



Willard D. Den Houter, MD

September 7, 2007

Den Houter, Willard D. ♦ MD age 76 of Plymouth, September 7, 2007. Dear husband of the late Katherine. Beloved father of Bill (Elizabeth) of Dixboro MI and John (Marlene) of Edwardsville IL. Proud grandfather of Kate, Claire, Gwen, Greer, Ben and Jack. Dear brother of David, Daniel (Elaine), and Mary (Duane) Clark. Family practice physician in the Plymouth area for 35 years. Bill received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Michigan. As an "M" man in baseball, he maintained a lifelong passion for the "Maize and Blue" and all things Michigan. He was a naturalist and sportsman at heart pursuing fishing, swimming, gardening, and bird watching. He also was an avid reader enjoying a wide variety of subjects ranging from history to horticulture. 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. On Friday, November 16th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth, Bill's family welcomes visitors to join them for a period of reflection and to celebrate his memory. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Dialysis Unit, ♦ 5305 East Huron River Drive, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor MI 48106-9736. To leave a message of ♦ condolence for the family, please click on the Online Condolences link on this page.





Tribute Wall



“ *Willard D. Den Houter, MD*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM

RF

“*Family of Dr. Williard Den Houter: We are deeply sad that your father has passed on. He was not only kind but had a 'country doctor' way about him that you don't find anymore. I remember and think about him often. We had moved to Plymouth in '76 and shortly thereafter started our family. Being new to the area we did not have a doctor when our little daughter took ill. We had no family doctor and being new parents did not know what do do. A co-worker of my husband recommended Dr. Den Houter, we took a chance and called him to see if he would be able to ease the discomfort we were all feeling. Did I mention it was the weekend? To our amazement Dr. Den Houter was in his office catching up on paperwork. He talked with us and guided us in what to do and signs to watch for. Later that evening he followed up and called us to check on Amy's condition, which had improved, with great relief on our part. It meant so much to us to know that someone was willing to help and care. He was so kind to have helped a young family in need. After that he became our trusted family doctor who got us through sinus infections, allergy shots, back to school physicals and a whole slew of other ailments. There were times when money was sparse but we knew that we could always pay the meagar amount for an office visit with Dr. Den Houter. Just another way that the kind doctor did not overcharge his patients even though he could have. I will always remember his small office as one where I knew that the man in the dark trousers, white shirt and his trademark suspenders would be able to make us "feel better". After he retired from practice, we wanted to get him something nice, knowing how much of a Wolvervine fan he was, a UofM stadium jacket seemed appropriate. Thinking back now, I'll bet it was one of many in his closet. He was very gracious and with teary eyes accepted it as if it was his first Maize and Blue jacket. Dr. Williard Den Houter, you were a credit and model to your field and will be sadly missed.*

Richard and Delphine Furmanek Plymouth, MI

Richard and Delphine Furmanek - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

JW

“ Dear Dr. DenHouter and Family, I will always remember your father's many stops to our house on Ann Arbor Rd., for our homegrown vegetables. My dear Mother enjoyed his conversations during their swim classes. He was very proud to have you follow in his physician profession. May you and your family be blessed with peace and good memories. Sincerely, Judy K. Wilkin of Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth

Judy Wilkin - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

BT

“ Our family will be internally grateful for all the care, warmth, and intelligence with which Dr. DenHouter provided medical care for our immediate family and our extended family. Sandy had the special privilege of being baptized with Dr. DenHouter in a private service at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. We all remember your mother, Kathryn, and the great love between them. We send our deepest sympathy to your family at the loss of a sincere, loving and dedicated person to his work and family.

Bob and Sandy Trombley - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

RF

“ Bill, John, and Families, Our condolences and prayers are with you all as you prepare for the memorial and then the holidays. Each holiday and 'Dr. Dad's' birthday the first year are the hardest. Because you find things that you want to share with him and then you remember he's gone. But he knows because if anyone gets into Heaven it's going to be W.D. Den Houter, M.D.

Robin Wolff and Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

MS

“ Dear Bill, John and families: I'm very sorry to hear about you dad's passing. Although I haven't seen him in years I can still remember Bill telling me a number of great stories about him. No better testament to the positive influence of Willard Senior can be found than the lives lived by his two sons. I am proud and humbled to be friends with two magnificent guys. The best of your dad lives on in you. I share your sorrow. God bless. Mark

Mark and Betty Ann Sisson - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

BB

“ We were so saddened to read of Bill's death. We wish to extend our condolence to the family. Bill and Kate were our friends and neighbors in the 1950's. Bill contributed a great deal of support to the community and the Plymouth Community School system. We know you have many happy memories to help carry you through this difficult time. We send our love and prayers.

Bill and Mary Brown - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

JA

“ Dave... I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your neighbor, Joe Moffatt

Joseph Moffatt, 3077 Hilltop Dr., A2 - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

KD

“ Ken and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and your entire family.

Ken and Jan Dersey - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

TF

“ We extend our deepest sympathies to the Den Houter family members in your time of great loss. Our families memories of a great family doctor will always be cherished. Dr. Den Houter was a caring individual and gave of himself always. From his house call visits to long office hours, he was there. Our family is grateful for him and want his children and grandchildren to know what an impression he left on us all.

The White Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM