



Andrew J. Sikkema

April 22, 1934 - August 3, 2024

Andrew John Sikkema, age 90, of Farwell, passed away on Saturday, August 3, 2024. Andy was born the son of Andrew K and Mary E. (Newberry) Sikkema on April 22, 1934, in Hubbardston, Michigan. He married Marjean Winchell on August 13, 1955, in Homer Michigan, and she survives him. Andy served his country with the US Army during the Korean War. He had worked for Dow Chemical as a Chemical Engineer and Construction Representative as his career. During his career, Andy also was a licensed builder and established Elm Creek Estates where he built many homes. Andy and Marjean also developed Beech Tree Estates in Farwell. Andy and Marjean, as well as Janice and Mike Jenkins established Elm Creek Ltd, outside Farwell which continues in operation today.

Andy was very active in the Farwell community. He was a member of the Farwell area Chamber of Commerce and Farwell Area Historical Museum. He was active as a Coach and Umpire for the Farwell Little League, as well as being heavily involved with the Farwell Area Schools and School Board meetings. He was well known for being a giving person and loved to socialize everywhere he went.

Andy loved building and construction, working in his garden and orchard, renovating old cars and tractors, and especially spending time with family and friends.

Andy is survived by his wife, Marjean, his children, Andrew M. and Laura Sikkema of Marquette and Janice and Mike Jenkins of Farwell, his Son-In-

Law, John Jenkins of Menominee, his grandchildren, Andrew P Sikkema and Jessica Beauchamp of Massachusetts, Erin Sikkema and Darryn Adams of Marquette and Daniel and Maegan Jenkins of Clare, and Great Grandchildren, Tanner, Samantha, Nash, Savannah, and one expecting. Andy also leaves behind many close friends and extended family members. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Deann Jenkins in 2020, his parents, and his brother, Meredith Sikkema.

A memorial visitation to celebrate his life is scheduled to be held on Monday, August 26, 2024, from 10 AM until 12 noon at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Following the celebration, he will be interred in the Surrey Twp. Cemetery with Military Honors. A reception will be held at the Clare-Farwell American Legion Post 558 following the cemetery service. Please visit Andy's Tribute Page at the website, www.stephensonwym.com where you may leave his family online condolence messages.

Cemetery Details

Surrey Township Cemetery

101 W. Ludington Dr.
Farwell, MI 48622

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)
165 South Hall St.
P.O. Box 231
Farwell, MI 48622
(989) 588-9630
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<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Graveside Committal

AUG **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Surrey Township Cemetery
101 W. Ludington Dr.
Farwell, MI 48622

Tribute Wall



“ Dave and Cindy Martin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew J. Sikkema.

Dave and Cindy Martin - August 24, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew J. Sikkema.



August 24, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ i am so sorry to hear of andys passing what a nice guy he taught me so many things was never to busy to answer a question i had

Betty Shilling-Schweikert - August 14, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ My heart goes out to all of Andy's family. Zach and I had the privilege to care for Andy while he stayed with us at Country Care Assisted Living as our first resident. We grew to love Andy, and the family as they were able to visit quite often. Andy and I had many days that it was just the two of us. I grew fond of Andy right away. He was so full of knowledge. I loved picking his brain; and hearing all of his stories. He often talked of his family and the legacy he would leave behind... and boy did he leave a great legacy. I feel privileged to have known him. He will be greatly missed. ❤️
Rachel Fauth

Rachel Fauth - August 06, 2024 at 08:09 PM

JJ

Thank you. Dad loved you guys. He has left us with so many memories.

janice jenkins - August 07, 2024 at 01:58 PM

ZC

“ Zachary and Rachel, Country Care purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Andrew J. Sikkema.



Zachary and Rachel, Country Care - August 06, 2024 at 07:50 PM

SS

“ My heart goes out to Andy’s wife and Janice whom I met through Andy while I was one of his caregivers. Andy was a wonderful person full of history and interesting stories. He loved black licorice and black jelly beans. He was stubborn and hard headed but aren’t we all at times. I’ll always remember Andy’s great smile and kindness.

Sue Sutton - August 06, 2024 at 07:43 PM

JJ

Thank you Sue. You gave dad such wonderful care.

janice jenkins - August 07, 2024 at 01:59 PM