



Ernest Laetz

Ernest "Ernie" Charles Laetz epitomized the idea of community service and employee dedication throughout his working career and into retirement. An accurate summary of his life said, "He will be remembered by all, for his endearing sense of humor, spin on words and his love of life." The highlights of his 87 years are innumerable:

- He initiated a 40-year career at the **University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Center (UMHHC)** in 1940 as the credit manager and quickly advanced to various positions, including associate director of finances and senior staff associate in the clinical affairs office;
- In 1981, he received the first Washtenaw Red Cross Wilfrid "Bill" St. Aubin Memorial Award as the outstanding chairman of the Washtenaw County Red Cross, a post he voluntarily held since 1967;
- His interest in education is exemplified by his service as the first secretary of the **Concordia Lutheran College** Board of Regents; and
- Ernie was a very active 46-year-member of the **Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor** (1953-1999), a Kiwanis Legend of Honor recipient and logged several consecutive terms as a Trustee representing the club and Division 10 on the **Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation**, which, in part, funds the **Community Life** program at the **C.S. Mott Children's Hospital** on the U-M hospital campus.

Adelaide (Addy) Laetz, Ernie's widow, continues the family legacy in 2014 as a public service volunteer at the Kiwanis Thrift Sale.