

Packer, William M., Jr.

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Visitation will be held today for William M. Packer Jr., 62, owner of Packer Pontiac, who died suddenly Friday at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

A resident of Bloomfield Hills for 26 years, Packer was president of the Packer Corp., which was founded by his father, William M. Packer Sr. in 1944.

The Packer Corp. includes Packer Pontiac in Pontiac; Packer Pontiac and Honda in Miami, Fla.; Superior Pontiac and Cadillac in Flint and National Auto Leasing Co. in Pontiac.

Before moving to Bloomfield Hills, Packer lived in Birmingham.

Packer was president of the Hundred Club in Detroit, a non-profit charitable organization founded by his father to aid widows and orphans of firefighters and police officers. He was an active fund-raiser for the United Foundation and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Packer held memberships in the Bloomfield Hills Country Club, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Recess Club of Detroit, the Detroit Club and the Michigan

and National Auto Dealers Association in Pontiac.

An avid pilot, hunter and fisherman, Packer also held memberships in the Trade Association, National Pilots

Association and was a Past Commodore of the Old Club on Harsens Island in Algonac.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mary Sullivan of Bloomfield Hills; his son and daughter-in-law, William M. Packer III and Tammy of Bloomfield Hills; his daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. Tracie Peddy and Steven Peddy of Long Island, New York; son, John W. Packer, of Bloomfield Hills; his mother, Suzanne Packer of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. Susan Bauman and Nevin Bauman of Palm Beach, Fla.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Richard A.

Connell III and Amy Connell of Scituate, Mass.; stepson, Paul S. Connell of Birmingham; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Mrs. Annette Ladit and Thomas Ladit of Louisville, Ky.; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Funeral Home, 4375 N. Woodward, Royal Oak with a scripture service at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. Entombment is at the White Chapel Mausoleum.

Memorials can be made to the Hundred Club of Detroit, 500 S. Opdyke Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48057.