

## **Remembering Watson Woodrow Stanley**

Watson Woodrow Stanley, 96, passed away on Monday, May 18, of natural causes, leaving behind his three children, 10 grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Born in Detroit in 1924, he grew up in the Great Depression selling newspapers and raising chickens to raise money. At 18, he joined the Army, where he received a Purple Heart fighting in World War II as a Master Sargent Tank Commander. After the war, he graduated from the Detroit Institute of Technology, then married Bette Ann Eckert and started his family. In 1958, he started Darling Bolt in Warren, Michigan, and after selling to a partner, opened Stanley Industries in 1967. Both businesses still exist today.

Watson's final resting place will be at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, and the family will plan a Celebration of Life for Watson in late summer.

### **Memorial donations can be made to:**

Shepherd of the Lakes Church, Brighton MI  
<https://sotlchurch.churchcenter.com/giving>

WWII Legacy Memorial at Memorial Park, Royal Oak  
<https://michiganww2memorial.org/>