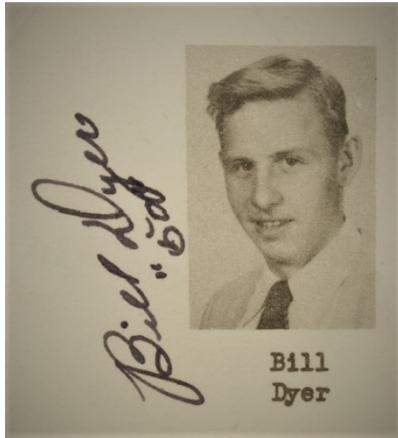


**William Wallace Dyer, Jr.**, son of William Wallace (1907-1986) and Berenice Leona (Bennett) (1901-1973) Dyer,

*1950 Okemos Tomahawk, Junior Year*



was born 22 January 1932, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. He graduated in 1951 from Okemos High School.

William was drafted into US Army in 1952.

*Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Wednesday 30 April 1952*

### **COUNTY FILLS MAY DRAFT QUOTA OF 21**

The Ingham county selective service board has sent out a draft call to 21 men, to fill the county's May draft quota.

The men will leave for the Ft. Wayne induction center in Detroit Monday at 6:30 a.m. from in front of the Veteran's Memorial building, 213 S. Capitol ave.

Names of those called, released Wednesday, are:

.....**William W. Dyer, Jr.**



Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Friday 4 July 1952

**DYER** - Pvt. William W. Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Dyer, Okemos, has reported to the medical replacement training center at Camp Pickett, Va., for 16 weeks of basic training.

al Tea company. Pvt. William W. Dyer of Okemos has reported to the medical replacement training center at Camp Pickett, Vt., for 16 weeks of basic training. Dr. Kenyon T. Payne has

William was honorably discharged from the military in 1954. His obituary stated he was a POW during the Korean Conflict and listed a number of medals. No newspaper articles could be

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located on William's time of POW service. He was home by July 1954 and a member of the Okemos Baseball Team, a 2nd baseman, that won the 1954 City Championship.

**Okemos Defeats Eagles  
For First Victory, 5-2**

It took 10 games to do it, but Okemos finally won in the city baseball league Friday night.

The suburban entry won a clean-cut 5 to 2 decision over Eagles at Municipal park. Okemos dropped eight straight in the first round, and lost to Van's in its first game of the second round earlier this week.

The Eagles have only one victory for the season, too—a 13-2 first round decision over Okemos. The Eagles now have lost six and tied two.

Okemos banged out 11 base hits, including two triples and a double. Bill Dyer was the 'big stick' at the plate for the winners with a triple, a double and a single for a perfect night. Sherrill VanOstran had the other triple and also added a single.

**Major League Leaders**

(By The Associated Press)  
AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Batting: Noren, New York, 360; Avila,

William married Leota Botsford in Michigan early 1955.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Tuesday 5 October 1954

### **MISS BOTSFORD, MR. DYER PLAN WEDDING IN SPRING**

A spring wedding is being planned by Miss Leota Botsford and William Dyer whose engagement was recently announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Botsford, R. 3.

Mr. Dyer is the son of Mrs. Berenice Dyer of Okemos.

Leota and William divorced in the 1980's and Leota resumed her maiden name of Botsford.

William lived in the Perry, Shiawassee County area for many years before moving to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. During the 1990's Bill lived in Okemos at 1802 Hamilton Rd. He died 22 January 2018, Sault Ste. Marie. He was interred Forest Home Cemetery, Newberry, Luce County, Michigan.

*Beaulieu Funeral Home, Newberry, Michigan*

William W. Dyer Jr., 86, of Newberry, died Monday afternoon January 22, 2018 at Tendercare Nursing Home in Sault Ste. Marie. William was born January 22, 1932 in Lansing.

William served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was a P.O.W. His citations included two Bronze Campaign Stars, Korea Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. William was honorably discharge on March 20, 1954 attaining the rank of Corporal.

Graveside services with full military honors conducted by the United States Army Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #74 will take place this spring at Forest Home Cemetery.