



Harold W. Bylsma

July 7, 1929 - October 7, 2018

Harold Wayne Bylsma was born July 7, 1929 in Flint, MI and died on October 7, 2018 after 89 years of life. He was being treated for Multiple Myeloma. Harold grew up in Holly, MI and graduated high school from Adelpian Academy in Holly. After working a year in construction, he attended Andrews University (MI), Walla Walla University (College Place, WA), and ultimately graduated from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI) with a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering. His first job was with the City of Highland Park, MI; He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served from 1955-57, spending time in France and other countries in Western Europe. He worked for several years on the planning and design team for Pacific Union College (Angwin, CA) and then held positions in various Detroit area private engineering firms before joining the U.S. Government Department of Housing and Urban Development in Detroit for the last 23 years of his career. Harold enjoyed an active retirement, beginning in 1994, with his wife Alma, whom he married in 1959, and was her caregiver for that last several years of her life. Harold was an unrelenting perfectionist in all that he did. He was artistic and appreciated beauty and good design. The "little things" mattered to Harold. He spent his spare time, and retirement years, gardening, picking fresh fruit with his wife Alma, baking, watching auto races and keeping the yard, flower gardens and house he and his father built in 1968 in good shape. Harold was preceded in death by his brother Dr. Glenn Wm. Bylsma (1926-2015) of Waynesville OH and his wife of 58 years, Alma Ruth Bylsma (1931-2017). He is survived by

sons Wayne (Philadelphia, PA) and Wesley (Holly, MI). Funeral service at 12:00 noon, Dryer Funeral Home, Holly MI, preceded by visitation beginning at 11:00am on Wed. Oct. 10, 2018. Donations preferred in lieu of flowers to Holly SDA Church (hollysdachurch.org) or the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (adra.org). www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Harold and Alma were some of the dearest people that I have ever had the privilege to know. When I accepted the faith at the age of 18, Alma loved, guided and mentored me. They both were a kind support to me through many years of raising my family and the sudden death of my husband. I can only rejoice in the thought of a happy reunion when our Saviour returns!

Paula Gardner Olsen

Paula Olsen - October 22, 2018 at 09:25 AM

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“ The Bylsma's have been good neighbors for many years. They will be missed. Mark and Linda Smith

Linda Smith - October 12, 2018 at 09:53 PM

HC

“ As a neighbor, I thought it was so nice how consistently he took care of his wife and yard-and the way his son like clockwork came by for a couple of hours after work each day to visit.

Holly Covell - October 10, 2018 at 04:56 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. The Bylsma Family is in our prayers.
Pastor Daniel & Petra Ferraz
"Jesus said...I am the Resurrection and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? John 11:25, 26.

Daniel Ferraz - October 10, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Harold W. Bylsma.*



October 09, 2018 at 09:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold W. Bylsma.*



October 09, 2018 at 01:35 AM



“ *Friends from the ACP Executive Office and ECBOR purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Harold W. Bylsma.*



Friends from the ACP Executive Office and ECBOR - October 08, 2018 at 12:53 PM



“ *Julie McClure purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harold W. Bylsma.*



Julie McClure - October 08, 2018 at 07:40 AM