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February 4, 1927 - April 1, 2014

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Lansing

Age 87, passed away April 1, 2014 in Lansing, MI. He was born Feb. 4, 1927 in Mount Pleasant, MI to the late Bayard and Esther (Alderman) Struble and was raised in Grand Ledge by the late Herbert and Lila Carrow. He graduated from Grand Ledge H.S. in 1945. A gifted athlete, he starred and lettered in four sports, earning a total of 13 varsity letters, which is still a record that stands today. He also was selected as a member of the Eastern U.S. High School All-American baseball team in 1945 and was All-State as well in football and basketball, which only a few athletes have ever accomplished in Michigan high school sports history. Later he was inducted into the Grand Ledge Sports Hall of Fame and the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame. Rex also played baseball and basketball at Michigan State, played on the European Baseball Championship winning team while in the military beating the Mediterranean Champions in Leg Horn, Italy, and went on to play professionally as a third baseman for the Philadelphia Phillies and Cleveland Indians for a total of seven seasons. He was a non-rostered player on the 1948 Cleveland Indians World Series team. Rex served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One) and as an MP, personally guarding infamous Nazi war criminals, Hermann Goering (Commander of the German Air Force) and Ernst Kaltenbruner (Commander of the German Gestapo) during the historic Nuremburg Trials in 1945-46. Rex

graduated from Michigan State University, where he co-founded the College of Human Medicine, the Gross Anatomy Dissection Lab and the Willed Body Donor Program, retiring from MSU's Departments of Anatomy and Surgery as Professor Emeritus. He was also selected in numerous years by his students as the Outstanding Teaching Professor in the MSU School of Human Medicine. He also attended the College of Charleston (South Carolina) and UCLA for post-graduate studies. He authored several medical books, groundbreaking research articles, and book chapters during his career. He was an avid MSU and Grand Ledge sports supporter/booster and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is preceded in death by his childhood sweetheart and wife Patty, who he first met in the third grade, and married in 1947; sister, Helen Cole; brothers, Budd Norris and Bob Struble. Rex is survived by his loving family; sons, Rick (Pat) of Bath, Tom (Melissa) of Grand Ledge, daughter, Amy (Mark) Feinauer of Okemos; grandchildren, Delaney, Kyle (Kristen), Brooke (John), Jeff, Kylie (Anders), Aaron (Sara); great-grandchildren, Caleb, Kenadeigh, Summer, Grayson, Henley, Elin and Henry; sisters, Phyllis Behm of Grand Haven, Maureen Leach of Coopersville, sister-in-law, Hannah Rae Struble of Frankenmuth, and numerous nieces and nephews; dear friend and caregiver, Denise Haskell. The family would like to thank the staff at Hospice House of Mid-Michigan for their kind and compassionate care. A funeral service will be held 11:00, Monday, April 7, 2014, at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge with The Reverend David Bandfield officiating. Military honors conducted by Cole-Briggs Post #48 will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, April 6, 2014 2-6pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Sparrow Foundation, Hospice House of Michigan, 1110 E. Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 30480, Lansing, Michigan 48909 or Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan, 121 South Holmes Street, Lansing, Michigan 48912. Memories and condolences can be shared at holihanatkin.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GP

“ Rick, So sorry to see that your Dad has passed away. I can only remember all the good times with he and my Dad watching us play ball, always with a smile and a word of encouragement both at MSU and in the City League.
I will have nothing but fond memories of Rex and consider myself lucky that he and you are part of my life.
God Bless you and the rest of the family.
George (spider) Petroff

George Petroff - April 07, 2014 at 11:53 PM

LK

“ Dear Carrow Family, our sincere sympathy in the passing of Rex. What a great person, he will be missed. Rest in Peace. The world has lost a great person. The Kieft Family



L. Richard Kieft - April 07, 2014 at 05:13 AM

KF

“ Ken & Moira Feinauer and Family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Rexford E. Carrow Ph.D, M.D. ("Rex", "Coach", "Poppie").



Ken & Moira Feinauer and Family - April 05, 2014 at 09:01 AM

BP

“ Dear Rick. Judy and I are so sorry to hear about your father. We wish you God's strength and assurance at this time. May he forever rest in peace. Love, Bob and Judy Posey

bob posey - April 05, 2014 at 07:46 AM

AH

“ Tom,
Your father's contributions in life sure seem to have had a big impact on medicine, MSU and humanity in general. My thoughts are with you and your family as you lay him to rest.
-Amy (former Meridian colleague)

Amy Holda - April 04, 2014 at 11:24 AM