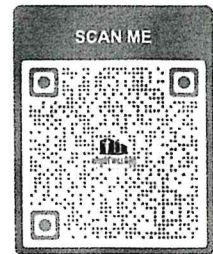


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Gold Star Family Memorial Monument
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We hear every day about the service and sacrifice of our military, but very little is mentioned about the sacrifice and pain that our Gold Star Families endure for the rest of their lives. The Gold Star Pin is a symbol of honor that no one wants.

A new Gold Star Families Memorial Monument honoring the families of servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives while serving in our country's Armed Forces is currently being planned in Paw Paw, MI.

The proposed site location is:

Maple City Veterans Memorial Park
510 E. Michigan Ave.
Paw Paw, Michigan 49079



The Gold Star Family Memorial was created in 2013 by Kenton Blackwood for WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams; to remember those families whose loved one made the ultimate sacrifice.

This stunning black granite monument is approximately 7' tall and 13' long. One side is a tribute to Gold Star Families and Relatives whose loved one died in service to our country. The other side tells a community's unique story based upon the Pillars of the Foundation: Homeland, Family, Patriot, Sacrifice. At the center of this tribute, is a silhouette of a saluting service member which represents the Legacy of the loved ones who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Freedom. The silhouette is a "void" indicating the loved one can no longer be touched or embraced.

The Monuments **provide a place** of permanence for Gold Star Families to gather and utilize as they see fit and strengthen the Gold Star Families through outreach events. **They demonstrate** to Gold Star Families **that their community cares** for them **and appreciates their sacrifice** while also **honoring the ultimate sacrifice of their loved ones. They also educate the general public** about Gold Star Families' enduring sacrifices and the ultimate sacrifice made by their loved ones.

Your understanding and compassionate giving will help us make this Monument a reality.

Checks may be sent to: Woody Williams Foundation, 12123 Shelbyville Rd, Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40243. On the memo line please write: PAW PAW, MI, so it will be utilized for our project and not the Foundations general fund. Or you may donate through the QR Code found at the top right of this letter.

Respectfully,
Laura De Roo