

Wayne L. Lawrie

July 17, 1931 - January 10, 2016

Resided in Bloomfield Hills, MI

Obituary

Wayne L. Lawrie died January 10, 2016 in Bloomfield Hills, MI. He is a former resident of Bingham Farms, MI. Wayne was 84 years old, born July 17, 1931 in Highland Park, MI to Colin and Ivy Lawrie. He was the youngest of eight children. He graduated from Highland Park High School and then Michigan State University in 1954.

Wayne loved following all sports, such as football, hockey and baseball. However, he was a successful baseball player in his own right. He played in college at MSU, and then spent time as a professional player in the Boston Red Sox farm system. He mostly played with an affiliate team in San Jose, CA, but did play one game in Fenway Park with the major league club. Later in life, Wayne became a passionate golfer. He played as much as he could, and was a former member of Oakland Hills Country Club.

Wayne's professional baseball career ended when he was called up to active duty in the US Air Force. He served three years active duty, and then spent nine years as a reserve. He was a very patriotic man, and proud of his military service. Following his this time Wayne spent many years selling radio broadcast advertising. He eventually ran his own advertising agency, Sales Motivating Associates.

Wayne was the beloved husband of Norma for 63 years; loving father of Michelle Nierman (James) and Claudine Hoppen (Mark); devoted grandfather of 5. He was predeceased by his seven older siblings.

Family will receive friends Wednesday, January 13,
4 - 8 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel).

Funeral Mass will be Thursday 10:30 a.m. at St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695

Lincoln (at Lahser), Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins at 10 a.m.