



## Eugene L. Raven

September 23, 1927 - April 5, 2011

Eugene L. Raven of Tustin died Tuesday afternoon, April 5, 2011 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. He was 83.

He was born on Sept. 23, 1927 in Cadillac to Chris & Gladys (Dunbar) Raven and they preceded him in death.

He graduated from Tustin High School in 1947 and had been employed at Farmer Peets in Cadillac for 38 years. Mr. Raven was a member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Tustin where he had served as Elder on the board. He had also served on the boards of the Tustin High School and Pine River Schools and served many years as a Trustee for the Village of Tustin. Eugene was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge and Shriner's and also a member of the Jester Court #11. As a Shriner he had taken several trips to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Chicago transporting children in need of medical care. He enjoyed golfing, shuffleboard and fishing in Fort Myers, Florida where he spent the past 22 winters, but most of all the light of his life was his wife, children and grandchildren.

On September 3, 1947 he married the former Katharine Anderson in Reed City and she survives him along with their children: Timothy (Adrienne) Raven of Traverse City, Mary Kay (Dale) Peterson of Leroy, Sally Nelson of Tustin, Scott (Chris) Raven, and Jeffery (Suzanne) Raven all of Greenville; 10

grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; brothers: Dean (Marilyn) Raven of Scottville, Clyde (Marge) Raven of Kingsley, and Theodore (Mary) Raven of Tustin; sisters: Ann (Charles) Hyde of Cadillac and Lois (Richard) Binkley of Lansing; brother-in-law Clyde Smeltzer of Coldwater; sister-in-law, Betty Anderson of Tustin and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert and a sister, Neva Smeltzer and a daughter-in-law, Mary Raven.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Tustin with Reverend Robert Kahly officiating. Burial will be at Burdell Township Cemetery in Tustin. Visitation will be Thursday (Today) from 6-8 PM and Friday from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Masonic Lodge services being held at 7:00 PM Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Children Hospital in Chicago or to the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Tustin. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Tim,  
So sorry I could not make it up to see you. My thoughts and prayers  
are with you.*

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**Bob De Young** - April 12, 2011 at 08:09 PM

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“ *I don'  
t know how to express my sorrow for your loss. Mr Raven was like a  
fater figure to me as I was growing up.  
Your whole family will be in our thoughts and prayers. I love you all  
so much. With great sympathy, tom and tina huffman, may god  
bless you and keep you.*

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**tom and tina huffman** - April 09, 2011 at 11:09 AM

JJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. God is with you and will  
sustain you.*

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**Jacquelyn (Bartrand) Jacobs** - April 09, 2011 at 09:15 AM

MR

“ *With my deepest sympathy, you'  
re all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Michelle Reichenbacher** - April 08, 2011 at 07:16 AM

MB

“ *please accept my sincere condolences to the entire raven family.  
blimp was a great pine river supporter*

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**mike bulger** - April 07, 2011 at 01:11 PM

NE

“ *Gene gave me my start in the meat business. He was always great to my family and me. He is a great man and will be missed.* ”

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**Nels Eisenga** - April 07, 2011 at 10:39 AM

GC

“ *Always remember your happy memories* ”

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**Gretchen Curtis** - April 07, 2011 at 09:35 AM