

Obituary for Richard F. Garman

10/22/1921 - 11/18/2013

Richard "Dick" Franklin Garman, 92, of Petoskey, formerly of Ann Arbor, and Pinehurst, NC, passed away peacefully Nov. 18, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Dick was born October 22, 1921, to the late Benjamin F. and Pearl (Bushong) Garman in Alliance, Ohio.

He was married to the late Louise (Wynn) Garman on June 8, 1943, in Cleveland, Ohio. They were very happily married for over 64 years. Dick held degrees in engineering from Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as the executive officer aboard a PT boat operating in the Pacific Theater. He retired from Dundee Cement Co. after a long career as the Manager, Distribution and Sales Planning. He was a member of Petoskey United Methodist Church and was also very active in the Bay View Association. He enjoyed being with his family, playing golf, and traveling at home and abroad. He was a founding member and fundraiser for the Friends of the Performing Arts at Bay View. Dick especially enjoyed his volunteer work with the Manna Food Project and the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Dick is survived by his three children: Cynthia (Dan Squier) and their children Stuart and Christopher; Ted (Sandy) and his daughter Hilary; and Kenneth (Jean) and their children Alissa and Andrew.

A memorial service honoring Dick will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 22, at the Petoskey United Methodist Church, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Those planning expressions of sympathy may consider memorial contributions to the Manna Food Project, 8791 McBride Park Dr., Harbor Springs, MI 49740, or to the charity of their choice.