



Name: Sylvester Thomas Ritter

Age: 86

Hometown: Bad Axe

Funeral Date: December 30, 2022

Date of Birth: January 20, 1936

Date of Passing: December 20, 2022

Funeral Home: **MacAlpine Funeral Home**

Funeral Information

Funeral service for Tim will be held on December 30, 2022, at 11:00 AM at St. Hubert Parish/ Sacred Heart Church in Bad Axe. Visitation will also be held on Friday from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the Church. Visitation will be held on December 29, 2022, 2:00-8:00 PM at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe, Michigan. Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 6:30 PM and a scripture service at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Per his wishes, cremation will follow at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City, Michigan. Military graveside service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be offered to the Shared Blessings Food Pantry and The Arbor Day Foundation. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.MacAlpinefuneralhome.com

Family of the Deceased

Tim is survived by his children David (Deb) Ritter, Melinda (Randy) Osantoski, Timothy (fiancé Barbara Stevens) Ritter and Susan (Al) Rochefort; eleven grandchildren, Joshua (Ashley) Ritter, Andrew Ritter, Christopher (fiancé Michelle Merriman) , Megan Ritter, Daniel (Jenna) Ritter , Nicholas (Elizabeth) Osantoski, Stephanie Osantoski (fiance Jordan

Neidlinger) Jessica Jurges, John (Olivia) Jurges, Jaclyn (Darren) Morell, Jared Jurges; great grandchildren Aubrey, Shelby and Penelope Osantoski, Hailey and Clayton Ritter, Greyson Merriman, Gabriella Ritter, Ava , Kynzie and Ryatt Morell, Scarlett Merlino, Jackson, Owen and Jillian Jurges. He is also survived by his sisters Eva Houston, Sarah Schenk, Ann Hagle and Margaret Wolfe and sister-in-law Etheline Ritter, and also the mother of his children Elaine. He was preceded in death by his parents, step dad Sylvester J. Ritter, his sister Shirley Ritter, brothers James Ritter and Wayne Ritter, brothers-in-law John Houston, Harold Schenk, Warren Hagle, and David Wolfe.

Biography

Sylvester Thomas (Tim) Ritter, 86 years old of Bad Axe, Michigan, passed away on December 20, 2022 at Harbor Beach Community Hospital, with his family by his side. He was the second of three children born to the late William and Tressie (Allan) Ritter, on January 20, 1936. Tim graduated from Bad Axe High school in 1955. In January of 1956, he joined the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged in December of 1958. He served just short of three years, of which two years he served on the island of Okinawa, Japan. Tim was employed prior to service at Michigan Lumber Fabricators in Elkton, Michigan. After his service in the Army, he was employed with General Motors of Flint. He returned to Bad Axe, and married the love of his life, Elaine Klee. He was employed with Thumb Oil Gas Company of Bad Axe, Carmet Co., and also Smith Distributing of Bad Axe. In November of 1965, he was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Tim was a life-long member for 41 years of the Knights of Columbus #1546, and also a member of the American Legion. He was also a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for many years, delivering meals to the homebound which he enjoyed. He was an avid Bingo player and enjoyed taking his grandchildren. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the joy of his life. Tim was a member of St. Hubert Parish/ Sacred Heart Church in Bad Axe, Michigan.