



Gordon Clark Chapin

February 19, 1921 - December 3, 2012

Chapin, Gordon Clark, age 91 of Plymouth, December 3, 2012. Beloved husband of Elizabeth (Dinkel) Chapin. Dear father to Ann (Bruce) Cavender of Northville and Clark (Karen) Chapin of Plymouth. Grandfather to Robert (Susan) Cavender of Livonia and Bill (Anna) Chapin of Oakland, CA. Visitation Fri 10 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Service at Risen Christ Church, 46250 W. Ann Arbor Road, (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or Risen Christ Church. To share a memory, please use the View and Send condolence tab on this web page. He was preceded in death by his wife and brothers, Martin and John. He was the son of Martin G. Chapin and Margaret (Clark) Chapin of Detroit and was born on February 19, 1921. Gordon graduated from Detroit's Redford High School in 1939 and Wayne State University in 1948. A veteran of the US Army, he served in Europe during WWII as part of the 109th Maintenance Company (Medium). He was an engineer who helped develop the first domestic automotive disc brake system while employed by Kelsey-Hayes in Romulus. He was active at the Plymouth Historical Museum and Risen Christ Lutheran Church. An active sailor, he served as a Commodore for Portage Yacht Club in Pinckney and sailed 18-ft Interlake Class sailboats until age 85. He was honored by Portage Yacht Club in 2006 for his years of service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon Clark Chapin*

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“ *Im truly sorry to hear about your lost. Gordon will definitely be missed by so many. One thing that helps me deal or cope with losing a loved one is the scripture John 5:28,29. It states, " Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life....." Soon we will be able to see Gordon again because God (Jehovah) promises a resurrection hope. I hope this gives some comfort.*

Christina - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM



“ *It was my pleasure and privilege to know Gordon, Betty, Clark, Karen and Bill (whom I taught in high school) for many years while I sailed at Portage Lake. Gordon was truly one the nicest, kindest, most thoughtful people I have ever known. His gentle manner masked his great energy and competitive zeal. He was a fine sailor and always a Corinthian Yachtsman. He helped many others learn to sail, as well. I am saddened that I was unable to attend the viewing and funeral but please know that I was there in spirit. I hope it brings his family comfort during this difficult time to know that he was greatly appreciated, respected, admired and loved. People like Gordon are rare. All who knew him were enriched. He will be missed.*

Patrick Barry - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

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“Gordon and I shared the tax volunteer work at the Canton Senior Center for several years. We missed him when he had to stop but kept in touch by email. As I often tell my friends, this group of volunteers was so nice to work with. We all had the same objectives and we left our egos at the door to help others.

Allen Moody - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM