



Raymond V. Daugaard

Raymond V. Daugaard holds the highly honored distinction of being the longest member of the SDAD. Raymond was born in Sherman, SD on July 29, 1914. He grew up on the family farm and enrolled at the School for the Deaf in 1922. He left school in 1934 to work the family farm with his father. In 1949, he met Florence Kennedy, from Iowa, who later became his wife of 45 years. The couple was married in 1950 and lived on the farm. They had three children: Joyce, Dennis, and Sandra.

Raymond's involvement with the SDAD started when he joined at the age of 14 during one of the conventions held in Sioux Falls. He has remained a member ever since and at various times served as president, vice-president, secretary and sergeant-at-arms.

When asked what he enjoyed the most about being an active member of the SDAD, he replied that he enjoyed attending the conventions, keeping abreast of the news relating to the deaf community, socializing and being informed of changes that have an impact or effect on the deaf community in general.

Raymond's hobby was traveling to different places and learning their cultural, educational, and historical significance. Raymond was an active member of other organizations as well as the SDAD. He was a member of the NFSD-Div. #74 and the Deaf Senior Citizens Organization. He was also an active member of the local deaf club that changed names over the years.