



## Louis B. Wamsher, Jr.

December 18, 1928 - April 29, 2016

Louis Berkeley Wamsher Jr of Allenton, Michigan formerly of Havana, Illinois passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 29th, 2016 at the Whispering Pines Adult Foster Care Home in Lapeer, MI.

Louis was born on December 18, 1928 to Louis Berkeley Wamsher Sr. and Mary Ogle Wamsher in Kansas City, Kansas. Upon graduation from High School in 1946, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp.

On August 19th, 1946 Louis road the train with 3 High School friends to Maine Corp Recruiting Depot in San Diego, CA. Boot Camp was at Camp Pendleton, then after a 10 day leave to home in Kansas City he was off to Rifle Range Training at Camp Matthews. His first assignments would take him to Seattle, Washington, then to Nebraska where he stayed long enough to get his orders to Alaska (Kodiak, ADAK Island, Dutch Harbor). Then he would be sent to Korea where he was shot and earned his Purple Heart at the Inchon Landing. He was on the 3rd wave 5th boat. In the winter of 1950 he was at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. In September 1951 he would return stateside to Camp Millington at Memphis, TN to work in the Brig. In May of 1952 he would be assigned to Paris Island, SC for Recruiting School then to Sioux Falls, SD as a Recruiter. In May 1954 he would be assigned to Camp LaJune, NC as a Platoon Sargent. Over the next 8 years he would return to Korea and Japan. In 1961 Louis was assigned to Stormy Sexton's 3/3 Infantry Training. He was

also called back and boarded ship for the Cuban Missile crisis. Back to Recruiter School in July of 1964 then assigned to Lincoln Park, MI as a Recruiter. This is where he met his wife and new family. Then he put in for his retirement and was sent to Viet Nam. Upon returning he retired.

Upon retiring from the USMC in 1968; Louis worked for Crawford Door Co in Ecorse, Michigan and then Ford Motor Company in Brownstown, Michigan until moving to Havana, Illinois in 1981. Louis worked for Burwell Oil Service Station, Harrison White's Farm and the United State Post Office in Havana, IL until he retired in 1992.

Louis was a volunteer and member at the Purple Heart Club of Wyandotte. He was also a member of the Chosin Few.

He always enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and especially his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Louis was of the Pentecostal faith and enjoyed working for GOD which included attending Church, Bible Study and Evangelist Meetings. He studied the Bible daily, even after he became legally blind.

Louis married Diana Jane Kennedy DeWitt on October 17, 1964; she survives. Also surviving are four daughters; Marilyn Steel, Susan Oldham (Mark), Linda DeWitt Malvesto (James), and Lisa Sims-Biskner (Justin), and one son; Scott David Wamsher.

Three grand-children; Sarah Kulinski (Mike), Rochelle Hall (Kevin), and Alyssa Wamsher (Dan Majewski) and three great-grandchildren; Ava Kulinski, Greyson Kulinski, and Hayden Majewski will miss their grandpa.

Also surviving are three sisters; JoAnne Bogart-Perry, Mary Cline (Kenneth),

Martha Bartlett, and one brother; William Wamsher (Terry).

Louis was preceded in death by his son; Louis B Wamsher III (Julie; survives) and one sister Naomi Askew.

Visitation will be at the Hurley Funeral Home, 215 N Plum St., Havana, IL on Tuesday May 3rd 2016 at 5 to 7 pm with Graveside service on Wednesday May 4 at Noon at West Side Cemetery, Versailles IL.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana  
217 North Plum Street  
P.O. Box #648  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2244  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Graveside Service

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

Versailles West Side Cemetery  
Versailles, IL 62378

# Tribute Wall



“ *Louis B. Wamsher, Jr.*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I remember when Lou and Jane brought the girls to Royce and Mary Ann's in Wisconsin. Chuck, Terri and I were there for that Labor Day weekend. Lou and Jane were married in October. The rest is history. Wish I had photos but it is etched in my mind.*

**Shirley Setlech Adkins** - May 07, 2016 at 01:19 PM



“ *The Windsor's - Jim & Ann purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Louis B. Wamsher, Jr..*



**The Windsor's - Jim & Ann** - May 03, 2016 at 10:05 AM



“ *Stormy's 3/3 purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Louis B. Wamsher, Jr..*



**Stormy's 3/3** - May 03, 2016 at 08:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louis B. Wamsher, Jr..*



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May 03, 2016 at 07:53 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Nobody could ask for a better companion than Big Lou Wamsher, and those of us who had that pleasure will always remember him. Rest In Peace, old friend.*

*Gary Todd  
Stormy's 3/3*

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**Gary Todd** - May 03, 2016 at 07:17 AM



“ *What a great person has passed on to be at home with his lord and maker. I admired Lou as a man .person and a marine. We shared many memories about the Chosin Reservoir ,Korea 1950..i was sorry to see him move on to Michigan, however that was where is loved ones were. Lou is gone ,but he will always be remembered by us...*

*Rest in peace dear one My heart felt sorrow goes out to his family .*

*Bill/ Deane Short.....Havana,IL.*

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**Bill Short** - May 02, 2016 at 09:26 PM

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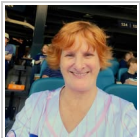
“ Jim and I have had the privilege of knowing and being pastors to Lou for several years prior to their family leaving Havana. We can say with sincerity how much we came to love and appreciate him and his family. His spiritual tone, love of things Godly, consistent faith, support of our call to Havana, was as steady as an oak tree. Times of prayer with Lou were always filled with joy and expectancy, and the power of the Spirit. Jim enjoyed many weekly video classes with him, studying faith together. We shared many joys, laughs and prayers regarding various situations that arose along the way. We have missed him since he moved back to MI and will miss him now knowing he is gone from this earth, but we look forward to the 'glad reunion' that awaits. Our love and prayers to Jane, Scott and Marilyn. Jim & Ann Windsor

Ann Windsor - May 02, 2016 at 07:21 PM

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JANE I WORKED WITH YOU AT THE HAVANA HOSPITAL. SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT LOU. HIS WITH GOD. SANDRA GOOLSBY WILHELLM

SANDRA GOOLSBY WILHELM - May 06, 2016 at 08:50 AM



“ I spent a lot of days and nights at Sue's house for many years while growing up. Mr. and Mrs. Wamsher both were always so kind to me. I remember watching the news over at their house one night when they were going to announce the who was going to be President, I can't remember who it was, but I remember all of us being glued to the TV and talking about it. I think that we were saying we were going to move if one of them became President and I think that was the person that won. I just remember everyone being so excited. He was a good father and husband and I will keep all of you in my thoughts. Please give your Mom a big hug from me. Love to all of you.

Susan David-Thorne - May 02, 2016 at 06:43 PM