



## Edward C. Willey

January 31, 1930 - March 12, 2016

Edward "Ed" Willey, age 86 of Farwell, passed away Saturday evening, March 12, 2016 following a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Ed was born on January 31, 1930 to parents Jefferson and Rachel (Mayo) Willey near Farwell. He attended Farwell Schools where he enjoyed playing sports. He became a talented baseball player and was eventually invited to play for the Toledo Mudhens. He and Camilla (Howe) married on August 2, 1952 and resided in Farwell where they raised 3 children. After graduating from the Business College in Bay City, Ed worked for Holley Carburetor, then Ackerman's Plumbing until retirement. He and his brother Joseph, operated Willey's Tree Farms until the late 1990's. Ed was involved in the Farwell Little League and enjoyed coaching through many seasons. He and his brother officiated high school sports throughout Michigan. He loved deer hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Freeman and Joseph Willey. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Camilla; children Marylee (Mark) Raleigh, Pamela (George) Ockerman and Mark Willey; grandchildren Lyndsae, Jacob, George (Julie) Jr., Carolyn and Joshua (Margo); great grandchildren Garrett and Mia, along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.. Following the service a luncheon will take place at the Farwell Senior Center. Memorial

contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Farwell Little League.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)

165 South Hall St.

P.O. Box 231

Farwell, MI 48622

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<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

## Memorial Dinner

APR 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Farwell Senior Center

101 East Michigan

Farwell, MI 48622

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ Ed & Camilla have been wonderful neighbors for over 20 years. His dedication and service to Farwell Little League was truly telling of how special he was. Lady is an extended family member who we enjoy visiting with each day. I know she is missing Ed. Our sympathy goes out to the family as well as our prayers and thoughts.

*Sincerely, Marc, Shari, Matthew, Nina & Lucas Buccilli*

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**Shari Buccilli** - April 15, 2016 at 11:21 AM

CH

“ ED was such a good dear friend of our family. My husband the late Robert Hilyard felt like he was a brother to him. He was always there to lend a helping hand and had a way of lifting your spirits. My children all worked on the tree farm for him and loved every minute of it. Rest in peace old friend.

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**Carla Hilyard** - March 18, 2016 at 08:17 PM



Pamela Ockerman

*Thank you so much, Carla, for the wonderful words! He and Bob were a big part of each other's lives. They were great working together on the farm.*

*Pam and Family*

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**Pamela Ockerman** - March 24, 2016 at 07:31 PM

BV

“ my family are sorry we did not no in time to come i will miss not seeing him on the roads Barry van buskirk

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**barry vanbuskirk** - March 16, 2016 at 01:01 PM



Pamela  
Ockerman

*Barry, thank you. We are actually having a little service for Dad on Saturday, April 16th around noon at the funeral home in Farwell. It would be so nice to have you stop by and visit. -- Pam and Family*

**Pamela Ockerman** - March 17, 2016 at 10:37 AM

DB

*So many wonderful memories of Mr. Willey. (I just can't call him Ed) One in particular is being little enough to be buckled into one seatbelt with Mark..and him taking us over to the Farm to play (and likely drive him crazy) He was always cheerful, and sweet and funny...best neighbor ever to grow up across the street from. Willey family , you have my heartfelt sympathy and you are in my thoughts and prayers. -- Debbie (Dent) Bell and family.*

**Debbie Bell** - March 19, 2016 at 06:32 AM

MW

*Thank you Debbie, I was lucky that I had him as my dad.*

**mark willey** - March 19, 2016 at 03:45 PM

MR

*Thank you Debbie.*

**Marylee (Willey) Raleigh** - March 23, 2016 at 04:16 PM

GS

*I met Ed here at MediLodge. But knew his brother Joe and sister in law Beverly from Northwoods. Such a lovely family and Ed was always smiling. I enjoyed working with him. God bless his family.*

**Gerilou Spangler** - March 24, 2016 at 12:24 AM

CW

*Thank you for your caring.*

**Camilla willey** - March 24, 2016 at 07:26 PM

TR

*I must add my words to all of these wonderful memories of Ed. Being a cousin of Camilla's, I knew Ed through her. Throughout the years and many family gatherings, we all got to know Ed very well. On behalf of my whole family, we all loved Ed and felt fortunate to have him as part of our extended family. Our deepest sympathy to the whole family of Ed Willey.*

*Treva Robinson 4-4-16*

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**Treva Robinson** - April 04, 2016 at 11:52 AM

CW

*Thank you so much, Treva.*

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**Camilla Willey** - April 05, 2016 at 11:05 AM

JW

*I have a lot of memories of working in the Christmas Trees, and hunting with Uncle Ed. When deer hunting I always seemed to work my way to his "Hilton Deer Blind" and we would sit & talk quietly about many things in life. He was always there for me.*

*Jerry Willey*

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**Jerry Willey** - April 16, 2016 at 08:17 AM