild or two. On Monday, January 16, Sid passed away

unexpectedly after a long, productive, and successful life. He will be missed greatly by those who loved him. At his request cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will take place at a later date. In Sid's memory we suggest you call a loved one and invite them to lunch. We thank you for your expressions of sympathy and for any way you may have blessed Sid's life over the last 86 years. Kindly share thoughts and memories with Sid's family at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com).

# Comments

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“ Grief

Grief I've been told  
is like a stone one can hold,  
it's like a boulder  
there on your shoulder,  
it has been part of your day  
since he passed away.

Your fond memories are gold  
though hard sometimes to behold,  
but then as you remember them  
the stone becomes  
a precious  
gem.

Sincerely,  
Walter Trussell

**Walter Trussell** - January 29, 2017 at 03:24 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of Sid's passing, he was a great family business owner. He cared about his family and put them all to work at the shop. We always had a great time at work because He let us be a family not just an employee. I'm thankful for what I learned from him and those he employed. May God Bless his loved ones as you morn his passing. Keep doing Lunches he would have wanted that.  
Dennis Bartlett

**Dennis Bartlett** - January 24, 2017 at 06:37 AM



“ Dennis, there will be a celebration of dads life in the spring, June on the farm you will be notified. Thank you for your tribute to dad and your friendship.

**sid Lammers** - January 24, 2017 at 07:46 PM

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“ Sid, Maria and family- So sorry to hear of your loss. May your best memories help you though this difficult time.  
Thinking of you.  
Jeri Cain Lee

**Jeri Cain Lee** - January 23, 2017 at 06:54 PM

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“ To the Lammers' family...I am so sorry to learn your family's loss. Sid will be greatly missed. I know you have lots of wonderful memories to cherish. May God's Grace and Love bring you strength and peace.

With Love, Anne Haines

**Anne Haines** - January 23, 2017 at 10:08 AM

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“ Long story (I don't have short ones) -- when I was 15, my mother married Dr. Chase. Thanks to the infinite wisdom bestowed upon a teenager, I wasn't all that keen on the arrangement. Dr. Chase seemed a combination of way too much authority, way too many opinions and way too little fun. I was just about to write him off forever when I met his two buddies, Sid and Arnie. Wow! These two rolled out fun as if it were their job! When they walked in the house, the energy meter went off the charts. Well, if these two could put up with and make -- did you see that? -- Bob Chase LAUGH . . . then maybe it was possible my fifteen years of astute wisdom had misread the situation. By sheer example and without uttering a word of advice, the enjoyment of life I saw pour out of Sid and Arnie whenever they appeared pushed me over one of those important hurdles of growing up -- stop judging, join in!

In the years after, whenever I encountered Sid it was always the same -- bright spirited, funny, empathetic and a treasure to your day if you were lucky enough to run into him. I'm sorry he's gone. And I'm happy for everyone that he was around this long. What a run!

**Jack Lane** - January 22, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ I witnessed their frindship too. Arnie swore that dads loses to him on the golf course paid for his kids college. I'll cherish your story Jack, thank you

**sid Lammers** - January 24, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ I'm very saddened to hear of Sid's passing. Sid was a good man, and I know I'm only one of many who will miss him. I offer my deepest sympathy to his family, to Sue, and to all his other friends. May he rest in peace and always in our memory.

Steve Sleder

**Steven Sleder** - January 31, 2017 at 03:11 PM