



Donald Alvin Bates

April 29, 1928 - November 17, 2021

ADRIAN – Donald Alvin Bates age 93, of Adrian, passed away on Wednesday afternoon, November 17, 2021 at Charlotte Stephenson Manor.

Don was born on April 29, 1928 to Alvin H. and Anna (Gray) Bates in Detroit, MI. He was raised in the Detroit area and went on to attend Highland Park Community College. Don served his country in the United States Army from 1952-53.

On June 25, 1949 Don married Joan L. Bodkin, in Detroit, and they were blessed with over 60 years together before her death on January 19, 2010.

Don's leadership was evident in his banking career which started at Adrian State Bank where he served as President. He retired from Key Bank in Ypsilanti. Don was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Adrian. Don enjoyed golfing in his free time.

He is survived by his sons, David (Denise) Bates of Fairbanks, AK and Christopher Bates of Adrian; granddaughter, Julie Ann Bates (Richard McKinstry); granddaughters, Aubrey and Olivia McKinstry; and siblings, Dale Bates and Barb Culver. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Joan.

A memorial service for Donald will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 1:00

p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian with Rev. Eric Stone, officiating. Military honors will be conducted by Annis Fint Post #1584 and American Legion Post #97. A memorial gathering will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and continue until the time of the service.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 21. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Donald Alvin Bates*



Wagley Funeral Home - June 21, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Donald Alvin Bates*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Chris B. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Alvin Bates.*



Chris B. - June 20, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *Don was a super guy, always pleasant smile. Back in the early 70's you could walk right in to his office, and set down, do some visiting. Thanks to Don the wife and I still live on the farm he approved the loan on in 1970.*

Lou Rockwood - November 18, 2021 at 04:21 PM