



William "Bill" A. Wang, 95, of Midland, died October 20, 2010 at Tendercare of Midland. He was born in Van Buren County, Michigan on August 1, 1915 to the late Earnest Arthur and Frances Louise (Sands) Wang. He married Lois Jean Richards, daughter of Lester J. and Carol Frances Richards of Midland on May 12, 1943.

Education has always been important in Bill's life. His formal education began in Almena District #2, a one room rural school, and continued with his secondary education in the Paw Paw Public Schools. Bill went on to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo where he received his B.A. degree, cum laude, and was a member of the Honor Societies in Mathematics/Science and Education. He also has credits from the University of Chicago, Case Institute, Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, and University of Michigan from which he receive a Master's Degree in Mathematics in 1949.

Bill's focus on education continued when he came to Midland in 1937 and taught Mathematics in Midland High School for nineteen years. He served as Assistant Principal and then Principal of Midland High School through the 1960s, was promoted to Director of School Services in the 1970s, and concluded his distinguished career as the Assistant Superintendent before retiring in 1978. Service in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII, as a Meteorologist, took Bill away from his teaching in July of 1942 until April 1946, when he was discharged with a rank of Captain.

Community involvement in Midland was important to Bill. He was active in the Midland County Council on Aging, serving as the President of the Board for four years. For his efforts Bill was awarded the Midland County Council on Aging "1990 Senior of the Year in Leadership." He was a member of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, the Midland Lions Club (since 1947), the Chippewa Nature Center, Midland Historical Society, Oxbow Archaeologists, Midland County Association of Retired School Personnel, Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, the Midland Area Community Foundation, and the United Way of Midland County. Bill has also been a valued resident of the Riverside Place, a housing unit for Senior Citizens, from 1999 to early 2010. He was one of people responsible for the establishment of the Riverside Place Endowment Fund and was the chairman of the Advisory Committee for the fund for three years.

Bill is survived by three children: William R. (Janet) Wang of Islamorada, FL; Steven C. (Kathryn) Wang of Olympia, WA; and Susan F. (Robert) Youatt of Grafton, VT; one grandson, Robert W. (Rebecca) Wang of Mt. Pleasant, MI; and three great-grandsons Zachery, Nicholas, and Christian. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois; one grandson, Christopher A. Wang; his brother, Ernest A. (and Margaret) Wang of Bradenton, FL; and his sister, Doris E. (and Laurence) Young of Paw Paw, MI.

Bill's family will receive friends at the Ware-Smith-Woolever Funeral Home, 1200 West Wheeler Street on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. Reverend Wallace H. Mayton III of the Midland Memorial Presbyterian Church will officiate, with inurnment in Midland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Midland Area Community Foundation/Riverside Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 289, Midland, MI 48640; the Midland Lions Club Endowment Fund; the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Midland 1310 Ashman St, Midland, MI 48640; or the charity of your choice.