

OBITUARY: Gordon Ray Delamarter, 82, of Ionia

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This flag is in honor of Mr. Gordon Delamarter's service to our nation in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

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Gordon was born on Feb. 27, 1930 in Okemos, Mich. During the Korean War, he served as a Quartermaster on board both the USS Essex and USS Curtis, where he received the naval honor of Meritorious Mast for his exceptional service. After the Navy, he was involved in banking and insurance sales. He was an active member of the Albion Rotary Club, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Gordon was an avid reader and history buff. He also had a great love for researching genealogies. He was proud of the fact that six of his ancestors arrived on the Mayflower.

Gordon was survived by his wife, Roberta (First-Delamarter); mother of his children, Mary (Corn-Delamarter); children, Ronald (Renaë) Delamarter, Charles Delamarter, and Julie (Todd) Simpson; grandchildren, Ashley Delamarter, Kevin Delamarter, Trey Delamarter, Madison Delamarter, Nathan Simpson, and Zachary Simpson; brother-in-law, Stanley Knopf; and sister Barbara Jean (Robert) Ward; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at LeValley United Methodist Church, 1461 East David Hwy., Ionia, Mich., at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish to make memorial contributions are asked to consider Hospice of Lansing/Ionia.