

Ralph H. Warkentin

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RALPH WARKENTIN Obituary

WARKENTIN RALPH H. Age 83, August 7, 2013. Beloved husband of the late Wilda. Dearest father of Jane and Nancy (Rich) Houdek. Loving grandfather of Karin, Evan, and Grace. Brother of Richard (Norah) and Margaret (Stan) Mikota. Visitation Friday 5-8p.m. at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Funeral Service Saturday 11 a.m. Memorial Contributions may be made to Wm. Beaumont Hospice, [Alzheimer's Association](#), or Yankee Air Museum. www.mccabefuneralhome.com
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Ralph H. Warkentin, Sc'54, died Aug.7, 2013, at home in West Bloomfield, MI, with his family at his side. Predeceased by his wife, Wilda, in 2007, Ralph is survived by his daughters Jane and Nancy and three grandchildren. Ralph started his career at Avro Aircraft in Malton, ON, but after two years, left for Cummins Engines in Columbus, IN. He developed an interest in advanced heat transfer and did post-graduate studies in the field at the University of Michigan before joining Ford's Truck Division in Detroit. He subsequently moved to White Motors in Cleveland, where he was VP and Chief Engineer. He went on to Harley Davidson in Milwaukee as Chief Engineer. Following a tumultuous company takeover, Ralph returned to Ford, taking on management of a special stratified charge engine project and then becoming manager of advanced auto engine planning. Ralph enjoyed getting together with his Sc'54 classmates at regular luncheon meetings in Toronto. He was a gregarious person with great loyalty to his school chums and an abiding love of family. Ralph was the first in the Warkentin family to attend Queen's, but he initiated a Warkentin family tradition in Queen's Engineering, being followed by his brother Richard, Sc'58, MSc'61; his niece Susan, Sc'82; nephews Richard, Sc'83, and John, Sc'84; and his great-nephew, Ethan Webb, Sc'16.

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