



Edwin "Ed" M. Hovey

May 6, 1923 - April 2, 2010

Edwin Myron Hovey passed away surrounded by the family he cherished on April 2, 2010. Born May 6, 1923 in Lansing to John Mortimer and Georgia (Reed) Hovey, Ed grew up living at the Boy's Training School in Lansing where his father worked as the Farm Manager. He graduated from Lansing Eastern High School in 1941 and with the outbreak of WW II, enlisted in the Naval Flight Training Program. Just prior to receiving his wings, his previously hidden color-blindness ended his flying career and he was mustered out of the Navy. Subsequently, he served in the U.S. Army with the 32nd Infantry Division in the Philippines, and at war's end, with the Army of Occupation in Japan. Ed returned home to attend Michigan State University where he earned a Bachelors of Business Administration in 1949. His very promising career in sales was cut short by a near-fatal traffic accident in 1953. After an extensive period of recovery and rehabilitation, Ed began a 30-year career with the State of Michigan as an industrial property appraiser for the Michigan State Tax Commission. Retiring in 1984, Ed and Olith moved to Prescott, Arizona where they spent more than 20 years thoroughly enjoying their retirement. Summers were spent at their cottage on Clear Lake near Big Rapids, MI where Rob and Linda Reed became surrogate family. A few years ago, Ed and Olith returned to the Lansing area where they resided first at The Delta Retirement Home, and then at Independence Village of Grand Ledge. Ed is survived by Olith, his wife of 45 years, two sons, Phil (Louise) Hovey of Pacific, Missouri and John (Monica) Hovey of Indianapolis, Indiana, three

daughters, Candace Glaister of Lansing, Margaret (Scott) Truax of San Antonio, TX, and Susan Desmond of Traverse City, three step-children, Al (Robin) Renton of Van Nuys, CA, Tom Renton of Eaton Rapids, and Dan Renton of Okemos, daughter-in-law Terri Jean Hovey-Randell of West Chester, Ohio, along with many grand-children and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Russell (Carol) Hovey of Westminster, Colorado. He was pre-deceased by his son, Tom Hovey, in 2001, and his best pal and walking partner, Ginger in 2008. A memorial service will be scheduled for friends and family at a later date and Ed's ashes will be interred near his parents at Summit Cemetery in Williamston. The family especially wants to thank all the RA's from The Harbors as well as Jason and all the hospice personnel from Advantage Hospice for their wonderful care of Ed in his final months. Those wishing to remember Ed are asked to make a contribution in his name to the charitable cause of their choice. Ed Hovey, first and foremost, was a good man and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be sorely missed by all. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences and guest book entries at www.holihanatkin.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dan and family,I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Joyce##imported-end##

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“ I was Ed's service writer at the Ford dealer here. Although I have not seen him in some time, he always brightened the service department when he was present. Please accept the deepest sympathy of the entire staff at Galpin Ford, during these dark, sorrowful days.##imported-begin##Ken McDowell##imported-end##

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“ We are all so blessed here at Independence Village because we were all able to get to know Ed and Olith Hovey. We all extend our heart felt sympathy to Olith and all of the Hovey family.If there is anything we can do for any of you please contact us!Olith you are one of the strongest women I know. I admire the strength and dedication of the bond that Ed and Olith have shared all of these years.##imported-begin##Laura Payne##imported-end##

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“ Losing such an amazing man is hard for all of us. I want to send the whole Hovey clan my deepest love and sympathy.##imported-begin##Kimberly Buffington##imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to you Olith and your entire family. Ed had an endearing sense of humor. He wrote like he was standing there talking to you. I won't forget our visit to Prescott (my daughter and I). So very glad we did. I will miss Ed and his humor. Take good care.##imported-begin##Karen Tostevin##imported-end##

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