



Ray V. Wakefield

November 18, 1924 - December 14, 2016

ADRIAN – Ray V. Wakefield, age 92, of Adrian, passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

He was born November 18, 1924, in Elkton, Michigan, the only son of the late Ray and Hazel (Gilbert) Wakefield. He graduated from Elkton High School and attended University of Michigan. During World War II Ray served in the United States Navy as an airplane mechanic.

On June 6, 1947, he married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Southworth, and they have celebrated almost 70 years together.

Starting as an engineer with Aget Manufacturing Company, Ray eventually became president and manager of the company where he designed a large portion of their products. Ray was known for his ability to fix anything and his love of tinkering. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Devils Lake Yacht Club.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy, he is survived by their children: Ron (Joan) Wakefield of Adrian, Laurie (David) Reed and Bradley Wakefield, both of Eugene, OR and Gary (Lauri) Wakefield of Clarkston, MI; son-in-law, Keith Vogel of Rochester, MI; sisters, Annabel Jones of Detroit and Joan Heron of Caseville, MI; grandchildren: Bryan, Eric, Nathan, Drew, Jennifer, John, Ross and Grant; and great grandchildren: Addison, Camdyn, Charlotte, Liam, Jake, Vaughn, Eric and Daniel.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Vicki Vogel, and sisters, June Bittner and Louella Finnigan.

Memorial services for Ray will be held at a later date. Those wishing to make a contribution in his memory should consider the First Presbyterian Church or Salvation Army.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ray V. Wakefield*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Although I had met Ray only once, I did talk to him scores of times on the phone. Being an Aget Rep, I had the opportunity to talk to him so many times about business issues as well as other more mundane things. Ray reminded me a little bit of my father, also an engineer, as I am myself. I guess we engineers all have a way of communicating somewhat differently than with others. Wakefield is a somewhat common name in our parts, Lancaster County, PA, with a very small town of that name being not too far from us. I'm sure Ray will be missed by all of his relatives, friends, and business associates. From my knowledge of him, I am sure that he led an interesting and wonderful life as well as an exemplary one. We will all miss him. - Phil Grahek*

Phil Grahek - December 30, 2016 at 05:19 PM



“ *I knew Ray from a business relationship having represented Aget Manufacturing Company for over 44 years. For me, Ray was the backbone of the company which made Aget such a great company to work with. His strong and fair leadership set an example for what selling a product was all about - integrity, dedication, and honesty. We will miss his strong leadership and his example of dedication. Please pass my sincere condolences on to Ray's family. We miss you, Ray.
Grant Bowry*

Grant Bowry - December 21, 2016 at 08:19 AM

RB

“ *Very sorry for your loss, Ray was a caring, wonderful person. He was faithful to our dad for many years during his illness.*
The Family of the late Russell Baker



Rick Baker - December 19, 2016 at 08:03 AM

DS

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Drew Wakefield Soderborg - December 18, 2016 at 11:21 AM

LA

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LaurieReed - December 17, 2016 at 11:13 PM

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LaurieReed - December 17, 2016 at 11:10 PM

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Ron - December 17, 2016 at 07:29 PM

TL

We are so sorry - Ray was also such a gentleman -- and what a good looking young man he was! Ted and Peggie Leipprandt

Ted and Peg Leipprandt - December 21, 2016 at 06:35 AM

LA

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LaurieReed - December 17, 2016 at 07:02 PM

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LaurieReed - December 17, 2016 at 06:59 PM

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LaurieReed - December 17, 2016 at 06:56 PM

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Laurie Reed - December 17, 2016 at 05:51 PM

JG

“ *Ron and all Ray Wakefield family,
We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you at this time.
John and Judy Gibbs*

John Gibbs - December 17, 2016 at 05:00 PM

MV

“ *Sending caring thoughts and deepest
sympathy, Mary Vallad*



mary vallad - December 17, 2016 at 03:50 PM

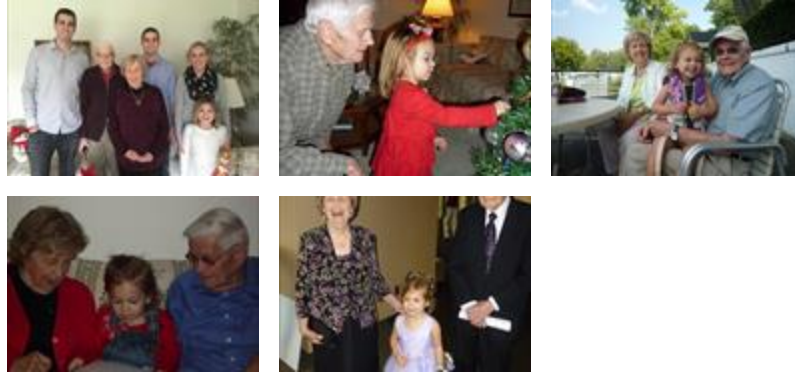
MM

“ *TO ALL THE WAKEFIELD FAMILY, So sorry to read of Rays
passing. Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time. We are
sure he will be missed. Mike & Linda Marvin*

Mike & Linda Marvin - December 17, 2016 at 12:55 PM

JP

“ *Such a wonderful Grandpa and Great Grandpa- we will miss him deeply!* ”



Jennifer Wakefield Payne - December 17, 2016 at 10:25 AM

SK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.* ”

Shirley Klinger - December 17, 2016 at 09:31 AM

EV

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Eric Vogel - December 17, 2016 at 07:51 AM

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Eric Vogel - December 17, 2016 at 07:49 AM

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Ron - December 17, 2016 at 12:16 AM

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Ron Wakefield - December 16, 2016 at 05:07 PM

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Dave Heron - December 16, 2016 at 01:17 PM

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Dave Heron - December 16, 2016 at 01:07 PM

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