



Richard Wilcox

December 31, 1929 - May 5, 2010

Obituary of Richard Wilcox

Richard R. Wilcox, age 80, of The Villages, Florida, passed away on May 5 at Cornerstone Hospice in Sumpterville, Florida. He was born the son of Earle and Henrietta Wilcox, on December 31, 1929, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He was married to Joann Bower on June 16, 1951, and she survives him. He attended Alma College and graduated with a B.A. from the University of Michigan. Upon graduation he was employed at DeLano Services, a printing company, in Allegan, Michigan. In 1960 he purchased The Reminder Shopping Guide in Goodrich Michigan. A few years later he converted the shopper to a newspaper and moved its offices to Ortonville, Michigan. In 1964 he ran for the position of Brandon Township Supervisor, and was elected by four votes. This began a political career that spanned 26 years. Four years later he was elected Oakland County Commissioner and held that position for 22 years before retiring. He was chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for 10 years, and president of the National Association of Counties for 4 years. He was also a founding member of The Pontiac Stadium Authority, which built and governed The Pontiac Stadium.

During that time span he was also president of Shopping Guides of Michigan. He owned or partially owned several publications including The County Line

Reminder, The Modern Shopper, The Clare County Review and the Hamtramck Citizen. He retired to Bonita Bay, Florida in 1990, where he played golf (scoring three holes-in-one) and was active in many community organizations. Four years ago, he moved to The Villages.

Richard was active in the United Methodist Church, Rotary International and The Jaycees. He was an avid sports fan, particularly enjoying University of Michigan football, where he held season tickets for nearly 50 years.

Richard is survived by his wife Joann; five children, Richard Michael of Clare, Sandra Wagner (Tim) of Climax, Marcia White (Artis) of Lansing, James Wilcox (Mary) of Ortonville and Susan Delp (Michael) of Clearwater, Florida. He had one surviving sister, Lillian, of Ypsilanti. He has eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services celebrating Richard's life will take place on May 15, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. at the Sherman-Wilk Funeral Home in Ortonville. Burial will be in the Ortonville Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Ortonville Montessori School, 260 M-15, in Ortonville.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Organization at:

<http://act.alz.org/goto/Richard.Wilcox>

or the Richard Wilcox Scholarship Fund at 260 M-15, Ortonville, MI 48462.

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Tribute Wall

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“ There is not a memory of my high school years that you and your family are not part of. We are sorry for your loss, he was a wonderful man. Love all of you.

Tom and TraceyWright - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I am proud to say that he is my Grandpa. He will be greatly missed. I love you Grandpa.

Jessica - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Dear Susan and Mike: I am sending you all my love and prayers during this most difficult time. I never had the pleasure of meeting your father, but I know how dear he was to the two of you and how badly he will be missed. Know that if God takes you to it, He will take you through it, and also know that I will be here waiting when you are ready.

Jean - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ To the Wilcox family, We hope happy memories will comfort you during your time of loss. God bless.

Randy, Pilar and Dean Delp - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Wilcox Family: You have my deepest condolences at this time. May good memories sustain you at this time of sorrow.

Nancy Blackwood - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Tammy and I send our love to the entire Wilcox family. We feel so fortunate that we were able to know Dick, the wonderful patriarch of the Wilcox family, and his lovely wife Joann. I will always treasure sitting outside in the Florida sun and enjoying great conversation, a good drink and a fine cigar with Dick and his son-in-law Michael and then later joining all of our spouses for a great evening. We will miss you Dick Tammy and Gunnar Spencer

Tammy and Gunnar Spencer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Susan, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time. Sincerely, The KPMG Team

The KPMG Team - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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