



Willard Den Houter

August 31, 1931 - September 7, 2007

Den Houter, Willard D. M.D., age 76, passed away Sept. 7, 2007. ♦ Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Bill grew up working in the family restaurant, The Roundtable. Upon graduation from the University of Michigan Medical School, he settled in Plymouth with his wife, the late Katherine, and sons Willard B. Den Houter M.D., of Canton and John Den Houter of Edwardsville, IL. A family practice physician for 35 years, he retired in 1994 to an active schedule of fishing, swimming, gardening, bird watching, and babysitting his grandchildren, Kate, Claire, Gwen, Greer, Ben and Jack, and culinary adventures with his siblings Dave, Danie (Elaine) and Mary (Duane) Clark. ♦ An "M" man in baseball, Bill maintained a lifelong passion for the "Maize and Blue". Having battled renal disease for many years, Bill embraced the kindness of his caregivers, finding special friendships among the staff at St. Joe's Dialysis and the AATA A-Ride Transportation Staff. ♦ Bill's love of ♦ family and friends, humble and gentle nature, and zest and appreciation for life will be forever remembered by all the lives he touched. Bill's family welcomes his friends to join them for a period of reflection and to celebrate his memory, on Friday, November 16, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. To leave a message of condolence for the family please click on the Online Condolences link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Willard Den Houter*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *To The Family of Willard DenHouter.*

As everyone else that knew Dr.D we thought the world of him. I met him when he came to Plymouth and shared a office on Main St. with another Dr. I followed his practice everywhere he moved. He was my childrens doctor from birth until he retired.

I had met you boy's at his office once when you were very little.

Little did I know that years later one of you would be my doctor.

As for a great memory regarding a house call, in the early 60's he came late one night for terrible stomach pain, he rushed right over, gave a shot and everything was fine. But to his surprise and amusement,

we and our neighbors were having a party outside with music, dancing,people playing bongo drums and having a great time. He thought that was the greatest thing ever. I was always reminded of that for many years and we had alot of laughs.

We would also run into him at the A&W Drive-in and my girls thought that was so great to see their doc there. He always talked.

I also remember a floor plant that he had in his office on Sheldon Rd and at Christmas he put lights and deco on it.I thought how great it was and it made him and his patients happy.

What wonderful memories of a wonderful person.

Glad we could share this with you.

Carole Martin - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

BM

“ Dear Bill and John,

I send my condolences to you and your family. I remember your dad as a kind and gentle man as our physician and always present during all of your high school activities.

My Best,

Bob

Bob MacKenzie - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

TG

“ *Dr. DenHouter was one of the most wonderful family physicians, and so loving and caring with his senior patients in particular. He and Mother used to joke about how she would benefit by losing weight, and then he would pat his tummy and grin! And house calls were always provided with a smile ... in fact, he brought her a lemon meringue pie on one of them and I think he even snuck a piece with her. She missed him greatly when he suggested she needed more specific care, and we all had a special place in our hearts for him and will miss seeing him at the grocery store, etc. Our condolences to the entire family. A great man is gone ... but not forgotten!*

Therese and Bob Gall - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

JG

“ To the Den Houter Family,
We regret we can't attend your Father's Memorial Service. As you already know, we think Dr. Den Houter Sr. was pretty special. He was always kind, friendly, and interested in us - no matter where we met. As our Doctor he listened to our concerns, took time to answer our questions, and to explain his recommendations. His sense of humor put us at ease. He never lost his cool, even when Diane threw up in his office! We are fortunate to have had his services. He truly cared about people and was an honor to his profession.

Joe, Gunnie, & Diane Talik. Perry Goll - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

TW

“ Our thoughts and prayers have been with you and yours since Dr. D,s passing. What a kind,caring,gentle and good man.I will miss not hearing his voice over the phone at the bank. Please let me know if I can help in any way. The wonderful caring support that you gave him over these last years while he made your home his,the love and laughter he shared with his grandchildren, I am sure was the best medicine and extended his time here on earth. He is now looking down upon his family from another beautiful home in heaven.
Warmly, Tom and Randa Williams

Tom and Randa Williams - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM