

Mr. Wendell “Wend” Mitchell Broome aged 77 of Belmont, went to be with his Lord and Savior Monday, April 18, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents, Winston and Florine Broome. Surviving are his beloved wife of 32 years, Nita Broome; son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Elaina Broome; granddaughter, Avalie; sisters, Brenda (Brian) Buist, Gloria (John) Tromp; brother-in-law, David (Linda) Raulin; sister-in-law, Pat Lange; his dog, Sasha; and numerous nieces and nephews. Wendell was born to Winston and Florine on July 2, 1944 in Toledo, OH the first of three children. One of his fondest memories was catching his first “big” fish on the Maumee River when he was very young. When Wendell was about 6 years old his family decided to move to Michigan and settled in Grand Rapids where he would later graduate from Ottawa Hills High School and pursue his Engineering Degree from Western Michigan University in 1967. He was a proud lifetime member of Sigma Chi. The highlight of his youth was at 8 years old his parents placed him on a bus to Toledo to visit Grandpa and Grandma Fischer to spend two weeks of his summer vacation with them. During this time his Grandpa let him shoot his pellet gun and took him blueberry picking. At age 15 Wendell received his license as a Ham radio operator, K800. This became a lifelong passion and he enjoyed talking to his Ham radio friends all over the world. In 1990 Wend met the love of his life, Nita, just a few weeks after a chance meeting they began dating and quickly fell in love. They married later that year, and have enjoyed many wonderful years together filled with love, family and adventures. Wendell and Nita were blessed with a son, Ryan, who is his dad’s pride and joy. He enjoyed spending time with Ryan, teaching him various things including his love of fishing and boating. He and Ryan would

go fishing on Big Myers Lake year around. As a family they spent many summer weekends on the beach and water. He had a big love for boating, especially sailing. For many years every Wednesday night he would sail with a group out of the Warf in Grand Haven. Wendell enjoyed many interests and hobbies over his life, he felt he had to learn something new every day and enjoyed reading, researching, and learning. Wendell owned a consulting business, Broome Associates for over 20 years. After retiring he and Nita spent time traveling in their motor home before establishing roots and many friendship's in Hutchinson Island, FL., where they wintered for 10 years and Wend took up surf fishing. Most of all Wendell was a devoted husband and father, who loved his family and always put them first. He was an outstanding husband to Nita and amazing father to Ryan. He loved the Lord and shared that with others by example in the way he lived showing others kindness, compassion, grace and love. Those who knew Wendell will remember him as a very kind and gentle man who also had a very unique and spontaneous sense of humor. A celebration of Wendell's life will be held 3:00PM Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Pederson Funeral Home, 127 N. Monroe St., with visitation one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to Spectrum Health Foundation - Fred and Lena Meijer Heart Center, 100 Michigan St. NE., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or online at [www.spectrumhealth.org/foundation](http://www.spectrumhealth.org/foundation) <<http://www.spectrumhealth.org/foundation>>.