



Raymond William Dudash

November 20, 1926 - June 19, 2015

TRAVERSE CITY - Raymond W. Dudash, 88, of Traverse City, passed away at his home on June 19, 2015, surrounded by his loving family. Ray was born on November 20, 1926, in Detroit, to his parents, the late William and Mable (Morrow) Dudash. As a young man, he proudly enlisted and served as a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and later, as a Sargent in the Korean war.

After the service, he married the love of his life Beverly J. Kotcher, on August 6, 1949, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Detroit. He was employed by the Calvert Lithographing Company in Detroit as a successful sales-printing manager. Upon retiring in 1992, the couple moved from Farmington Hills to Traverse City, where he worked at the Highpoint Golf Course.

Ray had a passion for jazz music and formed a jazz band in which he played the clarinet and sax. He enjoyed photography, boating, golf and spending time with his family and friends. He was a lifetime active member of the Elks and VFW and was fondly known for his humor and kind loving nature; he was loved by all who met him.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly (Kotcher) Dudash; son, Mark (Denise) Dudash; daughter, Pam (Rick) Davy; grandchildren, twins, Gordon and Nicholas Dudash.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Gordon Dudash.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, with visitation held one hour prior. Military Honors will be conducted at the service by the VFW Cherryland Post 2780.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to Munson Hospice for the loving care they provided Raymond.

Kindly share your memories with Raymond's family by way of his online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>

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The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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JUN **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Knowing 'Mr. Dudash' was a special bright spot growing up on Pipers Lane. He was one of the coolest dads in the neighborhood ... everything from letting us kids help rebuild his garden tractor engine to his being active in our Boy Scout troop to being really laid-back even when he would catch Gordy, Mark, and us neighborhood kids getting into mischief (which we did often!). And he was the only dad around that built a real genuine log cabin fort down by the creek in the back yard for his kids. It is very sad to learn of his passing - and my condolences go out with sincerity to the entire family. But, let it be known he made a positive difference in the way I grew and I have often reflected on his fine examples of character while enjoying a healthy outlook to life.

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“ What a great blessing came into my life when Ray became my brother-in-law! He was the photographer at the wedding. He was so kind, full of humor and so very gracious. Ray was always so welcoming, full of fun and enriched our lives with his unconditional love. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Ray will make us all "homesick" for Heaven, because he is already there.....Loving thoughts and prayers going out to your sweet family. Wini (Kotcher) Rochette

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“ I was fortunate to meet Ray in the prime of our working lives. It was easy to get to know Ray he never let you know there were bad days in his life. Always had a smile and complete optimism Always--Always. He got me through some tough times just by being a good listener.
Ray is and will always be RAY 1
Loving friend Ray two!
God Bless Ray !

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