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than 20 years.

"He was a good dad," said Richard Tupper, the only child of Bayard and Margaret Tupper. "He was very active in the community, and maybe that's where I got my desire for service. He felt that this was one thing you had to do—help your community."

"Added William Hartsock, a current councilman who served with Tupper in the '80s, "He was a major contributor to our community. He provided a historical perspective. He'll certainly be missed."

Ralph Yoder, a former councilman who has since retired to Florida, said, "I pushed for his appointment (to the city council). He had done everything except be on the council, and I thought he had the experience to do a good job. He was quite a civic leader."

Tupper arrived in Farmington in 1936 to manage the old Farmington Lumber Company, then located on Grand River where the Village Commons now stands.

In 1941, local politicians approached Tupper about writing a building code for the city of Farmington.

"They asked him, because he managed a lumberyard, to come up with a building code," said Richard Tupper. "The city was starting to grow and we had no code."

Tupper remained active in community affairs during World War II, organizing Farmington's first Civil Defense unit.

At war's end, Tupper and a sister-in-law, Helen Smith, founded the Smith-Tupper Lumber Company on Grand River across from the Botsford Inn. He ran that business until the early 1960s when he started Tupper Lumber

Company on Orchard Lake Road.

Tupper sold out in 1968 and started Tupper Associates in the local Industrial Park. It specializes in doors and hardware.

Richard Tupper recalls that his father was involved in the business well into his 80s. "He always wanted to be busy," Richard Tupper said. "He was always around, opening mail and answering phones."

At age 83, Tupper was named the Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year for 1986.

"I couldn't think of anyone who has done more," said Bob Van Every, who had nominated Mr.

Tupper for the award, at the time.

Tupper also served on the board of directors of the Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington and was president of the American Subcontractors of Michigan.

Bayard and Margaret Tupper, married Dec. 30, 1925, led active personal lives as senior citizens, according to their son. They maintained a condo in Farmington and traveled to Alaska, Australia and Europe.

They visited 22 countries, but "none of them would take us out of Farmington," Bayard Tupper said at his '86 Citizen of the Year

banquet. "Farmington is certainly a beautiful place to live in."

Survivors, in addition to wife Margaret, 92, and son, Richard, include sister, Alleen Kruger, and grandchildren, Brian, Barbara and David.

Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at Heene-Sundquist, the Rev. Daniel Cave of St. John Lutheran Church of Farmington Hills officiating.

Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorials may be sent to Salem United or Angela Hospice.



Happy moment: Bayard Tupper and his wife Margaret were all smiles at a banquet honoring Bayard's Citizen of the Year award in 1986.

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gan Florists' Association.

Mr. Bloye volunteered his time to the Detroit Area Council of Boy Scouts of America; was a longtime member of the Northfield Kiwanis; and, was a Mason with Redford Lodge 152, F & A.M. He has been a member of the North Farmington Community Church.

Survivors include his wife, Grace; daughters, Donna Schroeter-Tinder and Linda MacKay; sons, the Rev. John Bloye and Fred Bloye; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bloye's son, John, and grandson, Brian, both of whom are ordained ministers will officiate at the funeral service. Burial is in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

Arrangements were made by the McKebe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

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