



John H. Hillman

December 17, 1919 - May 9, 2014

John H. Hillman of Cadillac passed away at home with his family by his side on Friday, May 9, 2014. He was 94.

John was born in Cadillac on December 17, 1919 to John P. and Anna M. Hillman. He graduated from Cadillac High School in 1937. He served his country from 1941-1945, being honorably discharged as a tech sergeant from the U.S. Army Air Corps. While stationed in the states he married Wilda Miller on August 21, 1942 in Enid, Oklahoma and they shared 71 years together in marriage.

John's life was defined by his devotion to his wife, family, God and church. He was a lifelong active member of the Zion Lutheran Church. Sunday was his favorite day of the week where he could be found at church greeting parishioners and visitors, singing in the choir, and teaching Sunday School. John was past President of the Cadillac Optimist Club, and a member of the Christian Business Men's Club. He held a membership at the Cadillac Country Club, loved being outdoors with golf being a game he enjoyed very much. After retirement from a career in sales, and personnel management, John and Wilda enjoyed many years together traveling and wintering in both Florida and Arizona.

John was a very loving, kind, and gentle soul with a contagious positive

outlook on life, gifted with story telling, magic tricks, and mealtime prayers that were always cherished.

John is survived by his wife Wilda, sons Tim (Sheri) of Cadillac, Tom (Molly) of Roscommon, daughters Deb Barney of Petoskey, Liz (Leonard) Terranova of Byron Center, and Martha (Bill) Norman of Grand Rapids; grandchildren: Andy, Laurie, Sarah, Mary Ann, Katie, Susie, Erik, Patrick, Courtney, and Shelby; great grandchildren: Zacary, David, Blake, Grace, Stefan, Lucy, Ella, Olivia, Grant, Luke, Mitchell, Jack. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son Philip.

The family wishes to give a special thanks to the wonderful caregivers: Mickey Yurak, Linda Blakely, Sharon Horton, Bonnie Van Houten, Diana Holik, and Bonnie Salmon and the Hospice of Michigan.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 pm Tuesday at the Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Reverend Scott Torkko officiating. Visitation will be held at the Church one hour before funeral services. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Zion Lutheran Church. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *The last time I saw him was in 1968 when my mother and father and I went to his office to speak with him. We are related. Anna Hillman was my father's aunt. My father's name was George Falk and his father's name was John Falk. My father was born in Cadillac Michigan. His parents were from Sweden. His father's birth name was Johannes Karlsson and he changed it to Falk when he came to the USA. John Falk's wife was Emma Carolina Bergmark Falk. Please contact me for further discussion. hawkins.sara56@gmail.com*

Sara Falk Hawkins

Sara N Hawkins - December 24, 2022 at 05:58 PM

JH

“ *My condolences to all the family. You have lost a wonderful man and family leader who touched many lives. My prayers and sympathies to you all.*

Jeff Harrold - May 18, 2014 at 07:38 PM

JR

“ *John was the sweetest man. Condolences to the family to the Hillman family.*

Julie Racine - May 15, 2014 at 12:26 PM

MS

“ *May the Holy Spirit give you comfort and peace at this time of sorrow*

Melody Stevens - May 14, 2014 at 09:55 AM

DJ

“ I am sorry to hear of John's passing. I have fond memories of him. He was a very friendly and welcoming guy. Condolences to the Hillman family.

Dave Brines Jr. - May 13, 2014 at 08:59 PM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

John & Linda Coffell - May 12, 2014 at 10:55 PM

LT

“ Wa-Pa was a kind and gentle person who always had time for us. He will be missed greatly by all of us family and his many friends.

Liz, Leonard and Patrick Terranova - May 12, 2014 at 09:51 PM

ZB

“ He will be missed by many. I will always cherish the memories I have of him showing me magic tricks and playing bumper pool.

Zacary Bonnell - May 12, 2014 at 12:23 PM