



## Rae Robert Ehlen Sr.

March 2, 1927 - February 23, 2021

Rae Ehlen, Sr., 93, of West Point, VA passed away February 23, 2021 after a brief illness. He retired from the Forestry Department of Chesapeake Corporation. Rae was an active member of Brett Reed Presbyterian Church, an avid sailor and an incredible father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

While Rae was survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Nancy, she followed him in passing just one week later on March 1, 2021. Left to cherish his life are his daughter, Laura Hurtt (Jane); son, Rae Ehlen, Jr.; grandchildren, Nichole DeChick and Justin Acree; and four great-grandchildren, Madison and Mackenzie DeChick, and Justin Jr. and Jameson Acree.

A joint memorial service for Rae and Nancy will be held at 1 PM, Saturday, March 6th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th St., West Point, VA.

Masks are required.

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ *Becky Fauber lit a candle in memory of Rae Robert Ehlen Sr.*



Becky Fauber - April 18, 2021 at 08:23 AM

BF

“ *Laura I'm so sorry about the loss of your parents... I pray you may find peace in knowing they were very loved and they raised a beautiful daughter... I love you Laura...*

Becky Fauber - April 18, 2021 at 08:23 AM

RC

“ *Rae will be missed here at the West Point Family Barbershop . He always was laughing and smiling. It was a blessing to have known him. Condolences to the family.*

Rebecca Carter - March 05, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *Angela Kirby lit a candle in memory of Rae Robert Ehlen Sr.*



Angela Kirby - March 04, 2021 at 01:20 PM

JO

“ Mr Ehlen, as I have always called him was such a kind and gentle man. Had a great sense of humor as I learned later in life. His daughter Laura and I were good friends when we were 15/16. Needless to say we got into a little mischief every now and then, but all in good fun! I was scared to death of Laura's mother but Mr Ehlen always seemed to be calm and cool. He was probably thinking that kids will be kids or that he'd done a lot worse when he was growing up ! Haha. As I got older and started working for the town he would come in from time to time and always find time to talk to me. We would always get a laugh out of something that was going on at the time. Mr Ehlen often walked by my house and always admired Charlie's garden. So he would tell me from time to time that I came by your house and went in your garden and got a few tomatoes or cucumbers or squash or whatever it was that we had plenty of. I would always tell him he was welcome to whatever was there and to help himself. He was such a prince of a man. In the past couple of years, I have missed him dearly walking by the house !  
RIP Mr and Mrs Ehlen Love & miss you both. God Bless you



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**Joanie** - March 03, 2021 at 04:01 PM

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“ Temple Garnett -Burton lit a candle in memory of Rae Robert Ehlen Sr.



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**Temple Garnett -Burton** - February 27, 2021 at 08:32 AM

ND

“ Seeing this obituary of my grandpa makes his passing even more real. It is so wonderful to see the impact he had on his community. I have ALWAYS known that Papa was young at heart, had a wonderful sense of humor, was stubborn as hell (he refused to take doctor's orders and relax), was a loving, caring, and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and family man! My grandfather was TRULY one of a kind and I was SO BLESSED to have gotten the 44 years that I did with him. That HE was ALWAYS there for ME and for his family and that was true up until he took his final breath. He was ALWAYS so much more concerned about US and his wife than he was about himself!! I was also SO BLESSED to have had such an AMAZING role model and to have barred witness to the type of relationship he and my grandmother had. They showed me what it is to TRULY love and what a REAL marriage looks like. I know that people say there is NO SUCH THING AS PERFECT but I swear that my Papa was PERFECT in EVERY WAY to me, his family, his friends, and his wife! Papa we were ALL SO LUCKY to have had YOU in our lives and EACH one of us is better because we did!! "You were my strength when I was weak. You were my voice when I couldn't speak. You were my eyes when I couldn't see. I lost my faith you gave it back to me. I'm EVERYTHING I am because YOU LOVED ME!!"

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Nichole Dechick - February 27, 2021 at 02:04 AM

CM

“ Rea was a great uncle and I loved him dearly. He will be missed beyond belief.

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crystal Mabe - February 26, 2021 at 06:43 PM

JL

“ I have known Rae from the Mill and Brett Reed. We have worked together on a lot of projects both at the Mill and Brett Reed. He has served as an Elder for the Church and served as a Director on the Brett Reed Foundation. The knowledge and service that he freely gave was an asset to the Church and the community. It goes without saying he will be greatly missed by me as well as the Community.

James Lipscomb - February 26, 2021 at 02:18 PM

DN

“ Rae will be missed in our community as he was a very witty person who would get into some deep conversations about most anything ~~ important or not. He was a fine person with good character and loved sharing his experiences of his career at the Mill .. I worked with him in the Woodlands Dept. and seeing the way he cared about nature and it's natural beauty was a great gift which Rae shared ! He was an original lover of life and tried to make this world a better place for everybody !

Dennis Norman - February 26, 2021 at 09:30 AM

AW

“ Avie Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of Rae Robert Ehlen Sr.



Avie Gerald Williams - February 26, 2021 at 09:13 AM

GC

“ Nancy, Laura, Buddy and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss.  
I enjoyed the years of working with him in the Woodlands  
Department. He seemed to never age and had a keen sense of  
humor. His laughter was very contagious.  
Cherish your precious memories.  
With heartfelt sympathy,  
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)

Gloria Couch - February 25, 2021 at 08:37 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear about Rae. Enjoyed working with him at  
Chesapeake. He was always smiling. We send our love and  
sympathy to Nancy and his family.

Judy & Glenn Palmer - February 25, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ Abbi Williams lit a candle in memory of Rae  
Robert Ehlen Sr.



Abbi Williams - February 25, 2021 at 06:38 PM

LS

“ A good friend from our Chesapeake days;  
always ran into Rae at the post office and  
enjoyed talking with him. RIP Rae. 💔



Linda South - February 25, 2021 at 04:57 PM

HW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Rae's family. Have very good memories of Rae when we both worked at Chesapeake even though in different departments. From time to time I would run into him in Williamsburg where we would recall some of the good times at the mill. Rae always had a good lookout at life.

Henry Ward

Henry Ward - February 25, 2021 at 02:53 PM

AR

I cannot believe this. I recently saw Rae and he looked great for his age. He always spoke to me when he saw me, asking about my family. I know he was 93, but I just felt he would be here for a long time. Praying for the family.

Anita Roy - February 25, 2021 at 04:32 PM

JW

so sorry to hear this news.will have fond memories of him and miss seeing him around west Point

Janie Wampler - February 26, 2021 at 10:21 AM

MB

I knew Rae from the Young At Heart Class at the Y, what a joy it was to spend time with him there, he was definitely Young at Heart and in spirit. I have missed him this last year, rest in peace Rae. My prayers are with his family .

Marcy Blankenbeuhler - February 26, 2021 at 03:47 PM

MW

Rae & Nancy were always, always great friends to our Mom, Dot Walker Krewatch, and to our Dad, Burton. Us kids often stopped by their home to visit - they were/are both so warm, humorous (Rae, for sure) and ... just really nice! We will miss Rae. Prayers go out to the family.

Martin Walker - February 28, 2021 at 09:09 PM