



## Robert E. "Edward" Mills

December 2, 1935 - March 29, 2020

Robert "Edward" Mills, 84 passed away March 29, 2020, at Bayside Village Nursing Home after a long illness with Parkinson's Disease.

Ed leaves behind a sister Nancy Carlen, a brother John (Linda) Mills, sister in law Adele (Felo) Reyes, three daughters Deb (Tim) McElmurry, Brenda (Greg) Hentsch, Kim (Jim) Fedie, grandchildren Ashley and Scott McElmurry, Joe, Greg, Jake and Brian Fedie.

Proceeding him in death was his love of 49 years Eileen, parents Albert and Mary, brother-in-law Warren Carlen.

He always had a passion for gardening at a young age which he enjoyed throughout his life.

He was a wood model maker in his 20's, with much of his work being commissioned by the auto industry. His greatest accomplishment in this trade was making a cherry wood steering wheel that was displayed in a car at the 1964 World's Fair in New York City.

He liked to hunt and fish in the U.P. and also out west with his Dad, brother and brother-in-law where they had many laughs and stories to share from their adventures.

In 1968 he moved his family to the Maki Farm (Camp 6) on Point Abbey. He took much enjoyment and pride out of the animals, crops, and large vegetable garden he produced over the years.

He worked in the woods as a sawyer the first few years in Aura, before joining the REA as a lineman and worked along with his brother until his retirement.

Eileen and Ed had a greenhouse business and sold plants to other passionate gardeners.

Ed volunteered many years for the Aura Jamboree, Town Hall and Fire Hall.

He traveled out west to the Badlands and Alaska, but he always thought that the most beautiful place was the one he had in Aura.

There will be a graveside service for family in the spring.

Ed's obituary may also be viewed and condolences sent to the family at [www.reidfuneralservicechapel.com](http://www.reidfuneralservicechapel.com)

The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, MI has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements.

# Comments

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Mills family.



**Rosanne Kuivinen** - April 05 at 03:45 PM

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“ Kim, Brenda, Deb and families, It is always hard to lose a parent even though you knew he was not well. Wish we could give you all a much needed hug at this time. Will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers and cherish our memories. Hugs to all.

**Ron & Bev Fedie** - April 01 at 05:32 PM

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“ Jon Van Wagner lit a candle in memory of Robert E. "Edward" Mills



**Jon Van Wagner** - April 01 at 05:11 PM

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“ Dear Kim and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I loved your parents' greenhouse! Keep all those wonderful memories close to your heart. Thinking of you at this difficult time. Linda Mayes

**Linda Mayes** - March 31 at 06:16 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. My mom always visited him when she could in the nursing home. My sincere condolences to the Mills family.

**Lisa Mae Marinich** - March 31 at 03:35 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Ed was a remarkable person. God will now take care of him.  
Pete and Paul Moore



**Pete Moore** - March 31 at 10:18 AM

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“ Jake And Therese Grahek lit a candle in memory of Robert E. "Edward" Mills



**Jake and Therese Grahek** - March 30 at 07:09 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. And prayers for comfort. Spent a lot of time on their farm when I was younger. Hugs to Debbie, Brenda, and Kim

**Scott Hiltunen** - March 30 at 07:06 PM

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“ Our condolences    greg, joanne, and Cody Clement

**Greg and joanne** - March 30 at 05:13 PM

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“ My sympathy to the Fedie family. May you be wrapped in the arms of the Lord during this very difficult time.

**Chris Collins** - March 30 at 04:10 PM

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“ Evelyn Welch lit a candle in memory of Robert E. "Edward" Mills



**Evelyn Welch** - March 30 at 03:59 PM

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“ Norma Kokko lit a candle in memory of Robert E. "Edward" Mills



**Norma Kokko** - March 30 at 03:57 PM



“ Ed will always have a piece of my heart. He helped me when I was there to help him. God Bless

**Norma** - April 03 at 03:33 PM