

Alvin Rae DeYoung, son of Edward (1915-1958) and Rose (Essenberg) (1920-2015)



DeYoung, was born 18 September 1942, Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan. Alvin's father was a World War II veteran. Edward and Rose married 27 October 1941 in Antrim County, Michigan. After the war Edward was employed as a technician in chemical weed control for the Horticulture Department at Michigan State College (later University). Edward died 22 March 1958 and was interred Glendale Cemetery, Okemos.

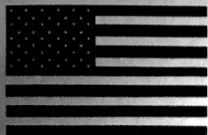
The Okemos Alumni Association was notified of Alvin's passing by his classmate and fellow rocketeer, Tom Gunn '60. Additional notification by Alvin's son Wade.

Alvin graduated in 1960 from Okemos High School. While in high school Alvin was in a loosely organized group interested in building and launching handmade rockets. In 1960 the local Junior Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees, Oldsmobile, Jacklin Steel Company, Wolverine Company, Industrial Welding and Brazing Company and Michigan National Guard sponsored an area group of young people, including Alvin, on a trip to Camp Grayling to launch rockets. The trip proved to be a real learning experience for everyone involved. Alvin later became an aerospace engineer.

Alvin was a US Navy veteran. He was living in The Villages, Sumter County, Florida when he passed away 8 May 2017. Alvin was survived by 5 children and brothers, Donald and John. He was interred Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Sumter County.

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Rocketeers Are Ready

Sky Over Camp Grayling
To Be Missile-Filled
This Weekend

By PAUL PALMER
(State Journal Staff Writer)

A 12-car caravan of missile-age schoolboys, their science teachers and Jaycee boosters, will head out of Lansing early Saturday morning for a weekend of rocket launching at Camp Grayling.

The 35 junior and senior high school students from Greater Lansing will attempt to send aloft their home-made rockets—30 in all—under the supervision of the national guard.

The unique expedition combines efforts of six industrial firms and organizations, plus the aid of the teachers.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the shoot and financing a major portion of the costs. Oldsmobile is supplying six cars to transport the students and seven teachers—one a woman—to the national guard camp. Industrial Welding and Brazing company is furnishing the truck to haul the 30 rockets, their launchers and 500 pounds of propellant.

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