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GAYLOR W. JONES "G.W." died peacefully, surrounded by his children on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at his apartment in Independence Village. He was 82 years old and spent the final year of his life living gracefully with lung cancer. G.W. was born in South Bend, Indiana on March 4, 1932, the eldest son of Ralph E. Jones and Elouise Wade Jones. He and his two sisters, Linda Mathews and Karen Anderson, were the grandchildren of The Bishop Raymond J. Wade, who headed the Methodist church in Northern Europe from 1928 to 1939 and served as President of the Bay View Association from 1945 to 1961. It was in Bay View that Jones met the love of his life, Petoskey native, Joyce Bailey. The two were 15 and 14 respectively and would eventually enjoy 47 years of marriage together. G.W. was a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Michigan Business School. He also served his country as an officer in the United States Navy, in the Western Pacific Theater - Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Pescadores Islands, Okinawa, and Yokosuka. Honorably discharged in 1957, he spent his career in sales and marketing, working for the Pure Oil Company (now Chevron) and eventually the Ferry Cap and Set Screw Company in Cleveland, Ohio. Throughout his life, G.W. was committed to his Christian faith, serving God through the church and his music. He was an active elder, a trustee, and a welcome baritone in many a church choir. Those who knew G.W. were well aware of his profound musical gifts, which he shared widely, bringing joy to people wherever a piano was available. He played completely by ear. Both by nature and nurture, G.W. passed his musical gifts on to his 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Jones is survived by his two sisters, Linda Matthews (Carmel, IN) and Karen Anderson (Quincy, IL); his four children, Jeff Jones (Beth) (Dallas, TX), Steve Jones (Janine) (Santa Barbara, CA), Toby Jones (Petoskey, MI) and Jamie Shier (Will) (Lexington, KY); and his 7 grandchildren, Taylor, Cameron, Mike and Cory Jones, Max and Bailey Shier and Eloise Jones. A musical memorial service will be held on Monday, July 28 at 3 p.m. in Voorhies Hall on the campus of Bay View. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts be sent to The Bay View Association's Joyce Bailey Jones Endowed Lectureship, The Bay View Music Festival specifying "The G.W. Jones Piano Scholarship" for students studying with Tony Patterson or Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Arrangements were made through SCHILLER FUNERAL HOME OF HARBOR SPRINGS, MI.