



Arlen K. Bannick

April 11, 1922 - February 13, 2023

Arlen K. Bannick, age 100, of Bad Axe passed away on Monday, February 13, 2023 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on April 11th, 1922 to the late Howard and Grace Bannick. He owned and operated both the Port Austin and Bad Axe roller rinks. Many people enjoyed skating and dancing over the years, and even enjoyed Little Jimmy Dickens (Dad's good friend) and Casey Clark bands. Arlen had a band featuring many musician friends called Eastern Michigan Music Makers and they played many events around the area, along with the Octagon Barn for 22 years. In addition to the roller rinks, Arlen owned and operated Bannick Music & Games in which he placed juke boxes, pinball machines, pool tables etc. all over the Thumb area for years. He decided to retire at age 99 and made so many friends along the way. Arlen was also a member of the Bad Axe Lion's Club for years.

Arlen is survived by the love of his life, "his girl", Sharon (Wells) Bannick; they were married on April 3rd, 1958 in Bad Axe. He is also survived by his brother Ken (Prudy) Bannick, Bay City; his sisters Ilene DeChane, Lela (Elwood) Yageman - both of Bad Axe; son Dick (Sandy) Bannick, Florida; daughters Linda (Darrel) Guigar, Cindy (Jeff) Luetzow, and Tina (Bob) Stirrett - all of Bad Axe; grandchildren Erich (Shanda), Andy (Claudia), Melissa (Gary), Tammy (Daniel), DJ (Randi), Branden, Becky (Paul), Ted (Sarah), Tyler (Erica), Ryan

(Stephanie), Ashlynn, Shanna (Jerad), and Sarah; great grandchildren Mariah (Joseph), Nicole (Joshua), Samantha, Dean, Rebeka, Collin, Peyton (Tony), Parker, Dylan (Stephanie), Paige, Rylee, Noah, Ernie, Teddy, Talon, Tydus and Adalynne; great- great grandchildren Ayden, Haylee, Maysen, Jordan, Jenson and Isla Quinn; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother Ronald, son Loren, brother in law Gerald DeChane and his best friends Dick and Ruth Jarvis.

Funeral services will be at 11 am on Friday, February 17th at Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Burial will be in Colfax Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 16th from 1 pm to 8 pm, and February 17th at 10 am until the time of the service.

Arlen will live on in our hearts and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
84 Westland Dr
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ Always remember the best times of my childhood were at the roller rink in BadAxe with Arlen my thoughts go out to his family and Linda
Dave Bowron

dave - August 10, 2024 at 01:19 AM

JM

“ What a great Man, will be missed. Always enjoyed visiting & seeing him and wife in McDonald's coffee Shop. Always friendly & smile for everyone. Condolences to Linda and family thinking of you.

Joyce McDonald

Joyce McDonald - February 18, 2023 at 04:08 PM

DA

“ The Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn send our thoughts and prayers to the family of Arlen Bannick. We are so thankful for all that he did for so many years entertaining the folks at Fall Family Days. Growing up in Huron County I can attest that everyone knew and respected this gentle man. The roller rink was a popular place to go. We will not forgot him and the music he shared with everyone. Rest in Peace Arlen. From Dennis Anderson Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn.

Dennis Anderson - February 16, 2023 at 07:01 PM

KG

“ Linda and Siblings. You have my condolences, but making it to 100 is a real tribute. Rest In Peace, Arlen.

Ken Gorney - February 16, 2023 at 11:24 AM

LF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Mr Bannick was always so fun to be around!! Totally made all of us (kids at that time) feel like we belonged at the roller rink!!! One of my favorite memories of my childhood. May he rest in peace! ❤️🙏❤️🙏

Luanne Foster - February 15, 2023 at 09:17 PM

MC

“ So sorry to hear of this amazing man's passing. I enjoy many evenings roller skating in his establishment. May he rest in peace and may his family be comforted during this sad time.

Marlene Carlson - February 15, 2023 at 09:16 PM

SF

“ SMU Financial Aid Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Arlen K. Bannick.



SMU Financial Aid Family - February 15, 2023 at 05:34 PM

AE

“ Cindy and Linda, Al and I are sending you hugs and our thoughts. We are sad to hear of your dad's passing. Our hearts go out to you and your family. Al and Ellen Engler

Alan Engler - February 15, 2023 at 05:24 PM

KR

“ So sorry for your loss. I don't ever recall seeing him without a smile on his face. May he Rest In Peace 🙏

Karen (McCoy) Resmer

Karen Resmer - February 15, 2023 at 03:21 PM

SP

“ Hey Arlen Thank you very much for ALL the Music & entertainment for the residents at the HCMCF and all the fun you provided in the community and I will never forget going down to Nashville for the last day of the "Barn Back Drop" for you and my Dad and "choking" on the shots I drank with "LITTLE" JIMMY DICKENS lol it was fun to find out You were way taller than him thank for making 100 100 you made us Proud

Sheila (Herrington) Prill - February 15, 2023 at 02:15 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Arlen K. Bannick.



February 15, 2023 at 02:04 PM

TM

“ Rhonda, Greg and Amanda Matelski



The Matelski's - February 15, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *D'Alene & Keith Moore purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arlen K. Bannick.*



D'Alene & Keith Moore - February 15, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Arlen K. Bannick.*



February 15, 2023 at 10:42 AM