



## Wayne Richard Eck

November 11, 1929 - September 30, 2024

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Wayne Richard Eck on September 30, 2024, at the age of 94. Wayne was born to David and Nelles Eck on November 11, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan.

He joined the Air Force the first year it was established, in 1947.

He was stationed in France during Reconstruction as a Buck Sergeant Aide to the Commander. He often joked about driving the Commander's dog around the base, and everyone would salute him as it was the Commander's car.

Wayne met the love of his life and his beloved wife, Mary Jane, and they were married for 68 years until his passing. Wayne was known for his handsome looks, strong will, determination to succeed, unique sense of style, and how much he loved and supported his family.

Wayne worked on the railroads and became the first in his family to graduate college. Soon afterward, he opened his own successful business, Mount Clemens Credit Bureau. He invested in real estate and built his empire of rentals and land, including his beloved farm in Burnside, MI, and his cottage in Lexington, MI.

Wayne loved farming and planted well over a thousand walnut trees and endless gardens. He loved sitting on the porch in Lexington and calling it his own personal Hawaii, buying and selling at flea markets, square dancing and

clogging, horseshoes, and drinking champagne or beer depending upon the day or the company. His farm was filled with his treasures, and he had well over fifty cars and even more vehicles of every kind (fire trucks, rail cars, and tractors). He lived a bold life with a spicy personality matching his +6 foot height.

He is survived by His Wife, Mary Jane Eck; daughter, Laura (Speer) Eck; and son, Wayne Richard Eck, II. He has Grandchildren Brett, Sabrina, Katrina, Winston, and Garion. His son-in-law, David Speer, and daughter-in-law, Wan Eck. He was brother to his sister Geraldine, and a brother who passed at an early age in a fire accident.

Wayne fought metastatic prostate cancer valiantly until the end. He often said he outlasted all of his friends but, even better, all of his enemies.

Wasik Funeral Home, 49150 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Twp, MI 48315, will conduct funeral services on Sunday, October 6, 2024, from Noon to 6 p.m. Wayne's final resting place will be at Great Lakes National VA Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Love, the Specks purchased the Ocean Breeze S pray for the family of Wayne Richard Eck.*



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**Love, the Specks** - October 04, 2024 at 08:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Richard Eck.*



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“ *Your friends at AVM Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Richard Eck.*

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**Your friends at AVM Group** - October 04, 2024 at 08:19 AM