



## Edwin Duncan Dutcher

June 26, 1929 - April 7, 2018

Edwin Duncan Dutcher, age 88, of Cedarville, Michigan, passed away April 7, 2018, while his grandchildren, son Daren Dutcher and daughter Pamela Wilkie comforted him. He was born June 26, 1929, in Cedarville, to George Daniel Dutcher and Pearl Margaret (Shiney) Dutcher.

Edwin grew up in Cedarville, where he became an important part of his community of friends and family. As a young man, Edwin worked as a witty row boat operator to ferry vacationers in Cedarville and Hessel to the Les Cheneaux Islands.

In those days, to watch a movie, he had to walk from Cedarville to St. Ignace. He later moved to Detroit Michigan, where he met and married his first wife, Edith (Heck) Dutcher and began working at Briggs Manufacturing, who supplied automotive parts to Ford and Chrysler. In 1954, Edwin and his family moved back to Cedarville where he began working, and later retiring, from US Steele (Cedarville Limestone Quarry). While still working for US Steele by night, Edwin co-founded Cedarville Fish Company and fished by day, instilling a legacy of a hard-work ethic into his children and grandchildren's lives.

After retiring, Edwin wholly owned and operated, with second wife Sandra, Dutcher's Fish Market in Cedarville and in Bay Port, Michigan, where he supplied his local community and outside cities with locally sourced fish.

Edwin and his family volunteered many hours to the community doing "fish fry's" of his famous Great Lakes Whitefish, which many remember to this day.

All through his life Edwin was an avid hunter, trapper, fishermen, boater and

devoted baseball fan and he spent his time teaching and sharing in these hobbies with his family and friends. Edwin loved to share his knowledge and would often teach his children and grandchildren what he knew about hunting and fishing by taking them himself. He traveled on hunting trips to Mexico, Colorado, Montana, Newfoundland, and Alaska and was on occasion seen in New Orleans.

After retiring and selling his businesses, Edwin traveled and spent time with family and friends. Known for working hard, having a dangerously witty sense of humor, and hugely generous heart, Edwin shared much of what he earned, fished, and hunted for with families and friends to get them through our long winters.

He was father and grandfather to many and was a colorful part of the life of everyone he met. Keep your stick on the ice.

Edwin is survived by children, Pamela Sue (Jay) Wilkie of Dearborn, Michigan, Deborah Jean (Jim) Nye of Hessel, Timothy Dutcher of Savannah, Georgia, Kim Freeman of Kingsport, Tennessee, and Daren Dutcher of Kenai, Alaska; son-in-law, David Monnot of Ludington, Michigan; grandchildren, Shauna (Pete) Reynolds, David (Tammy) Monnot, Stacy (Mark) Kearns, Kyle Dutcher, Tania (Jason) Grove, Anthony (Aimee) Veihdeffer, Trevor (Geneva Dawson) Veihdeffer, Erica Hirshman, Chelsea Dutcher, Samantha Dutcher, and Koen Dutcher; great grandchildren, Cody Galibrath, Brittany (Ben) Ruhling, Cory Veihdeffer, Brandon Dumback, Evan Veihdeffer, Ella Clair Veihdeffer, Karalyn Veihdeffer, Madilyn Veihdeffer, Crystyn Cornwell, Sage Grove, Chris Grove, and Kaiden Grove; and great great grandson, Kenton Veihdeffer. He is also survived by brothers, Roy (Frances) Dutcher of Hessel, Francis Dutcher of Cedarville, Dorothy (Richard) Royer of Goetzville, Michigan, and Jeanne Haynes of Indiana.

Edwin was preceded in death by two daughters, Patricia I. Dutcher, and Janet Monnot; brothers, William Dutcher and George Dutcher Jr.; and sisters, Doris

Callahan and Helen Leach.

Services will be held Tuesday, April 10 at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. with the funeral service starting at 1:00 P.M.

Burial will be in Edgewood Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville later in the spring.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cedar Cemetery

4 Mile Block Road  
Cedarville, MI 49719

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
24549 S. M-129  
Pickford, MI 49774  
(906) 647-3400  
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## Funeral Service

APR **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Edwin Duncan Dutcher

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Edwin Duncan Dutcher

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Edwin Duncan Dutcher

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Daren,  
*I was sad to hear of your dads passing. He was a great man. I will always keep our memories close to my heart. I will treasure his stories and his teasing. He will be missed. Thinking of you, Jennifer*

Jennifet Terrill - April 10, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ *Sending prayers to the family.*

Priscilla Bulleman - April 10, 2018 at 05:50 AM

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“ My sincere sympathy to the Edwin Dutcher Family. I helped Ed sell fish locally for a few years. He definitely knew how to catch the White Fish and He and Jim did a great job trying to show Bay Port Fish how. My brother Erv worked with Bay Port Fish, I worked for Ed and Jim, a little competition there for the restaurants, so it kept things interesting. Ed was outgoing and hardworking and kind, a man who loved his family and friends deeply, Ed loved fishing as anyone who knows him knows, and took pride in it, as with his family. No one goes through life without deep losses, yet Ed seldom spoke of his, instead always tried to focus on the bright side which explains his switch from serious to fun loving, always joking, personality, so often in the forefront. Ed was a good person. I am sure he will be missed by his family.

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**Mary Harder Lazarus** - April 09, 2018 at 10:25 PM

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“ My memories of my Uncle Eddie are happy ones. My fondest memory is when he and Jim H. took me on there fishing boat for a couple of weeks when I stayed with my Aunt, Uncle and cousins over a summer break. I haven't a clue why my Uncle and Jim allowed me, a punk city kid to work (I use that term lightly) on there fishing boat. Whatever their reasons were, it was one of the best and happy experiences I've ever had. I loved every minute of it and I really did learn from them what it meant to be a fisherman. I will never forget my Uncle Eddie, he holds a special place in my heart and I will miss him along with many of you. My prayers and thoughts are with my cousins and his entire family. Jim and Cindy Trosin

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**Jim Trosin** - April 09, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ *Glorious Memories Garland was purchased for the family of Edwin Duncan Dutcher.*



April 09, 2018 at 12:28 PM



“ *R1 Customer Service Unit purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edwin Duncan Dutcher.*



**R1 Customer Service Unit** - April 09, 2018 at 08:05 AM



“ *Grandpa was the bravest man, ive ever known. I'm Going to miss his humor, stories, and him just being a phone call away.*



**Tania Grove** - April 08, 2018 at 10:24 PM



“ *He was never afraid to try anything. Great sense of humor. Lived life to the fullest. Arnie Sommer Jr.*

**arnie** - April 08, 2018 at 10:04 PM

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“ *All our love, Mom, Kim, Barb, Bruce, Joshua, Casey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edwin Duncan Dutcher.*



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**All our love, Mom, Kim, Barb, Bruce, Joshua, Casey** - April  
08, 2018 at 08:29 PM