



## Raymond W. Denison

December 4, 1923 - October 21, 2015

PORT SANILAC: Raymond W. Denison, age 91, of Port Sanilac, died Wednesday October 21, 2015 at Stonegate Village in Sandusky. He was born December 4, 1923 in Dearborn, son of the late Walter Raymond & May (Netter) Denison. He and Shirley Travers were married September 15, 1945 in Dearborn.

Ray served in the U.S. Army during World War II including North Africa and Italy in the 10th Mountain Division. He was former chairperson of the Sanilac Democratic Party, a member of the State Democratic Committee, founding member of the Sanilac Co. Community Foundation, and served from 1963 until his retirement in 1988 as the Legislative Director of the AFL-CIO. Ray authored six books on the Denison family U.S. history, the U.S. Merchant Marines, wrote a biography of Michigan State Representative John Espinoza, growing up in the Great Depression, and coauthored Confessions of an Innkeeper. He also lobbied on issues on behalf of American's working families. He was a long-time supporter of Sanilac Co. Historical Society and was active in Bark Shanty Sail Club.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Port Sanilac; four wonderful children, Rae Denison of Punta Gorda, FL; Gene Denison of Port Sanilac, Stephen (Shannon) Denison of Sausalito, CA, and Andrew Denison of Ashburn, VA; two brothers, Donald of Dayton, OH & George of Lewiston, MI; and one granddaughter, Anna Bosin of Anchorage, AK.

Funeral Services will be held 11 AM Thursday, October 29, 2015 at Pomeroy

Funeral Home, Lexington. His son, Gene, will officiate. Burial will be in Port Sanilac Cemetery.

Visitation will be held 3-7 PM Wednesday and 10 – 11 AM Thursday. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Sanilac Co. Historical Society or ACLU.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I served with Ray at the AFL- CIO and can testify to his total dedication and commitment to the people we were privileged to represent -- the working women and men of the United States. We are all sorry for your and our loss. Jim Ellenberger

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**James Ellenberger** - October 27, 2015 at 05:37 PM

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“ My condolences on the death of your father, Rae. I will be sending a donation in his memory to the Charlotte County Democratic Club. You and Shirley and the family will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. Rae, after reading his obituary, I understand why you are such a dedicated reader!

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**Nancy Razvoza** - October 23, 2015 at 02:59 PM