



## Russell "Wayne" Saxton Sr.

November 18, 1920 - February 13, 2016

Russell "Wayne" Saxton Sr., age 95 of Ludington passed away Saturday, February 13, 2016 at Oceana Medical Care Facility in Hart where he had resided along with his wife of 74 years, Alice.

Wayne was born November 18, 1920 in Ludington the son of William and Miriam (Erbaugh) Saxton and spent his early years in the Custer area where he attended school. He had fond memories of living in Custer. Wayne graduated from Ludington High School with the class of 1939. He was a member of the Sugar Ridge Church of the Brethren, which he attended as a child along with his parents.

Wayne married Alice Marie Fisher on December 24, 1941 at 808 E. Loomis St. in Ludington and she survives. Within a year of their marriage, he was inducted into the US Army and served as a radioman for 24 months in the Aleutian Islands serving in Kiska, Attu & Adak during World War II. Upon returning from the war he partnered with his father and brother at Saxton Builders.

In 1951, Wayne went to work for the City of Ludington as Lakeview Cemetery Superintendent, retiring after more than thirty years of service.

He was an avid fisherman and in 1986, was proud to land a trophy Tiger Musky from Hamlin Lake! He enjoyed carving ice fishing decoys and fish carvings, loved to bowl, and enjoyed the friends he made on his bowling team.

Wayne will be lovingly remembered by his family including his wife Alice, his daughter, Carol (David) Dorrell of Fort Myers, Florida, his two sons Russell W. (Kathleen) Saxton and Robert L. Saxton both of Ludington, ten grand children and numerous great grand children, nieces and nephews. He is also survived by one sister in law Beverly Saxton of Ludington. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one brother.

Memorial services will be held at a later date and burial will take place at Lakeview Cemetery in Ludington. Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy asked to consider the charity of their choice.

Please visit Wayne's personal memory page at [www.wymanfuneralservice.com](http://www.wymanfuneralservice.com) to leave a tribute of Wayne for his family, or to light a candle in his memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeview Cemetery

800 N. Lakeshore Drive  
Ludington, MI 49431

# Tribute Wall



“ Today I just learned of Wayne's passing. My dogs Pepper and Eli visited him a couple times a month. He loved dogs. He used to say how soft their ears were and share his windmill cookies with them. Hi loved to see how much he cared for his wife. Seeing them together was so sweet and a true inspiration. He will truly be missed. My prayers to his wife and the rest of his family.

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**Paula Smith** - March 01, 2016 at 06:20 PM

HC

“ I had the pleasure of taking care of Wayne at Oceana Medical Care. I can honestly say he was one of the brightest parts of my day every time I saw him. The love between him and Ms. Alice was one of the most beautiful things I have ever witnessed. I have many fond memories of Wayne that I will carry with me. The talks about fishing, the giggles we shared with Ms. Alice, and the gentleman that Wayne was. He was always so humble. I pray that the Saxtons and those close to Wayne find comfort during this difficult time. May Wayne fly high with the angels in Heaven. God bless you all.

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**Hillary Cossette** - March 01, 2016 at 09:57 AM

SS

“ Uncle Wayne was always one of my most favorite people. He was the only person in my life to call me 'Stephie.' Whenever I saw him he would always give me a great bit hug and his smile was infectious. He will be greatly missed.  
Stephanie Saxton

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**stephanie saxton** - February 20, 2016 at 05:54 PM

PE

*Hello saxton I found something in a resale shop that called my name out .and I'm think it was made by Russel the great fisherman he was and I would like to share this pc and see if it was made by him or the saxton family.at Hamlin lake ?thank you and rip Russel .*

perry - September 19, 2023 at 03:14 PM

DS

*“ I will always remember the carved fish he made; what a gifted craftsman. And his welcoming smile when I joined the family. And his concern for Jon L. when they were both at Oceana Medical. He and Alice were a pair, for sure! He will be missed. I am in Arizona with my Mom right now and hadn't been on the Daily News website for a week....sorry these thoughts are so late. The family is in my prayers.*

Debby Saxton - February 19, 2016 at 10:03 AM

JL

*“ So sorry for your loss. Uncle Wayne was always the perfect uncle. He was always happy to see you and you were always happy to see him. May he rest in peace.*

*Jeff and Sandy Lange*

Jeff LAnge - February 18, 2016 at 08:06 PM

BO

*“ So sorry for your loss. He sure was a very special man, always looking out for his love Alice. I enjoyed hearing his life story's and just being around him was fun. I shall think of him often and smile.*

Bonnie - February 16, 2016 at 07:04 AM

JL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Wayne was a sweet man and we had wonderful conversations. He was kind to my brother, and I still have the fish keychain he gave my brother.

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**Judy Levich** - February 15, 2016 at 10:50 PM

CM

“ He was a gentle sweet man and so good to Alice-she will really miss him..we will too. One of our special ones...

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**Cheri michael** - February 15, 2016 at 07:01 PM

DW

“ So sorry for your loss. I will miss him a lot. He liked to give me a hard time and I did the same to him. Loved his smile. I'm sure glad I got to know Wayne. Diane Wabsis

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**Diane Wabsis** - February 15, 2016 at 05:38 PM

BL

“ In the early 80’s we met Wayne at his resort on Hamlin Lake. We brought our kids there for the first time. There were many happy and fun memories.

*Bob Linning here. When we visited his home in Tamarac he showed me all the craft things he had made and he generously gave me one of the paddles with “Jack’s Resort” painted on it. It hangs on the wall of my home office to this day. I also remember the hours he and his son spent trolling up and down the lake, just outside the weed beds, looking for the trophy fish, which he finally caught!*

*Sue Linning here. What I remember most is the time our older son was calling for me to get the net as he struggled with a large “Fish” which turned out to be one of Wayne’s giant lures! I still have two of the fish magnets on my fridge that he so kindly gave me. We met him on his bicycle several years after he’d sold the resort & he took us to his trailer in Tamarac to see his home & say hello to Alice. He will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him. We’re sure the fishing’s great where he is now!*

*Bob & Sue Linning*

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**Bob & Sue Linning** - February 15, 2016 at 04:37 PM

DV

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Denise Visger** - February 15, 2016 at 11:23 AM

JE

*I will forever miss his hugs and stories. I loved going into his and Alice’s room and talking to them he will be missed greatly.*

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**Joy Estepp** - February 15, 2016 at 05:52 PM

DV

“ Our family met Wayne and Alice as neighbors at Tamarac Village in 2005 when we moved to Pine Street for our summer get-away. We enjoyed Wayne and Alice over the years. They both took a liking to our grandkids when there and gave them many treasures including Wayne's many fish crafts. He even crafted a personalized, painted paddle for each which they have hanging in their bedrooms. Wayne also very generously gave us timeless crafts which we will cherish. He rode his three-wheel bike up and down the street and around the park, and even enjoyed giving milk-crate (attached to his bike) rides to the kids. He also bike "raced" the kids around the block but seemed to always let them win. He was a kind, loving friend, always with many stories to tell, and a day with a Wayne story was a good day! Later he upgraded to a motorized cart and enjoyed still getting around on it and even took it with him to Hart when he and Alice relocated. He was always cheerful, positive but realistic, and kept a sharp mind. He had undying devotion to Alice. We are saddened he has passed and will miss him, but we will cherish the memories. He was a legendary fellow.

*Ken & Denise Visger*

*Nate, Tammy, Makenzie and Ethan Heaven*

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**Denise Visger** - February 15, 2016 at 11:04 AM

ML

“ *Saxton Family, so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing.*

*We'll always remember the memories we made at Jack's Resort on Hamlin Lake for many years growing up during the 80's and all the fishing tips Wayne provided to us.*

*One specific memory is the time he showed our Dad how to clean a Northern Pike we caught and how we was apologetic for not doing it as best as he could. We all learned so much from him about the great lake of Hamlin and to this day we still visit there annually.*

*May he rest in peace,  
The Linnings*

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**mlinning** - February 15, 2016 at 09:11 AM