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## **Edwin Rictor Anderson**

East Tawas native and former Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church member, Edwin "Rick" Anderson, age 82, passed away at his home in Clinton Township on July 21, 2015. After a long and courageous struggle with Parkinson's Disease and Dementia, he died peacefully in the presence of family. He was born on April 14, 1933, the son of Edwin A. and Luella S. (nee Gackstetter) Anderson. He graduated from East Tawas High School in June of 1951, went to Central Michigan University for his bachelor's degree in education, and received his master's degree from Wayne State University. He was a member of the first ROTC class at CMU and served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He taught history and government at Riverview High School in Riverview, Michigan for most of his teaching career. Rick's parents preceded him in death as did Christine Hunter Anderson, his wife of 31 years, who died in 1989; and his youngest brother, Michael J. Anderson, who died in 2008. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Martha; and his children, Allison (Ron) Schmit of



Grosse Ile, Darrell (Jean) Anderson of Mesa, Ariz. and Erik (Theresa) Anderson of Maumee, Ohio. Rick had eight grandchildren, Erika (Joe) Digirolamo and Zachary Schmit of Allison and Ron Schmit; Christian, Paige, and Nolan Anderson of Erik and Theresa Anderson; and Maria, James, and Abigail Anderson of Darrell and Jean Anderson. He had one great granddaughter, Coriella Rose Digirolamo of Erika and Joe Digirolamo. He is also survived by his brother, Bill (Joyce) Anderson of Jackson; his sisters-in-law, Kathy Anderson of Bay City and Dottie Hunter of Cutler Bay, Fla. Rick had four nieces and three nephews and numerous cousins. Besides being with his children and grandchildren, Rick especially loved to return to the yearly salad luncheons at Grace Church and to visit his cousins in the East Tawas area as often as he could. Memorial services were held at Hope Lutheran Church in Warren on Saturday, July 25. Rick prearranged donation of his body to Wayne State University in Detroit and internment will be held at a later date. Memorials may be sent to Hope Lutheran Church in Warren or Michigan Parkinson Foundation in Bingham Farms.



## **Memories of Edwin**



