



## Kenneth L. Whaley

July 28, 1927 - June 24, 2018

Kenneth L. Whaley of Cadillac passed away Sunday afternoon, June 24, 2018 at Samaritas Senior Living in Cadillac. He was 90.

He was born on July 28, 1927 in Cadillac to Gerald & Verna (Kanouse) Whaley and they preceded him in death. On July 8, 1950 in Cadillac he married Donna Emmons and she preceded him in death on December 31, 2014.

Ken graduated from Cadillac High School in 1946 where he played varsity football for four years and had the honor of serving as captain his senior year. He served in the United States Army in the occupation forces in 1946 and discharged in 1948 serving in Japan during World War II. He was employed at Associated Truck Lines from 1950 until retiring in 1986.

Mr. Whaley enjoyed sports. He played for Cadillac Comets Hockey Team and softball for Caps Paint Store. He also bowled for Peterson Funeral Home for over 20 years. Mr. Whaley played golf, was a duplicate bridge player and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Cadillac Country Club and the Cadillac Elks Lodge. Mr. Whaley was a long time member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac.

Survivors include his children: Cynthia (Humphrey) VanderVlugt of Chase and

Teresa (Paul) VanHouten of Cadillac; grandchildren: Jonathan, Becky (Jim), Rodney, Marcus, Noah and great-grandchildren, Olivia Marie and Zander Jon.

In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by a daughter, Jacqueline "Jackie" Harris; a granddaughter, Anna VanHouten and siblings: Harold Whaley, Ardis Dillon and Janice Fuller.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Pastor Dawn Pooley officiating. Friends may meet the family Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac with full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church of Cadillac or Hospice of Michigan Cadillac Chapter. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ To the family of Kenneth Whaley, please accept my sympathies on the loss of your loved one. The pain we feel when we lose someone is indescribable, as I'm familiar with. These Bible scriptures have comforted me: 2 Corinthians - God gives comfort; John 5:28,29 - those in the graves will come out to a resurrection. May these comfort you until all your loved ones are with you again.

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**Julie D.** - June 27, 2018 at 11:40 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family. Uncle Kenny will always be remembered for his kind and welcoming spirit, his humor and smile.  
Mary (Emmons) Vyverman

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**Mary(Emmons) Anthony Vyverman Family** - June 27, 2018 at 03:35 AM

DB

“ What a wonderful man!! I hit many golf balls with Ken and never had a nicer, more fun person play the course with. Sympathies to the family. RIP, Ken.

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**Daniel Brooks** - June 26, 2018 at 08:38 AM