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**Kenneth Brighton(1921 - 2015)**

Brighton, Kenneth J.; May 10, 1921; October 25, 2015. Beloved husband, father, and grandfather. Born in 1921, Kenneth was the last surviving member of the family of Loren and Bessie Brighton and was raised on the family farm in what was then Taylor Township. He proudly served in [World War II](#) in the United States Naval Reserve aboard the USS Muliphen in the South Pacific. Ken participated in the landings at Tinian, Saipan, Okinawa, and Iwo Jima and received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. He was actively involved in the Wyandotte community as a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and a Master Mason-Wyandotte Lodge #170. Ken was employed for over 35 years as Cabinet Maker at the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn, where he worked with the museum's antique furniture collection. He was happily married to Valerie for 57 years before her passing in 2005.

Affectionately known by two generations as "Papa", Ken enjoyed square dancing, bike riding, any flavor of ice cream and his grandchildren. He was a gentle man of compassion and faith and will be greatly missed. Visitation will be at the R.J.Nixon Funeral Home, December 5, 2015 from 12

Noon until 3 p.m., followed by a short memorial service and military ceremony. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Shriners Children's Hospital, Attn: Donations, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607, or via the website [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org) St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 2803 1st Street, Wyandotte MI 48192 or a local community food pantry. [www.nixonfuneralhome.com](http://www.nixonfuneralhome.com)

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