



## Harold C. Wakeman

December 25, 1933 - March 17, 2008

Loving husband, mentor, teacher, father, grandfather, brother and friend passed away unexpectedly at his home in Sarasota, Florida. Age 74 years. Harold was born on December 25, 1933 in Hartland, Michigan to the late Martin Albert and Thelma L. (Robison) Wakeman. Harold was raised on the family farm in Hartland, Mich. until the family moved to Frankenmuth where he helped his family build and operate the Ken Theatre. Harold was confirmed from St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. He graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1951. He began his college studies at Flint Junior College, the precursor to U-M Flint, before attending the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science in Milwaukee. He graduated from WIMS in 1955 and was Board Certified by the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards. He then entered the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged from reserve service in 1961. He married Judy M. Satchell on June 13, 1959. She survives him.

Harold had worked for Richard F. Gugel, Sr. at the Gugel Funeral Home from 1957 until 1965 when he purchased the business. He operated it as the Gugel-Wakeman Funeral Home until 1974 when he renamed it the Wakeman Funeral Home. Harold served as Saginaw County Coroner until the system was phased out and replaced with the current Medical Examiner's system. He authored the "Think about it..." series of articles that appeared in The Saginaw News during the 1970s. He was a member of the first group of non-medical students to become certified as an Eye Enucleator through the

Michigan Eye Bank and then in 1981 was re-certified through Wayne State University School of Medicine. He was a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and past president of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association District 12. He was an active member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church where he served on many boards. He was a founding member of the Saginaw County Drug Board, an instructor for Saginaw County's original Hospice group, was past president of the former Saginaw Westside Lions Club and held memberships in the Frankenmuth Conservation Club, Eagles Club - Albright Shores, the DAV and the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame Association. Harold was honored to be called upon each year to provide the opening prayer at the annual Arthur Hill Letterwinner's Banquet. He was very active during the founding of Valley Lutheran High School and was one of the "original families". He volunteered in a number of capacities, including, serving as president of the Valley Lutheran High School Booster Club. He was awarded a Proclamation from the Michigan State Legislature for his service as County Coroner, was named Who's Who of Michigan, and in 2005 he was honored by the Michigan Funeral Directors Association with the distinguished 50-year Licensee service recognition. Harold currently served as the Venetian Park Estates Assoc. Secretary for the past six years.

Following his retirement in 1998, Harold and Judy spent all of their winter time at their Sarasota, Fla. home with their "Florida family", then during summers they lived at their cottage on Wixom Lake. He thoroughly enjoyed his time with his family and friends at both homes.

Harold was a truly compassionate man. He served his families with the utmost respect, dignity and professionalism. His legacy in service to man and community will be deeply missed by all.

Surviving him, and at the heart of his loving family, is his beloved wife, Judy; his five children and their spouses, Brian (Lora) Wakeman, Thomas Twp.; Toni

Schotts, Saginaw; Tracy (Robert) Patterson, Saginaw; Rodney (Johanna) Wakeman, Saginaw Twp.; and Melanie (Michael) Beall, Saginaw Twp.; his nine grandchildren, all who made Grandpa so proud, Brandon, Keaton, Bryce, Taylor, Madison, Kayla, Meredith, Cade and Dylan; two brothers and one sister, Kenneth (Violet) Wakeman, Fowlerville; Carol Bannerman, Millington; Dale (Sue) Wakeman, Davison; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He also leaves a great number of dear friends in Florida and Michigan. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary K. Wakeman.

The Funeral Celebration will take place 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 Court St. The Rev. Timothy J. Loewe will officiate. Private committal and burial will take place in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery.

Friends are welcome to visit with the family at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Easter Sunday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Monday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., and then on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. For those who wish to express their sympathies, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Valley Lutheran High School Foundation for the Harold C. Wakeman Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Memories and sympathies may be shared with the family online at [www.WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://www.WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

4700 Brockway Rd.  
Saginaw, MI 48638

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
600 Court St.  
Saginaw, MI 48602

## Visitation

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
600 Court St.  
Saginaw, MI 48602

## Service

MAR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
600 Court St.  
Saginaw, MI 48602



# Tribute Wall



“ *Wakeman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold C. Wakeman*



---

**Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Harold C. Wakeman*

---

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Harold C. Wakeman*

---

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Happy 78th birthday dad! We all miss you and miss celebrating this special day with you.*



---

**Rodney Wakeman** - December 25, 2011 at 12:43 PM

“ I just remember him being such a jovial, fun loving guy. I remember how much he cared and loved for his family. I also remember how much he cared and loved for his friends. I remember those nights where both of them were laughing it up with my parents in my childhood home. I remember how much he loved his wife. You could just hear it in his conversations with her. God you took a wonderful man here..though I don't fully understand why we lose such great human beings too early, my faith tells me you had good reason. Because of sin our days are numbered but we can still find solace knowing Harold has been delivered to a perfect place with a perfect body looking down on his earthly family rejoicing knowing they too will be reunited again!!!

*1 Corinthians 15:54-57*

*Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled:*

*“Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*O death, where is your victory?*

*O death, where is your sting?”*

*For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Revelation 14:13*

*And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!”*

*Yes Harold your good deeds surely have followed you to the Lord and though it is difficult for your family and friends to cope with such a great loss we, as Christians know that our days are numbered and that our heavenly reward far out weighs our earthly rewards. You are a great Godly man. Reap the heavenly rewards of your hard, earthly work you've earned it.*

*Lord I pray that you send continued comfort to the Wakemans family. Lord I pray that you ease their sorrow never forgetting you are a loving God even when things do not seem right. I pray Lord that others will be transformed by the character of Harold Wakeman and the children he raised. His tribute to you Lord was raising God fearing and God loving children. What a testimony!! Harold Rest in Peace, Enjoy in Eternity. GOD BLESS THE WAKEMANS!! LOVE AND MISS YOU ALL!!*

*Wes, Shelly, Jordan & Emma Wood*

---

**Wes Wood** - March 17, 2011 at 10:33 PM



*Thank you for such beautiful words!*

*While our two families have been linked through the good times and memories of our Valley Lutheran days, and bad times through our losses so close together, we know that through faith in Him we will be together with them again.*

*Until then, we remember our loved ones on these special days and every day, giving comfort to each other and never letting their memory fade.*

*God bless you.*

---

**Rodney Wakeman** - March 20, 2011 at 05:22 PM



“ On this, the third anniversary of our father’s death, we reflect, once again, upon his life as husband, father, grandfather, teacher, friend and professional. His family, friends and countless client families that called upon his trusted knowledge were important to him. We ask that as you remember him today, you recall his steadfast principles of caring for others and join us in making a donation in any amount to the Valley Lutheran High School Foundation. Thank you.



Rodney Wakeman - March 17, 2011 at 10:27 AM



“ Emma (brenner) schmude was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 21, 2010 at 11:29 AM



“ Charles Schmude was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 21, 2010 at 11:28 AM



“ Frank Daniel Bourke was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 21, 2010 at 11:24 AM



“ Grace (peterson) bourke was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 21, 2010 at 11:23 AM



“ Catherine (willis) yakes was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 21, 2010 at 11:20 AM



“ Elmer Yakes was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 21, 2010 at 11:19 AM



“ Genevieve Helen (bourke) yakes was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 21, 2010 at 11:09 AM



“ James Yakes was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 21, 2010 at 11:08 AM



“ Martha (thrun) krenke was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 21, 2010 at 11:06 AM



“ Otto Krenke was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 21, 2010 at 11:06 AM



“ Sue (zeilinger) wakeman was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 20, 2010 at 09:53 AM



“ *Harriet Amarilla (kimball) wakeman was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - August 20, 2010 at 09:51 AM



“ *William Charles Wakeman was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - August 20, 2010 at 09:51 AM



“ *Eleanor Clara (krenke) schmude was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - August 20, 2010 at 09:38 AM



“ *Carl Schmude was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - August 20, 2010 at 09:35 AM



“ *Chad Schmude was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - August 20, 2010 at 09:34 AM



“ *Theresa Marie (oroz) schmude was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - August 20, 2010 at 09:34 AM



“ *John Peter Schmude was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - August 20, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ Janet Grace (yakes) schmude was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 20, 2010 at 09:32 AM



“ Carl (john) John Schmude was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 20, 2010 at 09:31 AM



“ Alma (rosencrants) satchell was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 20, 2010 at 09:28 AM



“ Margaret (korbein) satchell was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 20, 2010 at 09:27 AM



“ Ida Mae (bidwell) satchell was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 20, 2010 at 09:26 AM



“ Beverly (satchell) ross was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 20, 2010 at 09:25 AM



“ James Satchell was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - August 20, 2010 at 09:24 AM



“ *Ida Mae (bidwell) satchell was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - August 20, 2010 at 09:23 AM



“ *Frank Ellsworth Satchell was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - August 20, 2010 at 09:23 AM



“ *Nelson David Satchell was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - August 20, 2010 at 09:21 AM



“ *Robert Patterson was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:51 PM



“ *Mary Wakeman was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:41 PM



“ *Dale B. Wakeman was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:40 PM



“ *Thelma L. (robison) wakeman was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:38 PM



“ *Judy M. (satchell) wakeman was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:32 PM



“ *Dylan S. Beall was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:25 PM



“ *Cade W. Beall was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:24 PM



“ *Keaton D. Schotts was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:24 PM



“ *Brandon L. Wakeman was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:23 PM



“ *Meredith Wakeman was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:23 PM



“ *Madison D. Wakeman was added to the Family Tree.*

-----  
**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:22 PM



“ Bryce D. Wakeman was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - July 28, 2010 at 12:22 PM



“ Melanie A. (wakeman) beall was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - July 28, 2010 at 12:22 PM



“ Kayla G. Wakeman was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - July 28, 2010 at 12:13 PM



“ Johanna G. (schmude) wakeman was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - July 28, 2010 at 12:12 PM



“ Rodney C. Wakeman was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - July 28, 2010 at 12:07 PM



“ Brian D. Wakeman was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - July 28, 2010 at 12:06 PM



“ Michael Beall was added to the Family Tree.

Rodney Wakeman - July 28, 2010 at 12:05 PM



“ Taylor M. Patterson was added to the Family Tree.

---

**Rodney Wakeman** - July 28, 2010 at 12:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Cemetery



---

**Rodney Wakeman** - March 19, 2010 at 10:16 AM



“ Two years later the seperation is as if it happened yesterday. The legacy you left touches us and teaches us every day. Miss you and love you.

---

**Rodney Wakeman** - March 17, 2010 at 08:23 AM



“ On this Christmas Day, we remember our father, Harold, who would have turned 76 years old today. We all love and miss you much. Happy Birthday dad.

---

**Rodney Wakeman** - December 25, 2009 at 08:24 PM