



## Richard (Wally) VanKempema

April 20, 1921 - July 3, 2016

Richard (Wally) Van Kempema, age 95, of Lakes of the Four Seasons, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 3, 2016 in the Crown Point Franciscan Communities Hospice, a family centered, life-affirming center. He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 71 years, Lillian; two children - Gary and Bruce Van Kempema; two grandchildren- Dirk and Gretchen Van Kempema; significant others: Ann Holch, Cheryl Van Kempema and Kelly Van Kempema. Wally was born in Chicago, IL, graduating from Morgan Park HS, earning his bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering from Rose Polytechnic Institute (Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology). He volunteered to join the Navy in 1943 to fight in WWII, and later working for Swenson Division of Whiting Corp. where he was chief engineer, responsible for the design of equipment for the pulp and paper and chemical industries. He and his wife Lillian, retired to live in Lake of the Four Seasons where they became active in the community enjoying couples golf and other affairs, and were founding members of the United Methodist Church of Four Seasons where he dedicated much time and energy to build the church as it is today. He was devoted to his family and especially his loving wife Lillian, always looking out for her to make sure she was ok. He also cared greatly for his Christian family at the COFS. He will be remembered always for his dedication to serve and his loving and caring works and deeds. Go in Peace Wally with God's Love and Grace. Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, July 9, 2016 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point from 1-3 p.m. followed by a brief prayer service

at 3 p.m. Services will conclude at the funeral home, with cremation to follow. A full military memorial service celebrating the life of Wally will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated to Alzheimer Association, Church of Four Seasons, or Crown Point Franciscan Hospice. w  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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## Prayer Service

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