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"ON CHIEF PONTIAC'S TRAIL"
"We Build"

EDWARD J. BAKHAUS
1916 - 1982

Ed Bakhaus earned his nickname "Mr. Kiwanis of South Lyon" through his many years of dedicated service to the community he loved through Kiwanis.

Ed was born on February 29, 1916 in Dearborn, Michigan. He attended schools throughout the western suburbs of Detroit, graduating from South Lyon High School in 1934. As a youth he was involved in 4-H work, and in one of the years he was declared "Health Champion of Michigan".

On June 22, 1940 he married Hildreth Clark who shared his love for Kiwanis throughout their married life from the time he joined Kiwanis on January 28, 1942. They were blessed with three lovely children. He was employed by Detroit Edison and after 42 years of service as a service man and later as a customer business representative he retired on January 3, 1979.

Though Ed's personality was low keyed, he was dynamic when service to his community called. Since Ed joined the Kiwanis Club of South Lyon in 1942 his credits were many. These included:

- Elected President in 1954
- Served 17 years as secretary as well as being editor of the clubs monthly newsletter
- Legion of Honor - 40 years
- Perfect Attendance - 40 years
- Memorial Fellow - Kiwanis International Foundation
- Chaired many committees throughout the 40 years of service to his club

Besides his devotion to Kiwanis, Ed found the time to be active in the First United Presbyterian Church, the South Lyon Camera Club, and the South Lyon and Green Oak Historical Societies. He shared his wealth of knowledge to help others who had problems be he relative or friend.

Ed's dedication and love for children was always present in Kiwanis. This virtue plus his love for his church, family, and community will always be remembered by those who were fortunate to cross his path. His presence in the South Lyon Kiwanis Club and Community will be deeply missed.