Walter E. Strawman Tribute
Rotary Club of Kent, Ohio
1932 – 2021

We, the members of the Rotary Club of Kent, Ohio, unanimously express our sadness, deep affection and celebration of the life of our departed fellow friend and member, Walter Strawman, who left us on July 30, 2021.

Walt was born in Pottstown, PA on February 16, 1932. He was a US Army veteran and received a master's degree in chemistry from Kent State University. He was responsible for the clean and safe drinking water for Akron and surrounding communities during his career as water supply manager at the Lake Rockwell treatment facility.

Walt and his wife Gerry were committed and active 50+ year members of the Kent United Methodist Church. They were proud of daughter Susan and sons Steven, Jeffrey and Jay and 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

Walt was responsible for modernizing and maintaining a computer-controlled HVAC system, telecommunications and IT at the church and was an almost daily consultant during his retirement. He was a ham radio enthusiast (WASPS) and member of the Amateur Radio Club. He was a volunteer with Portage County Visiting Nurses and an AARP tax aide.

Walt maintained a very active lifestyle through a daily regimen of military exercises including swimming at the Kent Roosevelt pool. His rigorous dietary regimen was well ahead of our current understanding.

He was a 50+ year member of the Rotary Club of Kent, Ohio. He was the "go to" for any audiovisual concerns or any issue that arose concerning the club's use of the church facility.

On behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Kent, this tribute serves to recognize the remarkable achievements of our friend and fellow member, Walt and gratefully acknowledge his many contributions to our community and our lives. Walt's smile, deep faith and can-do attitude are greatly missed by this club.

Now therefore, let it be known that the members of the Rotary Club of Kent unanimously approve this tribute recognizing the Rotary like qualities that have been a guide post for the life of Walter Strawman, a Rotarian extraordinaire, whose life sets a wonderful example for the rest of us. We commit this resolution to the permanent records of the Rotary Club of Kent. A copy shall be commissioned and presented to his family.

David Myers, President, Rotary Club of Kent _____
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