



Russell D. Haddon

November 12, 1914 - May 8, 2012

Russell D. Haddon, 97, of Fenton, died peacefully at home on his beloved farm near Fenton on May 8, 2012. He was born on November 12, 1914 in Detroit, Michigan to Daniel C. and Dora B. (Heller) Haddon. Russell was a graduate of Fenton High School. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Education from Michigan Normal College (Eastern Michigan University) and a Master's from the University of Michigan. He served his country in the Navy during World War II. Russell was the first Superintendent for Lake Fenton Community Schools, where he served for sixteen years and for Holly Area Schools for fourteen. He was a father, an educator, community servant, nurseryman, environmentalist, and patron of the local arts community. Upon his retirement from Holly Schools, Russ started his second career, establishing the Russ Haddon Nursery. Local families have purchased Christmas Trees from the Haddon Nursery for over fifty years. The business has provided landscaping design and installation to commercial and consumer customers since 1965. Through his wise stewardship his 80 acre farm was placed in the Nature Conservancy and his generous contributions made it possible for the Fenton Village Players to find a permanent home where the theatre was named for his wife Sibyl. Russell is survived by sons Harold (Beverly) of Denver, CO and Lance (Carol Putnam) of Carnation, WA, grandsons Matthew and Blair, and great-grandchildren Kai, Ian, and Natalie of Portland, OR, and by his beloved companion, Nancy Mason of Linden, MI. A memorial church service celebrating Russell's life will be held at 10:00 AM

Friday, May 25, 2012 at St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 106 East Elizabeth St., Fenton, MI. A celebratory reception for all will be held following the service at the Fenton Village Theatre, 14197 Torrey Rd., Fenton, MI. Friends and family will be invited to share remembrances of Russell at the reception. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Nature Conservancy or the Fenton Village Players.

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