



Richard A. Piper

September 15, 1924 - April 8, 2019

Richard A. Piper passed away on April 8, 2019, at the age of 94, in Rochester Hills. He was born on September 15, 1924 to Lewis and Josephine (Schupert) in Grosse Pointe. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth. Devoted and loving father of Dawn Piper. Richard was a very kind, gentle and generous man. While some thought him to be quiet and reserved, he had a wonderful wit and sense of humor. He lived a very long and happy life, and after his retirement from Detroit Edison, he did what he liked to the best; fish, gamble, watch wrestling and work in the gardens. Up until very recently, you could see him riding around on his tractor every day; waving to all of the neighbors. And even though his daughter Dawn, was never able to teach him the difference between a prized rare plant and a weed, he was a great help in maintaining our yard and gardens. He loved animals and was never without a dog and cat. When he moved in with his daughter after his wife, Elizabeth, died, he found himself surrounded by two large dogs, four cats, and a flock of noisy tropical birds, but never complained. Actually, he never complained about anything; not on Dawn's cooking or cleaning abilities, my many projects scattered all over the house and yard, or all of the time he spent with his daughter on volunteer gardening activities.

To honor his memory, a Victorian gazebo will be built on the grounds of the Loren Andrus Octagon House in Washington, Michigan, built in 1860 and officially listed on the National Register of Historic places. Once completed, a memorial and dedication ceremony will be planned. This will be a lasting tribute to Richard A. Piper. Dawn's father, enhancing the community he lived in for the past 20 years, and will help to support the many activities of the Octagon House.

Memorial remembrances may be sent to the Friends of the Octagon House, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, to help in the landscaping and beautification of the gazebo.

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Comments



“ Dick Piper was one of the dearest and kindest men we ever had the pleasure of knowing. He was extremely thoughtful and generous and was always thinking of others before himself.

Another wonderful quality of Dick's was that he never complained - not about anyone or anything. That trait, coupled with his sense of humor, made him a unique and special person.

Dick was an unbelievably good friend for many, many years and we will always cherish our memories of him.

William & Shelley Ronne - April 13 at 08:17 AM