



Name: "Ben" Bard Martin

Age: 95

Hometown: Bad Axe, MI

Funeral Date: April 03, 2024

Date of Birth: February 25, 1929

Date of Passing: March 27, 2024

Funeral Home: **Kaufman Funeral Home**

Funeral Information

A Funeral Service will be held 1 PM Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at Kaufman Funeral Home, 84 Westland Dr., Bad Axe, MI; Pastor Bruce Hereim officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Bad Axe, MI. The family will receive visitors from 11 AM-1 PM Wednesday, April 3, 2024. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice in Ben's memory.

Family of the Deceased

Ben's memory will forever be treasured by his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and the countless lives he touched along his journey. May he rest in eternal peace, knowing that his legacy of love will live on in our hearts forever. Ben leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Michael (Rebecca) Bard, Margaret Allen, Mary (Norman) Bouchard, Patricia (Thomas) Shepherd, Helen O'Keefe, John (Kim) Bard; 15 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; many other loving family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Stephen Bard and sons-in-law, David O'Keefe and Wayne Allen. The family would like to give a

special thank you to the nurses and staff at Huron Medical Care Facility for taking such good care of their dad.

Biography

Martin "Ben" Bard of Bad Axe, MI, age 95, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Ben was born in Antrim County, MI, on February 25, 1929, to the late Charles and Mary Bard. He was united in marriage to the love of his life, Lucille Elizabeth Hindman, on May 28, 1949, in Miami Shores, FL. Their bond was a testament to enduring love and partnership until Lucille's passing on August 23, 2016. Ben's life was marked by service, both to his country and his community. He served with honor and distinction in the U.S Navy from 1947 to 1950 as a meteorologist, embodying the spirit of duty and sacrifice. Following his military service, he dedicated 35 years of his life to Earl C. Smith Trucking, Inc, where his hard work and dedication left an indelible mark. Even in retirement, Ben's spirit of generosity and companionship continued to shine brightly. He found joy and fulfillment in his work with Wolverine Auto Brokers, forging enduring friendships along the way, especially with his dear friend, Dan. Among Ben's many passions, baking held a special place in his heart. His culinary creations were not just food but expressions of love, eagerly shared with friends and family. Yet, above all else, Ben cherished the moments spent with his beloved family. His presence brought warmth and laughter to every gathering, creating cherished memories that will endure for generations. As we bid farewell to Ben, we celebrate a life well-lived—a life defined by love, service, and unwavering dedication to those he held dear. Though he may no longer walk among us, his legacy of kindness and compassion will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him.