



**Name:** David "Dave & Sprocket" Helewski

**Age:** 68

**Hometown:** Bad Axe, MI

**Funeral Date:** July 17, 2020

**Date of Birth:** February 05, 1952

**Date of Passing:** March 23, 2020

**Funeral Home:** [Smigielski Funeral Homes](#)

### **Funeral Information**

Due to restrictions of COVID-19, a graveside service was held at Most Holy Trinity Cemetery for immediate family only. In its place, the family is welcoming all that would have attended to join them at the family farm in memory of his life on the evening of Friday, July 17th. Many memories will be shared and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Additionally, a mass in his intention will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parisville on Saturday, July 18th at 7 p.m. Memorials can be made to David's family, care of his daughter, Erica. Please call the funeral home for further details. Please visit [www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com) to express your sympathy and sign the guest book for David's family.

## **Family of the Deceased**

Dave is survived by his three children, Stacey (Ronald) Roberts of Surprise, AZ, Erica Helewski of Grand Rapids, Craig (Kayla) Helewski of Wytheville, VA; two grandchildren, Ellie and Henry Helewski; 9 siblings, Patricia (Kenneth) Majeski of Kinde, Margaret Andreski-Frantz of Myrtle Beach, SC, Susanna (Carl) Weber of Ubly, Barbara (Don) Kolar of Minden City, Carlin (Stephen) Maurer of Bad Axe; Marilyn (Robert) Grocholski of Bay City, Rick (Julie) Helewski of Ubly, Mary Jo (Barry) Wolschleger of Ubly, Laurie (Richard) Block of Ubly; one brother-in-law, Brian Maurer of Florence, WI; step-mother-in-law, Betty Puvalowski; 8 in-laws, Debra (David) Armbruster of Pigeon, Claude (Denise) Puvalowski of Ruth, Loraine (William) Goretski of Port Austin, Diane Puvalowski of Bad Axe, Jamie (David) Siemen of Harbor Beach, Scott (Caren) Puvalowski of Ubly, Angela (Charles) Stringer of Palms; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister Elizabeth "Betty" Maurer, two brothers-in-law, Marvin Andreski and Dick Frantz, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bernard and MaryAnn (Plevnia) Puvalowski.

## **Biography**

Mr. David (a.k.a. "Dave" and "Sprocket") Stanley Helewski, 68, of Bad Axe, passed away after a short illness, Monday, March 23, 2020 surrounded by his loving family at Beaumont Royal Oak while under hospice care. He was born on February 5, 1952 at Hubbard Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe to the late Stanley and Rita (Kubacki) Helewski. He married Jean Puvalowski on August 8, 1981 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. She preceded him in death on July 29, 2018. Dave was a 1970 graduate of Ubly High School. After high school he worked construction for a few years before moving back and working on the family farm which he eventually took over. He continued farming for decades both for himself and for Maurers from the Ruth/Harbor Beach area. Dave was a parishioner of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Smith Corners for many years where he was also an usher and a member of the Holy Name Men's Club. In his younger years, Dave enjoyed playing basketball and softball. He also enjoyed watching and listening to sports, and working on word finds. He was quite the cook and loved making authentic Polish food and sharing his signature dishes

with others. Above all, he loved his children, polka dancing, and spoiling his two grandchildren.