



Richard F. Day

March 11, 1931 - June 2, 2026

ADRIAN- Richard F. Day, age 95, of Adrian, Michigan passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at the Lakes of Sylvania. Born on March 11, 1931, in Adrian, he was the only son of the late Francis and Marian (Dettman) Day.

After attending and graduating from St. John's Lutheran School, Richard graduated from Adrian High School in 1949. He attended Adrian College for one year and then transferred to Concordia Teachers College, (now named Concordia University Chicago), River Forest, Illinois, graduating in 1953.

Upon graduation Richard taught at St. Paul Lutheran School, Cleveland, Ohio for sixteen years and then continued teaching twenty-two years in the Willoughby-Eastlake School District east of Cleveland. During that time, he earned his master's degree in education from Cleveland State University and served as a part time assistant to the Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Ohio for several years.

Richard retired from teaching in 1991 and in 2004 he relocated back to Adrian. Since returning to Adrian, he was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church and served as a volunteer at the Lenawee County Historical Museum. From the days of his early childhood, Richard was fascinated by the railroads of Lenawee County. He took a special interest in the former Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railroad and spent much enjoyable time collecting photos and

historical information about the D T & I as well as the other railroads of Lenawee County.

He is survived by a nephew, Jonathan (Jill) Hepner of Toledo, Ohio, and great nieces Emily and Abigail Hepner. He has surviving cousins, Roger Roback and family of Adrian, Brad Horton of Hawaii, William Edward Mundhenk III of Adrian, Dorothy Jenkins of Little Elm, Texas, and Michael Itter of Adrian. Richard was preceded in death by his parents; only sister, Marcelyn (Fred) Hepner; and cousins Clarice Horton and Marjorie Moore.

Visitation will take place on Friday, June 12, 2026, from 4 to 6 PM at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 11 AM at St. John's Lutheran Church with Pastor Jon Torreson officiating. Burial to follow at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois or the Cleveland Lutheran High School Association, Cleveland, Ohio.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Cemtery

Oakwood Road
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
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<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
3448 North Adrian Highway
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I volunteered with Richard at the Lenawee County Historical Museum on Thursdays I enjoyed his fellowship immensely he had a great influence on me. I will miss our conversations I would tease him about his school master mentality. Jim Henry

Jim HENRY - June 18 at 01:07 PM

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“ Richard was always kind to every one . He eencourged me. and asked to go for rides in Lenawee county and would share his memory. Cathy. Harsh

cathy harsh - June 07 at 04:18 PM

KV

“ Katie Vancs purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard F. Day.



Katie Vancs - June 06 at 04:51 PM

AB

“ Ardi bardhi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard F. Day.



Ardi bardhi - June 06 at 09:14 AM