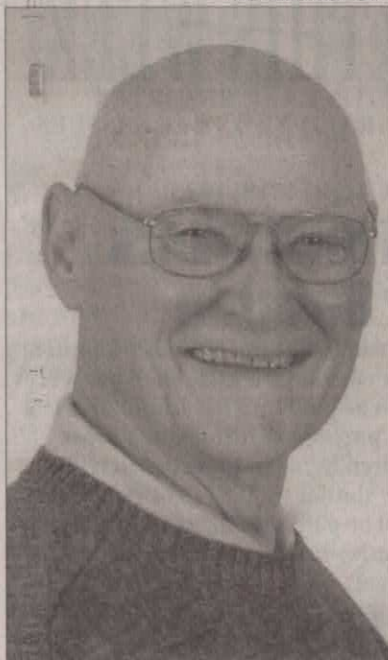



Richard S. 'Dick' Pastula



 Richard S. "Dick" Pastula, 90, Houghton Lake, died Oct. 11, 2023, at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Prudenville, and a Mass of Christian Burial was conducted Tuesday at the church, with Father Peter Eke officiating. Interment was in Roscommon Township Cemetery, Houghton Lake. Christler Funeral Home, Houghton Lake Chapel, handled arrangements.

He was born Aug. 23, 1933, in Detroit, to Stanley and Helen (Wojtas) Pastula. He graduated from St. Alphonsus High School in Dearborn and later received his bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit.

Mr. Pastula served 10 years as a sergeant in the National Guard.

On Sept. 17, 1955, in Detroit, he married Lenore A. Plewa. He spent his working years as a bureaucrat for the State of Michigan.

Mr. Pastula served on the Senate Republican staff, Department of Labor as director of Governor's Special Grants, Department of Commerce Director Community Growth Alliance, Michigan Youth Corps, Project Self Reliance and the Michigan Jobs Commission Director Community Development Block Grant Program. He also served as an administrative aide to Governor William G. Milliken.

He was treasurer and board member of the 17th Congressional District in Detroit. He was active in his Williamston community as treasurer and executive director of the Williamston Track Improvement Committee and treasurer of the Williamston Historical Society.

He and his wife moved from Williamston to Houghton Lake 30 years ago and he became active in his new community as a Roscommon Township trustee, secretary and founding member of the Houghton Lake Improvement Board and secretary/treasurer and founding member of the Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Houghton Lake Merchants Association, Houghton-Higgins Lake Elks, Michigan Economic Developers Association, Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, Muskegon River Watershed Assembly and the National Lake Manager Association.

He received many accolades over his years of community service including, Houghton Lake Rotary Citizen of the Year, Houghton-Higgins Lake Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award, Williamston Community Schools Community Service Award, Michigan Association of Regions Outstanding Service Award and Michigan Republican Party State Service Award.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Gerald Pastula and Robert Pastula; and two brothers-in-law, Michael Plewa and Julius Palmer.

Surviving Mr. Pastula are his wife of 68 years, Lenore Pastula of Houghton Lake; son, Thomas (Cindy) Pastula of St. Johns; daughters, Anne (Duane) Reimink of Grand Rapids and Lynne (Gregg) Golden of Warren; five grandchildren, Laura Pastula, David Pastula, Sarah Acree, Erin Golden and Ryan Golden; sister, Suzanne Bell of Florida; sister-in-law, Joan Palmer; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Roscommon County Food Pantry, 725 South Loxley Rd., Houghton Lake, or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 4390 Conner St., Detroit, MI 48215.