



Woldemar "Wally" Henry Nikkel

April 20, 1927 - October 13, 2020

NIKKEL, Woldemar "Wally" Henry. October 13, 2020. Age 93. Beloved husband of the late Joann, and former spouse of Patricia, the mother of his sons. Loving and hardworking father of Steve (Laura), Ralph (Teresa), Greg (Michele), and Jim (Amy). Incredible and extremely proud grampa of Steve (Renee), Chad (Jennifer), Katie, Angela (Mike) Wawrzyniak, Lisa, Kevin (Crystal), Olivia, Shane, Karlie, Sydney, and Tess. Adored great grampa of Kenzie, Abby, Clint, Weston, Brookes, Elle, Michael III, and Lillian. Treasured brother of Victor and John. Wally will also be loved and remembered always by many nieces, nephews, and his step children, Krista (Mark) Kuligowski, Brett (Maureen) Peterson, and Kara (Bryan) Tulley; 7 step grandchildren; 1 step great grandchild. He was predeceased by his parents, Jacob and Catherine, and siblings, Margaret Johnson, and Alex.

A few of his minor accomplishments throughout his life were: managing the Roseville Theater when he was 16-18 years old (for younger generations reading - this was the the "go-to" theater back in the day), Valedictorian of his Roseville class of 1945, M/SGT U.S. Army - Korean Conflict - earning a Bronze Star for meritorious service, elected Justice of the Peace for Erin Township (Roseville, East Detroit) at the age of 21, owned Nikkel Accounting Service - Roseville, Real Estate Broker - Parkway Real Estate, Accountant - Mt. Clemens Metal Products, Dearborn Schools Business Manager, Financial Administrator to multiple Community Colleges including; Macomb Community College where he was VP/Treasurer and instrumental in the very beginning of the institution; & Henry Ford Community College; Provost/Treasurer of Oakland Community College and was involved in the expansion of 3 campuses, Chief Business Administrator for the Law Firm of Miller, Canfield Paddock & Stone, and Honorary Doctorate from the Detroit College of Business.

Knowledge and continued education was paramount to Wally. Being the planner Wally was, he not only planned for his funeral, but also made sure to get his absentee vote in for this coming election - MAGA.

Due to the given circumstances, there will be no public visitation or service. A Memorial

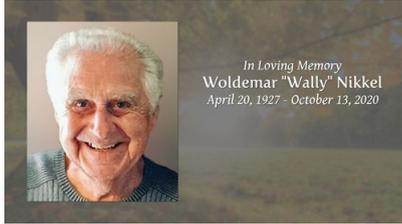
Service will be held at a later date. The Nikkel family wishes to thank all of Wally's many friends and relatives for their prayers and support during this difficult time... Words cannot express how much we love him and will miss him, and this world is truly a lesser place without him.

Interment, Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery, Clinton Township. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Woldemar "Wally" Henry Nikkel*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - October 08, 2023 at 02:44 PM

LW

“ *I have known Wally since first grade, and have kept in contact all these many years. I was shocked and saddened to hear the news of his passing. Thanks for all the wonderful memories. Rest in peace my dear friend, you will be missed.*
Lucille Walquist

Lucille Walquist - October 19, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Woldemar "Wally" Henry Nikkel.*



October 16, 2020 at 09:38 AM

DN

“ *Among the thousands of colleagues I had at OCC during my 42 years, Wally was one of the best: professional and friendly, he was a model educator and very popular as an administrator. Devoted to the welfare of students, faculty and staff, he always worked for the welfare of all. It was my pleasure to serve on the Foundation which had Wally's full support. He was one of the people who made OCC a great place to work. Dr. Don Nichols, Emeritus Prof. of Psychology*

Donald D Nichols - October 15, 2020 at 07:50 PM



Wally "educated" me when I first came on to the Board. I am and will always be grateful for his kindness, intellect and love for OCC students. Will always recall Wally's beautiful smile and infectious laugh. Rest In Peace my friend.

Sandra Ritter - October 16, 2020 at 05:17 PM

PO

“ Wally...a longtime friend who will be truly missed. My condolences to your family. Rest In Peace my dear friend!

Pat Obry

Pat Obry - October 15, 2020 at 06:59 PM

NM

“ So sorry for your loss. Seems so odd that I was thinking about him the other day. Again so sorry.

Nannette Mercier - October 15, 2020 at 05:08 PM

BE

“ Brian E. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Woldemar "Wally" Henry Nikkel.



Brian E. - October 15, 2020 at 04:14 PM

DJ

“ Dr. Nikkel served as the Vice President of Business & Finance at Oakland Community College from 1968 through 1981. He was hired by Dr. John Tirrell, the first president of OCC, during its formative years. He was one of the five incorporators of the OCC Foundation in 1979 and served on its inaugural Board of Directors through 1986 and again from 1991 through 1998. He helped lay the groundwork for a successful organization that has raised over \$10 million and benefited thousands of OCC students. We would not have the Foundation today without his early advocacy and support, and many students would not have earned their degrees were it not for his efforts.

Wally is an unsung hero to OCC. We will miss him.

Dan Jenuwine
OCC Foundation

Dan Jenuwine - October 15, 2020 at 02:27 PM