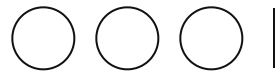


Curtis S. Murton, Jr.

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Curtis "Curt" S. Murton Jr., age 80, passed away at the University of Michigan (U of M) Hospital in Ann Arbor on Saturday, May 12, 2012, surrounded by his family.

The son of Curtis and Leota (Williams) Murton, Curt was born in Lansing on Aug. 3, 1931. He entered the Marine Corp following his graduation from Owosso High School. He then attended U of M on a

Naval scholarship and served as the NROTC Company Commander. He received a bachelor of science degree in geography and a masters in higher education degree from U of M and his Ph.D. in higher education from Michigan State University.

For most of his adult life he worked in higher education, He taught at Port Huron Community College in Port Huron and Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant; served as dean of financial affairs, dean of instruction and was one of the founders of Mid Michigan Community College in Harrison; served as dean of academic affairs at Broward Community College in Davie, Fla.; and served as President of Brainerd Community College in Brainerd, Minn. and Brookhaven Community College in Farmer's Branch, Texas.

Curt is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jane (Bicknell); his five children Mark (Lori), Willisville, Ontario; Scott, Lawton; Gail (Doug), St Paul, Minn.; John, Sutton's Bay; Lynn, Manistee; his three granddaughters, Marley, Hannah and Ruby; his sister, Mary Murton, Manistee; brother Dave Murton, Titusville, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

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Curt and his wife have lived in the Clare area for the past 12 summers and have headed south to Mexico for the winters. While in Mazatlan, Curt was a volunteer teacher for young students in need, active in supporting Amigos de los Animates (Friends of the Animals), acted in community theater and enjoyed many games of cribbage. He was an avid reader, card player and Wolverine fan; a witty and observant chronicler of life's events; a lover of nature, camping, hiking and travel. In retirement he and his long-time friend, Don Setterbo, explored South America for six months. Curt also spent many hours geocaching with his beloved canine companion, Ginger.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Congregational Church in Clare. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Mid Michigan Foundation Scholarship Fund would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to the MMCC Foundation, 1375 S. Clare Avenue, Harrison, MI 48625.