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Mr. Robert W. Swanker, Sr., age 92, passed away Saturday morning, April 11, 2009. He was born June 13, 1916 in Muskegon to Bert J. and Mabel (Gibbs) Swanker. Mr. Swanker was a 1936 graduate of Muskegon High School, where he held the State record for many years in the 100 yard and 220 yard dash. He also was a 63 year consecutive season ticket holder for the Big Red football team, which he was very proud of. Mr. Swanker worked for Tri City Tool and Die for many years before retiring. He had been a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for many years, enjoyed listening and dancing to music, and also enjoyed his many years of wintering in Florida. On June 24, 1938 he married the former Brunhilda "Bea" Mazeikis in Muskegon and she survives him along with 4 children, Robert W. (Jan) Swanker, Jr. of Roosevelt Park, James (Bonnie) Swanker of Norton Shores, Mari (Dayre) Newport of Davis, IL, Jack D. Swanker of Roosevelt Park; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; sister, Charlotte Zagaroli of Hickory, North Carolina; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Kibbey and a sister, Margrathe Blakeman. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 3:00 PM Thursday at

The Walburn Chapel

Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.

1547 W. Sherman Blvd.

(231) 759-8565

with Rev. Thomas Scott officiating. Burial will take place in Norton Cemetery.

VISITATION with the family will be from 2-4 & 6-8 PM Wednesday. MEMORIALS to Harbor Hospice or the Noah Project will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com



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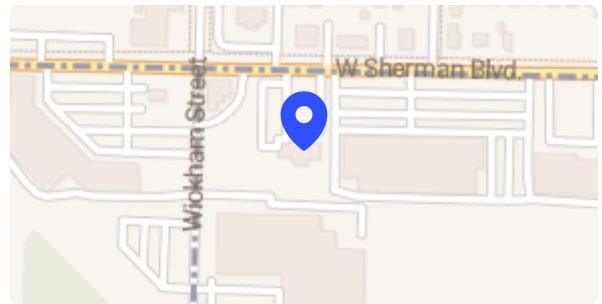
Visitation

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Walburn Chapel

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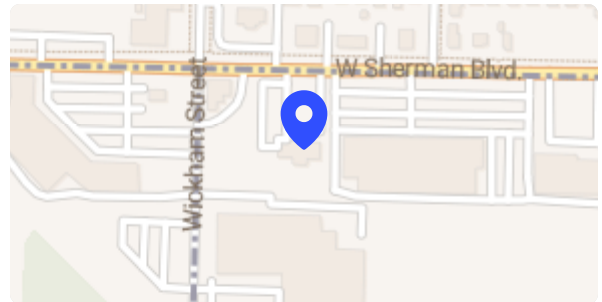
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Anonymous posted:

Bea and entire family:You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bob was a very special gentleman and will be missed by many.Sincerely, Jo & Jerry##imported-begin##Jo and Jerry Privasky##imported-end##

April 15 at 7:21 AM



Anonymous posted:

Bea, I am sorry to hear of Bob's loss and I want you to know that he, like you, were great neighbors, not to mention God Parents who were always there for me growing up. Please give my regards to the family. Love, Mark##imported-begin##Mark Posvistak##imported-end##

April 14 at 6:06 PM



Anonymous posted:

We send our sincere sympathy to your family. Remember that we are here to support you in your time of loss today, and for as long as you need us.The Staff of Harbor Hospice##imported-begin##Poppen Hospice Staff##imported-end##

April 14 at 3:32 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bea I am so sorry for your lost##imported-begin##Betty Hoisington##imported-end##

April 14 at 2:43 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert W. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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