



## Leonard O. Downes

May 12, 1924 - May 20, 2016

Leonard O. Downes 92, of Bonita Springs, FL and a former resident of Wayne, MI died Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers, FL. Leonard was born May 12, 1924 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, the only child of Anthony and Anna (Kirklas) Downes. He had been a winter resident of Bonita Springs for the past 35 years and a permanent resident for the past 4 years.

He grew up in Kenosha, Wisconsin and in 1942, attended the University of Wisconsin on a football scholarship. He sustained an injury during a game, and the scholarship was terminated. Immediately, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served during World War II. Afterwards, Leonard went back to college at the Chicago Art Institute where he met his beloved wife Marian, and graduated with a degree in Fashion Design. He worked in Chicago's garment industry for several years, designing the first multilayer pattern cutter. Later he joined his wife's family's business, Unistrut, in Wayne, Michigan. He retired in the late 70's with several engineering patents to his name.

He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Marian R. Downes of Bonita Springs, FL; two daughters, Dr. Holly S. Downes, D.D.S. of Mill Valley, CA and Lynn A. Barton of Encinitas, CA; one son, Charles A. Downes of Wayne, MI and one granddaughter, Lucy J. Downes of Mill Valley, CA.

The family will receive friends and family Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 5 to 8 PM at the Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, MI. Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 3:00 PM at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, MI with Pastor David Vercellino, officiating. Burial services will be held at the Bethlehem Cemetery, Ann Arbor, MI.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Cemetery

Ann Arbor, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 28. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Uht Funeral Home  
35400 Glenwood Rd.  
Westland, MI 48185

## Funeral Service

MAY 29. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church of Wayne  
2 Towne Square  
Wayne, MI 48184

# Tribute Wall



“ Leonard O. Downes

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM