



Raymond George Eskau

March 25, 1930 - April 1, 2025

Raymond George Eskau, 95, of Caseville, Michigan passed away peacefully on April 1, 2025, with his family by his side at Meadow Lane in Bad Axe, Michigan. He was born on March 25, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan, to Carl and Ruth Eskau. Raymond married the love of his life, Virginia Costello, in 1951 at St. Edward's Church in Kinde, Michigan. Their marriage spanned an incredible 73 years.

A proud veteran of the United States Navy, Raymond served during the Korean War with honor and commitment. Following his military service, he embarked on a distinguished 32-year career with the Detroit Fire Department, rising to the rank of captain. His years of service were defined by courage and leadership in one of the city's most demanding professions.

In addition to his work as a firefighter, Ray was a gifted carpenter who devoted countless hours to building and creating. He worked two jobs throughout his life to support his family and took great pride in constructing homes for each of his three sons—a lasting testament to both his craftsmanship and devotion as a father.

He is survived by his beloved wife Virginia; sons Michael C. Eskau (Anne Albrecht); Peter (Lou Ann) Eskau and grandchildren Zachary (Katie) Eskau, Rebecca Calhoun, Rob (Jessi) Eskau, Benjamin (Cori) Eskau, Katelyn (Nick) Mannino, Cody Eskau, and Michael P. Eskau; and great-grandchildren Danzell Calhoun, Ruth Eskau, Winnie Eskau and Maren Mannino. Sister-in-law Peggy Sturm and several nieces and nephews.

Raymond was predeceased by his son Raymond William Eskau in 2016.

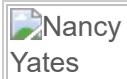
In retirement, Ray enjoyed spending time on carpentry projects, working on his GMC Coach motorhome, golfing, and swimming. He spent years traveling in his motorhome across the United States. He enjoyed sitting on his deck and floating on the inner tube at his Lake Huron home.

Raymond George Eskau's legacy of hard work, love, and dedication will endure through generations of his family and the beautiful homes he built them and his community.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place.

Tribute Wall

 Nancy
Yates

“ Nancy in Life Enrichment... Ray was always up for coming to whatever was happening. He always played along with our silly antics! He will definitely be missed at Meadow Lane. <3

Nancy Yates - April 11, 2025 at 09:01 AM

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Lou ann Eskau - April 06, 2025 at 11:36 AM

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“ You believed in good, old fashioned neighboring. I always looked forward to our conversations and discussions about your family, the neighborhood and world events. I was so fortunate to have you as a caring neighbor.

Kathleen Lorencz - April 06, 2025 at 08:57 AM

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“ *Ray and I both served in the Navy and both had been stationed in San Diego. We shared a few sea stories after I retired from the Navy, and I enjoyed talking to him whenever we had the opportunity. I will miss him.*

Jo Ann - April 04, 2025 at 07:18 PM