



Kenneth J. Battjes

October 29, 1923 - October 23, 2008

Battjes, Kenneth, age 85 died peacefully in his home on Oct. 23, 2008 after a long struggle with Parkinson's. He was born in Detroit on Oct. 29, 1923 and graduated in 1940 from Cass Technical High School. ♦ He served in the Air Force during WWII from 1943-46. Ken graduated from Wayne State University in 1950. He joined Guardian Industries as Director of Corporate Personnel in July of 1969 until his retirement after 30 years, in 1998. ♦ In 1952 Ken married Thelma Vander Ark and together they raised five children in the Dearborn area. ♦ He was an active member of 1st Church of the Nazarene in Northville where he twice received their Distinguished Service Award in 1996 and 2005. ♦ Golf was his favorite pastime. ♦ Ken sang in ♦ the church choir all his life and with Concert Ministries. ♦ Ken is survived by Thelma, his wife of 56 years; his sons Brian (Charlotte), Ward, Wayne (Julie) and daughter Kerri Sochocki and husband Richard. He will be missed by seven grandchildren: Kyle and Katy Oddo, Shayne, Blake and Luke Battjes and Ryan and Jenni Sochocki. ♦ He was predeceased by his parents, brother Harold and sister Esther as well as his daughter Julie Oddo in 1989. Visitation Saturday and Sunday 4-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (3 1/2 miles W. of I-275). In state Mon 10 AM until 11 AM at the First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville, 48167. ♦ Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. ♦ Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson Foundation or to the Church. ♦ To share a memory, please use the view and send condolence link on this page. "Well done good and faithful

Servant".

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth J. Battjes*

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“ *Dear Thelma and Family,*

Thinking of you and wishing you comfort during this time.

Mr. Battjes was always a kind person who was quick to greet his neighbors with a smile and wave as he stood in the front yard. I will never forget Mr. Battjes stopping to say hello and wishing me well as I left for college one afternoon. He was a kind and genial neighbor who will be remembered for his polite greetings and genuine well-wishes.

With deepest sympathy,

Jenny

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