



Dr. Wilfred Dwight Webb

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Dr. Wilfred Dwight Webb, age 95 of Hazel Park, Michigan passed away on July 2, 2016 at home. He was born on March 23, 1921 in Rathbone, Michigan to Thomas Franklin and May Pettit Webb.

Dr. Webb is pre-deceased by his beloved wife, Virginia Rose Webb and his brothers, Morley Webb and Cullen Webb.

He is survived by his son, Stephen (Amy) Webb. Grandfather of Willow, Autumn, Timothy, and Aria. Great-Grandfather of Eliza and (Master) Besi. He is also survived by Ralph Hamlin, his "son" and lifelong friend. Brother-in-law of Patricia Taylor, Colleen Webb Naru, Bethel Webb and James DePalma. Uncle of Maureen (Alan) Hockstra, Myrna (Harry) Woods, Thomas (Elizabeth) Webb, Jean (Greg) Gordon, Cullen D. (Karen) Webb, Rex (Carol) Webb, Rick (Linda) Webb, Robb Taylor and Deanna (James) Heacock.

Wilfred Webb attended elementary and secondary schools in Ithaca, MI. Graduating from Alma College in 1941, he accepted a job teaching for the Hazel Park Public Schools. He quickly became involved in the community in which he lived out the rest of his adult life. Becoming the local Boy Scout leader, lay leader and board member of First United Methodist in Hazel Park, and board member and later Chairman of Oakland General Health Systems and St. John's Health System. Wilfred became Counselor and Assistant Principal at age 27, Principal at age 29, Assistant Superintendent of Schools at age 33, and Superintendent of Hazel Park Community Schools at age 36.

Awarded honorary Doctor of Laws degree from his Alma mater, Alma College in 1970. He married the love of his life, Virginia, in June 1969. Became a foster parent before he and Virginia adopted their son Steve in 1975. Dr. Webb retired from school district after 17 years as Superintendent in 1974 and ran for Congress. Eventually went to work as an education consultant with the state and adviser to the state Senate Fiscal Committee before winning a special election as State Legislator, holding that seat until retiring after 9 1/2 years.



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Held memberships in various professional and community organizations: American Association of School Administrators, President of Michigan Association of School Administrators, Phi Delta Kappa, Association for Childhood Education, board member for Michigan Society of Mental Health, Lions International, board member and lay leader at First United Methodist of Hazel Park, board member and later Chairman of Oakland General Health Systems.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 6th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Thursday, July 7th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road (1 block North of 13 Mile Road, West side of John R. Road), Madison Heights, Michigan. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 8th beginning at 9:00 am Instate followed by a 10:00 am service at First United Methodist Church, Hazel Park, Michigan. Burial will take place at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dr. Webb's memory to Hazel Park Schools - After School and Summer Programs, "STUDENT THIS", 1620 E. Elza, Hazel Park, MI 48030 and City of Hazel Park, City Library - Dr. Webb, 123 E 9 Mile Rd, Hazel Park, MI 48030.



Events


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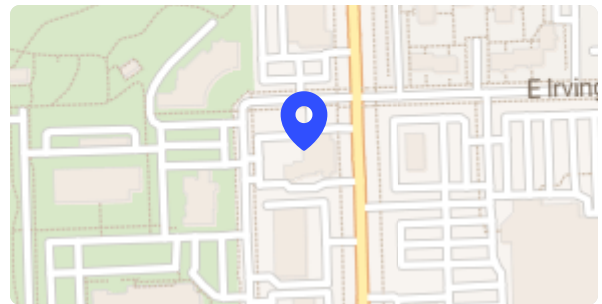
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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, July 6, 2016

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights**
31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights MI 48071

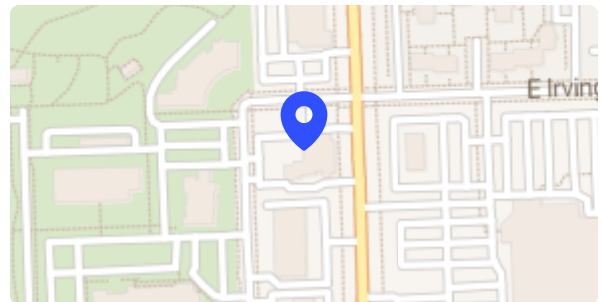


Visitation


 **Thursday**, July 7, 2016

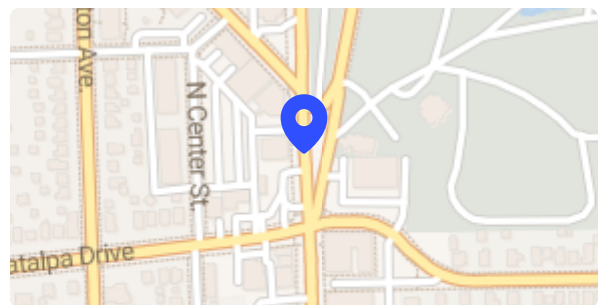
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Cemetery Details

 **Oakview Cemetery**
1032 N. Main Street, Royal Oak MI 48067





Tribute Wall

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LD

Lora Davis lit a candle in honor of Wilfred.

what a wonderful man.

November 30 at 5:21 PM



LG

Linda Beverly Gries posted:

I only have good memories of Dr. Webb. He was well respected. I remember him choosing me for a picture in the community school newsletter; I was at Hoover Elementary. God's blessing to the family.
Linda Beverly Gries

August 15 at 11:33 AM

JK

Jim Kosteva posted:

Dr. Webb was a unwavering, dedicated champion for education, and a deservedly respected legislator. Jim Kosteva

July 7 at 6:12 PM

HT

Hon Robert Turner posted:

Dr. Webb was a true gentleman. I am proud to have called him friend. I so enjoyed our morning coffees with Judge Agnello and Judge Voss at the Hazel Park Big Boy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Hon. Robert J Turner

July 7 at 5:37 AM

DK

Denise Szyborski Kelly July 10 at 5:44 AM

Thank you all for caring about the children of Hazel Park! Denise Szyborski Kelly class of 1974

NB

Noah Bird lit a candle in honor of Wilfred.

It is with heartfelt gratitude to the LORD for sending this very kind man out into the world for a little while; to help, to provide, to nurture and to love others as Mr. Webb and his beloved wife, Virginia did. They are truly worthy of remembering and imitating as we each seek to do good in this life. His was a life well lived and never to be forgotten. RIP until the LORD returns, Wilfred. ~ Faith Haislet

July 6 at 7:08 AM





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SM

Susan Mooney posted:

My dad worked for Mr. Webb when we moved here from Arkansas. He had a great deal of respect for Mr. Webb and my grandmother also knew him. He was even at her 80th birthday party! Such a special man, he will be greatly missed by not only his family but the entire city and beyond. Thank you Mr. Webb. Susan Kunze

July 6 at 6:30 AM

LS

Leon Spaysky posted:

Mr Webb touched us all.

July 6 at 2:57 AM

MM

Melinda Maily sent a virtual gift in honor of Wilfred.

My family is so blessed to have been able to call Virginia and Wilfred Webb dear friends. No two kinder, gentler and more loving souls have ever existed in this world! We'll look forward to seeing them again in the next! God bless you both! We love and miss you! George and Melinda Maily



July 5 at 5:32 PM

JD

Janice Archer Dodson posted:

I will always remember this kind man who taught at Lacey Jr. High and I believe was principal of the Jr. High on 9 Mile and John R. Helped everyone believe in themselves. I was honored to be invited to a panel discussion at Wayne State University when I was in Jr. High School with 6 other students. It helped greatly with self worth. I will never forget him and I am sure our heavenly Father knows of his great deeds and kindness. Janice Archer Dodson

July 5 at 12:52 PM

LW

Leona Webb July 6 at 7:38 AM

I remember all the great things that he has done even though I am much younger than he is. His father is my father's brother. He came from a wonderful family of educators. Wilfred is my first cousin. I remember when I was little he would come by when he was up north in Harrisville to visit my father and mother.



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Raymond Foley posted:

A kind and gentle man. May he rest in peace. RIF

July 5 at 8:45 AM



Les Schrecengost posted:

Thanks to Dr. Webb and John Noud (principal at HPHS) for their approval of me letting me attend night school to get the 2 credits I needed to graduate a yr early from HPHS and join the USAF at 17 yrs old. Dr. Webb was a blessing to this community for many yrs. God bless his family and may he rest in Peace. Les Schrecengost

July 5 at 5:11 AM



Charles Harvey posted:

God made Wilfred D. Webb as all men should be.

July 5 at 4:23 AM

LW **Leona Webb** July 6 at 7:40 AM
What a kind thing to say!



Charles Harvey lit a candle in honor of Wilfred.



July 5 at 4:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Webb family.



July 5 at 3:42 AM



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TJ

Terry Jenkins posted:

I knew Dr. Webb for over 45 years. He was an excellent Human being and a fierce friend to all who knew him. He will be sorely missed.

July 4 at 8:47 AM

JS

Jackie Sloan posted:

What a sweet caring man. I attended church with Dr. Webb for 50 yrs.

July 4 at 8:27 AM

MH

Markus Hagerty posted:

Dr Webb was my fathers mentor and friend for 50 years. My dad Dr. Robert Hagerty had tremendous respect for Dr. Webb. He was a kind man who was an innovative educator way before his time. Most of all he was just a class act and a quality individual who touched many many lives. I'm sure my dad will be extremely pleased to be united with his lifelong friend.

July 3 at 11:06 PM

DJ

Debbie Jewell posted:

I recently was employed at Amercian House had the honor of serving him his food. The other people didn't seems to impressed of his achievements . But I was . I was kid when he was super attendant at hazel park.

July 3 at 2:44 PM

CH

Carol Greer Husband posted:

I remember Dr. Webb. He was a wonderful educator and respected by all

July 3 at 1:30 PM



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BG

Bob Griffin posted:

Dr. Webb will be missed by all! Friends to all enemy to none!

July 3 at 12:23 PM

RM

Richard Moxley July 7 at 5:01 PM

Dr Webb was a fine example of a real man and mentor. At age 16 I didn't have a car available to take my driver's test and he suggested I use his which I did. I am 83 now and have never forgotten that . Rest in peace Dr. Webb Richard Moxley

LW

Leona Webb July 6 at 7:41 AM

What a legacy to leave with just that one statement--"Friends to all enemy to none!"

FV

Former State Representative Gary Vanek posted:

As a friend and serving with Wilfred Webb, I have seen a great man, who was humbled in all his service. He went above and beyond what most people would do. We have all loved his service to children and adults, thank the Lord for him.

July 3 at 11:33 AM

DO

Dean Ozment posted:

The nicest and most respected man from Hazel Park...

July 3 at 10:24 AM

IZ

Irene Zagar posted:

MR WEBB HAS BEEN A DEAR FAMILY FRIEND FROM THE TIME HE CAME TO HAZEL PARK AS A TEACHER. HE WAS ONLY A COUPLE OF YEARS OLDER THAN SOME OF HIS STUDENTS. I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO AT LEAST HAVE HIM FOR MY STUDY HOUR. HE WAS SO GOOD TO EVERYONE. HE BOUGHT US PIZZAS, WALKED ALL OVER HAZEL PARK WITH US, SHARED HIS CAR WITH LOCAL BOYS, CREATED A RECREATION AREA JUST NORTH OF HAZEL PARK, BECAME A STATE REP. I ALREADY MISS HIM. BUT THANK GOODNESS I HAVE WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF HIM., IRENE ZAGARHAZEL PARK.

July 3 at 9:26 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wilfred by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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