



## Wayne Edward Roback

September 28, 1939 - December 10, 2024

ADRIAN-Wayne Edward Roback, 85, passed away early Tuesday morning, December 10, 2024, in the comfort of his home and surrounded by the love of his family.

Wayne was born at home in Ogden Township, Michigan on September 28, 1939, to Arthur and Adeline (Tonneberger) Roback. Being one of the youngest of nine children, Wayne lived life to the fullest entertaining family with his antics and a sense of humor. Wayne also lived a life devoted to family, agriculture, and community.

Wayne graduated from Adrian High School, where he was active in FFA and football, earning All-State Honors as a guard. He went on to Michigan State University (College), where he earned a two-year agricultural degree.

In 1961, Wayne married Karen Thomas of Onsted, and together they built a life filled with love, family, and purpose. They raised three children: Jayne (Jim) Near of Adrian, Janelle (Dirk) Stewart of Manchester, and Jay (Karen) Roback of Adrian.

Wayne's lifelong passion for agriculture began early and extended through a 25-year career as a salesman for agricultural products. Afterward, he worked for Adrian Public Schools in the maintenance department, retiring in 2004. In retirement, Wayne dedicated over 20 years as a full-time volunteer at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds, where he continued to champion agriculture and youth education.

As an alumnus of the Lenawee County 4-H Program, Wayne proudly served

as a 4-H leader, 4-H Junior Livestock Board member, and 4-H Swine Superintendent. His commitment to the Lenawee County Fair spanned more than 25 years as a fair board member. His passion for livestock and educating youth in the art of raising animals was a cornerstone of his life.

Wayne cherished his family, including his six grandchildren- Emily (Keith) Walworth, Hunter (Morgan) Stewart, Jocelyn (Sam Haack) Near, Katie Roback, Jameson Near, and Maggie Roback; and two great-granddaughters, Miley and Piper Walworth.

He is survived by his wife Karen; children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and siblings Roger Roback, Gordon (Shirley) Roback, and Jan Roback.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Richard (Doris) Roback, Melva Jean (Clarence) Walker, Florence Roback, Dorothy (Ed) Waltz, Carol Roback, Carl (Patty) Roback and Don (Jean) Roback.

Wayne's legacy is one of dedication to family, community, and a love for agriculture. He will be remembered as a mentor, a leader, and a man who found great joy in helping others succeed.

Visitation for Wayne will take place on Friday, December 13, 2024, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at 11:00 am at the funeral home with Mike Sheldon officiating. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Gardens in Tecumseh.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee or the Lenawee County 4-H Program.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lenawee Hills Memorial Gardens

Corner of M50 and M52  
Tecumseh, MI 49286

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Dear Karen , Jayne , Janelle , & Jay ,  
The Lundy family is so very sorry for the loss of your husband , Dad  
, & Grandad .  
We used to have some good times together back in the day !  
Wayne had the best sense of humor & funniest laugh ever 😊 Thank  
God for memories !  
Thinking of you & praying for God’s comfort for all of you during this  
very sad time . Sending much love & comforting hugs to all of you  
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Love & Sympathy , Mary Lundy Sylvester & Family

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**Mary Lundy Sylvester** - December 29, 2024 at 02:16 PM

RP

“ Richard and I would like to offer our condolences to the Roback  
family and their friends. Wayne was a tremendous supporter of 4-H  
and the Lenawee County Fair. He will be missed, but the impact he  
had on others will last.

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**Richard and Judy Plum** - December 15, 2024 at 12:31 PM

HW

“ Many 4-H youth over the years will have fond memories of Wayne’s  
help and encouragement. Wayne left lasting footprint over the  
years. Thanks Wayne. A life well lived.

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**Harvey Warrick** - December 14, 2024 at 11:06 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I first met Wayne when I worked at the Livestock gate collecting money and tickets for 3 years. My husband worked security through his employer, Signal 88 Security. Wayne was so protective of me, and always made sure I had everything I needed, and would joke with my husband, that he needed to make sure I had all that I needed, including breakfast when I got to the gate early and of course ice cream!! He was the best. I also had the pleasure of meeting Karen and Janelle. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad and hard time.

Joy Hodges - December 14, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Roback.



December 13, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne Edward Roback.

December 13, 2024 at 12:16 PM

RA

“ Razy's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wayne Edward Roback.



Razy's - December 13, 2024 at 08:00 AM

RA

“ Razy's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Edward Roback.

Razy's - December 13, 2024 at 08:00 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Roback.



December 12, 2024 at 10:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Roback.



December 12, 2024 at 10:36 PM



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December 12, 2024 at 10:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Roback.



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December 12, 2024 at 02:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne Edward Roback.

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December 12, 2024 at 02:24 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Wayne’s passing. Prayers to the entire family during this difficult time. He was the life of the party in whatever he was involved with.

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**Kendra Barrett** - December 12, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Roback.



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December 12, 2024 at 10:55 AM

MB

“ Wayne always reminded me of my uncles. He would razz and pick on me just like they did. I appreciated his humor. Wayne would contribute a pot of his delicious chili or ham & bean soup to our Extension office potlucks when we asked. I will miss your smiling face. Rest in peace.

Melissa Burns - December 12, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Roback.



December 12, 2024 at 10:08 AM

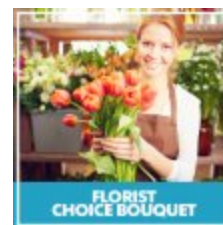


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne Edward Roback.

December 12, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Roback.



December 11, 2024 at 11:30 PM

JS

“ My condolences to Karen and all of Wayne's family. He was special and one of a kind. His smile and good humor was a gift to others . Rest in peace my friend .

Jill Shaffer - December 11, 2024 at 04:48 PM

FF

“ From the Graham family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Wayne Edward Roback.



From the Graham family - December 11, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Roback.



December 11, 2024 at 11:02 AM



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Roback.*



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December 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Coach Jay I did not personally know your Dad, but as a 4-H member he was known for all his contributions to the Lenawee County Fair. I am so sorry for your loss, but you must have wonderful memories....  
Mary Skeels*

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**Mary Skeels** - December 11, 2024 at 04:50 AM



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December 10, 2024 at 10:07 PM



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December 10, 2024 at 10:07 PM

WF

“ We all got our love of animals from Uncle Wayne. He would always joke with me and my siblings. You will be missed Uncle Wayne. Love and HUGS to Aunt Karen and all the kids, grands and great grands.

William and Philinda Fick - December 10, 2024 at 08:09 PM

PF

“ Jayne, you and your family are in my heart and prayers. Much love to you.

Pam Fisher - December 10, 2024 at 07:42 PM

KE

So very sorry for your loss, Jayne and your family 🙏🙏🙏

Kathy EtterStaup - December 11, 2024 at 10:26 AM

CG

“ We were so sorry to learn of your loss, what a loss for our whole community. Our hearts are with your whole family. HL and Carrie Green.

Carrie Green - December 10, 2024 at 07:29 PM

JG

“ God broke the mold after he created Wayne, there will never be another Wayne Roback. His humor and unique personality will always be remembered by fair goers, especially the 4 H families. The fair will never be the same. I for one will always remember the enjoyment Wayne shared with others. Condolences to all of his family. Keep all the special memories alive in your heart. May he rest in peace. I'd love to be there to see the celebration in heaven.  
❤️ Jennifer Griffith

Jennifer Griffith - December 10, 2024 at 07:20 PM

YB

“ Uncle Wayne you will be missed by family, friends and so many people at the fair grounds.  
My earliest memory is your wedding to Aunt Karen....you never let me forget that special day ❤️  
Aunt Karen, Jayne, Janelle, Jay and families our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days ahead. Love you all  
Harold and Von



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**Yvonne Bailey** - December 10, 2024 at 06:39 PM

KE

They were both soo close to my heart🥹. I am so sorry for your loss to the entire family. Love, Kathy

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**Kathy EtterStaup** - December 11, 2024 at 10:24 AM

GB

“ Sending hugs to his family... an amazing extraordinary guy, always with a smile!



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**Gabi and Barb** - December 10, 2024 at 06:38 PM