



Marilyn Louise Raven

October 18, 1931 - December 11, 2021

Marilyn L. Raven aged 90 of Ludington, formerly of Scottville, passed away on Saturday December 11, 2021 with her loving husband of 70 years, E. Dean Raven by her side. Marilyn was born on October 18, 1931 in Cadillac, Michigan to Eldon and Helen Peterson and graduated from Tustin High School, which is now Pine River High School. On October 6, 1951, Marilyn married Dean Raven in Cadillac and together they moved to Scottville where Dean began his career with Michigan State Cooperative Extension Service and Marilyn devoted herself to being a mother.

When her children were older Marilyn enrolled in the nursing program at West Shore Community College and was a member of the first graduating class of the licensed practical nursing program. Marilyn then went to work for Dr. H. G. Bacon in Scottville and Dr. John and Ruth Carney for many years. Marilyn learned how to sew as a young girl and became an accomplished seamstress as an adult. She served as an instructor for the 4-H sewing classes for many years and also enjoyed playing bridge locally. She and Dean were longtime members of the United Methodist Church in Scottville and Ludington. Upon their retirements, they enjoyed spending their winters in New Port Richey, Florida.

Marilyn was an amazing woman and among many other things, her family will remember her as a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Marilyn strived to instill the importance of a good work ethic and a frugal lifestyle in her family. Those who knew her - were well acquainted with her belief in the motto, "a penny saved is a penny earned!"

Marilyn will be greatly missed by her husband E. Dean Raven; their four children Mark (Taryn) Raven, Marcia Raven of Oregon, Chris (Vicki) Raven of Ludington, and Lori Bachelder of Grand Rapids; her eleven grandchildren Dean, John, Matt, Tracy, Greg, Andrea, Meisha, Parker, Allyse, Carson, and Allison; her eight great-grandchildren Macie, Sadie, Madison, Marie, Ellie, Joanna, Cameron, and Gabriel. Marilyn will also be missed by her sisters Marge, Florence, Carol, and Diane (Doug); her brother Don (Sue); her sister-in-law Ann Hyde; and brother-in-law Ted (Mary) Raven. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter Mikala Raven, and son-in-law Brad Bachelder.

A memorial service will be held for Marilyn at a later date. Those wishing to pay tribute can donate to the Dean and Marilyn Raven Scholarship Fund at West Shore Community College.

Tribute Wall

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“ To Dean and all members of Marilyn's family: My sincere sympathies to all of you in your loss of dear Marilyn. It is my loss, too. Not being able to reach her by phone since December, I resorted to the computer to resolve both my curiosity and my fears. I am so sorry for all of us!

Marilyn and I first met during a summer in high school (she from Tustin, I from Mesick school), when we both worked at Kelly's restaurant in Cadillac. We also rented a room together one summer while working there, after our first year at Michigan State. Marilyn happily quit college after that year to marry Dean, and I sang at their wedding in October 1951. We lost touch for a time after I married but re-connected about 25 years ago by letter and phone. I visited them in Ludington several years ago, finding them as before--friendly, loving, happy, steady, salt-of-the-earth, filled with common sense and the love of God, and so accomplished in many ways. She was such a beautiful person and I will never forget her.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon Marilyn!
May her soul rest in peace.

Elizabeth (Betty) Ex Poel
Front Royal, Virginia

Elizabeth Poel - April 29, 2022 at 02:10 PM

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“ Terry Williams lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Louise Raven



Terry Williams - February 26, 2022 at 03:21 AM

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“ Anita W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Marilyn Louise Raven.



Anita W. - January 02, 2022 at 05:40 PM

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“ Ohh, Ravens, your mother was the bestest! I remember being at your home when I was just in grade school, spending time with her and Dean in New Port Richey and her older years in Ludington. She was a very kind, compassionate woman. I totally enjoyed her sense of humor and her love for others! I will miss her a lot. She has a very special place in my heart....my mom, however, is happy to have her bridge partner with her again.

Shirley (Miller) Beda - December 22, 2021 at 08:42 AM