

Roger D. Dykehouse
1935 - 2025



Vicki (Carter) Whiting; sons, William (Amy) Dykehouse and Steven Dykehouse; grandchildren, William Whiting, Jennifer (Eric) Mitts, Jeanette Dykehouse, Katie (Drew) Anson and Sara (John) Royer; great-grandchildren, Jack Anson, Emma Anson and Mason Royer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Blanche Dykehouse.

A private celebration of Roger’s life will take place at a later date.

“Oh Captain! My Captain! Our fearful trip is done...”

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> Sue Halter:

To the family of Roger and Blanche. Through Dancing into Sunset I was able to meet Roger and Blanche when they started coming to Pomona Park to listen to the bands. Roger and the history he shared with me that was in his head regarding this area was amazing. He knew every resort on Spring Lake and the history behind each. I share his poster of pictures each Thursday night for all to see what Pomona Park used to look like when the dance Pavillion was on the waters edge in Fruitport. Oh, and the stories he would tell me about him and Blanche at the Pavillion. I will cherish and preserve all the posters and books and shared memories he gave me for years to come.

> Jerry Alger:

Roger was a good friend. We worked on Westover genealogy and in 2020, together we put on a very successful family reunion in NUNICA. Shared a lot of laughs. RIP Rog

Roger D. Dykehouse passed away on Saturday, August 9, 2025, in Norton Shores. He was born on May 23, 1935, in Ottawa County, Michigan to Henry and Grace Dykehouse.

Roger is survived by a daughter,

> Don Lent:

It was an honor and a pleasure to know and work with Roger Dykehouse. He was a part of the Sealed Power management team that hired me and brought my family and I to Muskegon nearly 40 years ago. We worked closely together until his retirement on several innovative engine parts programs that literally changed the trajectory of the gasoline and diesel engine industry. Brilliant engineering mind, and good friend. Many fond memories of traveling and fishing together. Godspeed Rog

> Mariann Cooper:

In addition to all of these comments, Roger researched the old railroad that went through Pomona Park from Grand Rapids, Chicago, and many other places. The Pomona House was previously known for it’s “fountain of youth” springs beneath the park. Roger was always willing to help however he could. I was a secretary to the Sales Manager and the ‘key operator’ of the copy machine shared by the Engineering/Sales/Executive Departments at Sealed Power and I would have to run to un-jamb it so it could run again (sometimes in the middle of dictation!). Roger was well respected there.

> Stan Fleece:

I got to know Roger through the outboard motor club. I enjoyed his fascinating informational talks on the development of mercury outboards. I also remember him really having a liking for Champion outboards. He would buy a champion 4.2 horse motor at a garage sale for \$35, take it apart, port, and polish the cylinder, and then finally put electronic ignition on it. The motor would now run like a 10-horse! Sometime shortly after he would bring it to one of our meets and enter it in a race, usually at Constantine with his granddaughter driving the boat. No other team or motor in its class could beat him. After it was all over, he would give the motor to one of the club members to take home.. One time I was privileged enough to be on his pit crew for the race. What a wonderful day it was! He was a loving husband to his wife who he cared for and stayed right by her side to the end. He genuinely gave of himself and his talents to others and his family. What a treasure it was to know him. The world was a better place because of Roger. May he rest in peace.

Scary Near-drowning at Lake Michigan

submitted by Brenda Bryant

What started as a normal day at Lake Michigan turned into anything but.

Our family of seven had gone for a fun day on the beach. My husband, who’s not even much of a water guy, was all in... splashing in the waves, playing in the sand, and even letting us bury him completely.

We were laughing, focused on the mission of making sure not a single patch of skin showed. But then that “mom scan” kicked in — the instinct to count. One, two, three... number four was splashing in the shallows with her floaty... and number five? She was further out, without a floaty, her head barely above the waves, swallowing mouthfuls of water.

I ran faster than I’ve ever run straight into the lake toward my three-year-old. Her little eyes were locked on me, silently pleading for help. I pulled her up into my arms and rushed her to shore. She was red, bloated, and I was terrified by how much water she’d swallowed.

Right there, I began rebuking the enemy. Satan does not get to have my children. I prayed over her mind, body, and spirit, speaking life and declaring she would be okay... even when fear whispered otherwise.

God had Gracie in His hands. His hedge of protection was over her. She is okay; still okay. What happened yesterday was nothing short of supernatural intervention. A miracle.

I share this to remind you... be incredibly cautious near water. Things can change in a single second. But also to remind you that we serve a wonder-working God who hears us, cares for us, and covers us in His protection.

NEW BRANCH MANAGER HIRED AT SHELBY STATE BANK



Ashlee Hanks has been hired as the new branch manager at the Shelby State Bank Fruitport office, 6448 Airline Road.

Hanks is a 2016 graduate of Grand Valley State University and has over five years in the financial services industry.

She has demonstrated excellence in several areas having worked in lending, employee coaching and mentoring, compliance, and community outreach. She also has an extensive customer service background not only in banking but in retail and hospitality industries as well. She resides in Nunica with her husband and four children.

Keely Moon, VP and Branch Administrator for Shelby State Bank said, “We are excited to welcome Ashlee to our team. Her passion for building relationships and her deep understanding of community makes her a great fit. Ashlee’s leadership and dedication to helping people thrive aligns well with our values, and she’s a wonderful addition to our strong leadership team. We’re confident she’ll make a meaningful impact here in Fruitport.”

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