



Roland Dunsmore
1931 - 2016

Roland Dunsmore, age 84, who was also called Rollie or Rol, died on January 19th. There will be a memorial gathering for Roland on Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 2 PM until the memorial service at 4 PM at West Ida Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ida. Pastor Micah Sievenpiper will officiate. Cremation has taken place.

He was born on November 3rd 1931 to William and Frieda (Schultz) Dunsmore and married Doris Burwitz on February 19th, 1955. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2015. She predeceased him on September 17th, 2015. Roland graduated from Milan High School after a high school athletic career which featured his membership on Milan's 1948 state championship basketball team. While raising his family, Roland continued to play softball, basketball and bowl in several local recreational leagues. As the children grew, he added coaching his son's Little League baseball teams as well, followed by attending their school games. Roland's 30 years at Ford's in Monroe were interrupted by a 2-year stint in the US Army. Roland retired from Ford in 1980 (yes, he was retired for 36 years!).

He always loved sports and in retirement he enjoyed attending daughter Carla's basketball, baseball and volleyball games. Watching the local college and pro sports teams and agonizing over their fate was another of his favorite pastimes. He was a faithful University of Michigan fan dating back to boyhood when he jumped the fence to get into football games and extending into season basketball passes in later years. He also found time to be active as a council member of his church, West Ida Immanuel Lutheran Church and help out friends. He babysat, did handyman jobs, transported people to doctor's appointments, hospital stays and dialysis. Since he was retired, while Doris was still working he handled many of the day to day tasks of helping his aging mother-in-law.

Survivors include: a son, Clay (Sue); two daughters, Carla (Matt) Nichols, Karen Balfour and 3 grandchildren. Roland was predeceased by his parents, his son Sherman and his wife Doris.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to West Ida Immanuel Lutheran Church or the Hospice provider of your choice.

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