



Edwin Dean Raven

July 9, 1925 - July 17, 2022

Edwin Dean Raven age 97 of Ludington and longtime Scottville resident, died early Sunday morning, July 17, 2022 at the Village Manor of Ludington. He will be fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Dean was born on July 9, 1925 in Cadillac, the son of Christian and Gladys (Dunbar) Raven and was one of eight children raised on their family farm. After graduating from Tustin High School, Dean enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. After his discharge from service, he attended Michigan State University where he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. On October 6, 1951, he married Marilyn Peterson in Cadillac and they enjoyed 70 years together before Marilyn preceded him in death in December 2021.

Dean and Marilyn moved to Scottville where Dean had begun his career with the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service as 4-H agent in 1950, Assistant Agricultural Agent in 1954, and Extension Director in 1960 until his retirement in 1980. He also served as President of the Scottville Chamber of Commerce, was a founding member and Board Trustee of West Shore Community College, and served on the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

Dean was preceded in death by his brothers Robert, Eugene, and Clyde; and

his sisters Neva and Lois. He is survived by his brother Ted (Mary) Raven of Tustin, and his sister Ann Hyde of Lansing; his sisters-in-law Marge Raven of Kingsley, Kay Erickson Raven of California, Marge Kellam of Virginia, Florence Dunn of Columbus, Indiana, Carol Hoover of Dearborn, Diane (Doug) Berg of Auburn Hills, MI, and brother-in-law Don (Sue) Peterson of Cadillac.

Dean and Marilyn were preceded in death by their granddaughter Mikala Raven; and their son-in-law Brad Bachelder. They will be greatly missed by their children Mark (Taryn) Raven, Marcia Raven of Jacksonville, Oregon, Chris (Vicki) Raven of Ludington, and Lori Bachelder of Grand Rapids; their grandchildren Tracy Pehrson, Gregory (Quin) Pehrson, Dean (Andrea) Raven, John (Nealie) Raven, Matt (Geena) Raven, Andrea (Andrew) Pehrson-McKenzie, Meisha (Aaron Haller) Raven, Parker Bachelder, and Allyse Holman; their step-grandchildren Carson Bachelder and Allison Bachelder; their great-grandchildren Macie, Marie, Sadie, Ellie, Madison, Joanna, Cameron, and Gabriel; and their step great-grandchildren Cadence, Jordan, Carley, Teigan, Charlotte, and Aiden.

A memorial service to celebrate the lives of Dean and Marilyn will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, August 15th at the United Methodist Church of Ludington. Those who wish to remember them with a memorial donation are asked to please consider the Dean and Marilyn Raven Family Memorial Scholarship Fund at West Shore Community College, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

United Methodist Church of Ludington
5810 Bryant Road
Ludington, MI 49431

Tribute Wall

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“ *TERRY S. WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Edwin Dean Raven*



TERRY S. WILLIAMS - August 27, 2022 at 11:24 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin Dean Raven.*



August 12, 2022 at 10:28 PM

LK

“ *Chris and family,
Was very sorry to see the passing of your parents. I only met them once, but after doing so it was no mystery as to how they raised such a terrific son in you. I have no doubt they were awfully proud of their son they had in you, and without question, they were a special couple that blessed the lives of many. May God bless you and your family in this time of grief.*

*Sincerely,
Larry Killips
lkillips@gmail.com*

Larry and Robyn Killips - August 10, 2022 at 01:11 PM

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“ Dean was a remarkable person in many ways, but to me he was one of my most admired mentors. I knew him through work at MSU Extension before I was “recruited” by him to try to replace him as County Extension Director. He was always helpful but never intrusive in watching me follow a role he most surely loved serving educational needs of Mason County residents. He continued that in his roles at WSCC and on the county commission. My condolences to all the family members. Bill Robb

Bill Robb - July 28, 2022 at 08:55 AM

KC

“ Our most sincere condolences to all the children, grandchildren, and all other relatives of Dean and Marilyn Raven. We will never forget our times together with them in Michigan and Florida. They were the kindest people and loved their families.

KEN and SUE CISEK - July 25, 2022 at 04:13 PM

JR

“ Mark & Taryn we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your Father. Please accept our most sincere condolences in your loss. Me God Bless you as you lay him to rest.



James & Ruth Ann Ricketts - July 21, 2022 at 10:40 PM