



Richard F. Wise

August 3, 1926 - July 12, 2011

Wise, Richard F. July 12, 2011, Age 84 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Betty. Loving father of John (Annie), Kevin (Carol), Chris (Lynn), Gayle (Bruce) Campbell, Rick (Beverly), Dana (Hank) Benedetto, Patrick (Marjorie), Polly, and Tim. Dear brother of Mary (John) McCamey, Betty (Charles) Honeyman, Donna Franklin, and the late Katherine, Ann, and Blanche. Proud Grandpa of 23 and Great-Grandpa of 21. Mr. Wise was a US Army Veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. He worked at Ford Motor Company as a Quality Engineer; at Petoskey Manufacturing as Manager; and was owner of Taylor Rental. He was a resident of Plymouth for 10 years, and prior to that a Petoskey resident for 30 years. He enjoyed golf and being an all-around handyman. He was a member of Petoskey Rotary, SCORE (a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses start, grow and succeed nationwide), and Teams of Mary. A Memorial Gathering will be held Friday 11 AM until the 12 Noon Memorial Mass at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, (South of 5 Mile) Plymouth. A luncheon will be held in the church social hall immediately following the Memorial Mass. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, St. 100, Southfield MI 48076; or to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48103. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard F. Wise*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Dear Betty, We were sad to learn of Dick's passing. He was a wonderful man and we always enjoyed seeing you and Dick at church. He always had a great smile and warm hand shake for us. We will miss him as we know you are with the loss of your dear husband. Please know we will pray for you. We know Dick is with our Lord and keeping you in his heart. God bless you both. Love, Chris and Ron*

Ron and Chris Radzilowski - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *miss you dad---more than words can say--*

polly - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *Dad, You will always be my hero! Love & Hugs forever, Gayle*

Gayle - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *Patrick...I just learned this morning that your father made his transition a few weeks ago. I feel so bad having not known. I just read his obit and it looks ast hough he had a very full, rich and wonderful life (grandchildren alone). Kevins dad was diagnosed with this debilitating disease last year. My heart goes out to you and your family....peace and much love LaVern*

LaVern Homan - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JB

“ Ric and Bev, we are sorry to hear of the loss of your father and father-in-law. May you find comfort in knowing that all is well now and you will see him again...his spirit indeed lives on! God bless you guys!

Julie & Phil Baris - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

GB

“ Dearest Betty, We don't know if you will remember us, but you helped us find our first AND ONLY home on Vis -a Vis Lane in Petoskey. When we were searching for our first home, you brought cookies along on the ride in our car, for our Charlie (then 6 and Andy then 4 years old) so that they wouldn't be bored... Bless your heart!! When we walked into this home that has been ours forever (May 6, 1976) we KNEW this was our home!! Our Andy cried when we went back to our mobile home in BayShore. He kept saying "House, house!!" This home that you helped us find has been a treasure in our life!! This home was where we both raised our sons, Charlie Backus and Andy Backus!! It holds SUCH precious memories for all of us, most especially since our Charlie's untimely death on February 24, 2001, at the tender age of 30 years, 4 months, and 26 days old. Charlie was survived by his wife, Terri, his then 4-year-old precious son Nicholas Patrick Backus, and the son who never knew his Dad, heard his laugh, or felt his loving hug, Zachary Aaron Backus!! Our point in this LONG message to you, our dear friend, is that if it would not have been for your precious husband, Dick, you never would have "taken that extra time" or felt free to show us our home!!! We will be forever grateful to you for our home, which we ended up remodeling and adding garage, etc. We are thankful for your time, wisdom, and the "investment" that you helped us make to raise our sons in such a wonderful place!!! You ARE in our prayers, our dear Betty, and please know that you will continue to be!! Love you, Gary and Karen Backus

Gary and Karen Backus - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

HH

“ Dear Betty and family, We were saddened to hear of Dick's passing. We have fond memories of both of you when you were here in Petoskey, like hobo dinners and Toastmasters Club. May God bless and comfort you. Warmly Hank & Susan

Hank & Susan Hoffman - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MJ

“ I'm sorry Rick & Bev for your loss of your father my he rest in peace.

Marie Jensen - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

GB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Ginger Buchan - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MF

“ My heartfelt condolences on your loss. Love to you and your family.

Mary Fortuna - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

BA

“ Dear Chris, Lynn and family, We are very sad for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May you be comfortated through the love you share and the memories you keep. Our deepest condolences, Barbara & Gary Arseneault

Barb and Gary Arseneault - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MS

“ Dear Betty & family, We were sad to hear of Dick's recent passing. He was such a kind, friendly gentleman but we are sure he is now at peace. Know that he and all your family will be in our prayers. We send our sympathy.

Marsey & Steve Shuman - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

LD

“ Dear Patrick and Margie, I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. In reading his obituary my thoughts were on how lucky he was to have such a big family. So many to love him and to be with him. Take comfort in that big family during this sad time. You will all be in my thoughts and in my prayers. Love to you all, Leanne

Leanne DeRousse - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

SS

“ We were all blessed to know such a wonderful and caring man, a beautiful husband, and a loving father and grandfather. I looked to the water this morning and it was as flat as a Dick Wise pancake. We love you and will see you again.

Sarah Shaw - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of your great loss. I hope the wonderful memories you have and the closeness of family and friends will help sustain you through this difficult time. ~Joanie Marks (Patrick's sister-in-law)

Joanie Marks - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

KB

“ *to all the wises: i wish i could be there this weekend. love you all more than words can express. dear grandpa, i know they're playing louis armstrong on repeat right now for you up there, we miss you down here. xo, katie*

katie benedetto - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM