

Clarence A. Rutkowski

May 28, 1933 - March 2, 2020

Clarence A. Rutkowski, age 86 of Ubly, passed away at his home under Hospice Care surrounded by his loving family on Monday, March 2, 2020.

Clarence was born on May 28, 1933 in Ubly, son of the late Albert and Mary (Wrubel) Rutkowski. He married Christine Gorkowski on August 25, 1956 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Dwight Township.

Clarence was a 1952 Graduate of Ubly High School. He served as a Sargent in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He worked a brief time for the Chrysler Corporation in Detroit before taking over the family Centennial Dairy Farm in Ubly. During his forty years as a dairy farmer, he was able to see the progression of milking cows by hand to having a 12 stanchion parlor. He served as the Paris Township Clerk for twenty-four years, served on the Ubly School Board of Education for 8 years, and was a lifelong member of the Paris Township VFW Post. He was a lifelong parishioner of St. Mary Catholic Church (St. Isidore Parish) of Parisville, where he was also a member of the Usher's/Men's Club, serving at times as an Officer. Clarence was a member of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council #3823, and a 4th Degree member serving in the Color Corps of the Bishop Babcock Assembly. Clarence enjoyed listening to music, watching classical television, visiting with friends, and engaging in conversations with friends and strangers. Clarence truly loved his family and was known for bringing laughter with his quick wit and sense of

humor.

Clarence is survived by his wife Christine of Ubly; four sons, Thomas (Sandy) Rutkowski of Ubly, Rev. William Rutkowski of Saginaw, Timothy Rutkowski of Ubly, and Michael (Luann) Rutkowski of Ubly; two daughters, Susan (Jerry) Rochefort-Peterson of Harbor Beach, and Sandra (Joel) Goik of Essexville. Clarence is also survived by 14 grandchildren, Steven, Brian, Jason, Daniel, Nick, Rachel, Kevin, David, Amanda, Alexis, Luke, Isabelle, Gabriel, and Jessica, and two great-grandchildren, Noah and Mabel. He is also survived by two sisters, Marcy Guigar of Royal Oak, and Leona Zinger of Davison, four sister-in-laws, Maxine Rutkowski, of Ubly, Barbara Rutkowski of Caro, Delphine McEachin of Ubly, and Stella Gorkowski of Fillion.

Clarence was preceded in death by one son, Robert Rutkowski, three brothers, Joseph, Edward, and Elmer Rutkowski, and one sister, Reta Pollum, in addition to in-laws, Harry Pollum, Jerry Guigar, Peter (Jean & Joan) Gorkowski, Eugene (Agnes) Gorkowski, Robert Gorkowski, Irene (Alger) Ignash, James McEachin, and Bernadette (Jay) Young.

Visitation will take place at the Kaufman Funeral Home, Bad Axe, on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 5-8 pm, with a Knights of Columbus Rosary and Chalice Service with the St. Isidore Men's Club of Parisville at 7 pm; Thursday, March 5, 2020 from 1-8 pm, with a Rosary led by the Daughters of Isabella and the Rosary Sodality of St. Isidore at 3 pm, and a 7 pm Scripture Service. Visitation will also be held on Friday, March 6, 2020 at St. Isidore Church from 10 am until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11 am.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 11 am at St. Isidore Parish-St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. Officiating will be his son, Rev. William Rutkowski, friend of the family, Rev. Francis George, Rev. Peter Nwokoye and Rev. Christopher Coman. Burial will be in the Parish

Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to St. Isidore Parish.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

Parisville, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Knights of Columbus Rosary and Chalice Service

MAR 4. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Rosary service

MAR 5. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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Scripture Service

MAR 5. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Parish-St. Mary's Catholic Church
4191 Parisville Rd.
Parisville, MI

Funeral Mass

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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4191 Parisville Rd.
Parisville, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Clarence A. Rutkowski

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ Out deepest sympathy. From John and Jacqueline Watz, Julie and Garrett Lewis, John and Laurie Watz, Jeanine and Steve Kowalczyk, Joel and Diane Watz

Joel G. Watz - March 11, 2020 at 12:00 PM



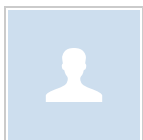
“ Dear Father Bill, My heartfelt condolences to you and your family on th loss of your beloved father. May he rest in peace

Judy Bishopi - March 07, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ My heart goes out to Mrs Rutkowski and all their children, and family membersfor the loss of such a beloved man. Think of all the love you received from him and know that he is in the loving arms of Jesus know. Love Always, Charlene Kuflewski

Charlene Kuflewski - March 07, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clarence A. Rutkowski.



March 04, 2020 at 09:41 PM

DB

“ Heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Clarence. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill and Darlene Bailey

Darlene Bailey - March 04, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Clarence A. Rutkowski.



March 04, 2020 at 11:09 AM

JG

“ Fr Bill, my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. I'm sorry we can't be with you in person, but you are in our thoughts & prayers. Jim and Judy Grzesiak

Judy Grzesiak - March 03, 2020 at 08:20 PM

MA

“ Much love & prayers Mike & Luanne Amrhein purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Clarence A. Rutkowski.



Much love & prayers Mike & Luanne Amrhein - March 03, 2020 at 08:11 PM

MF

“ *Marcy Guigar and Family, purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Clarence A. Rutkowski.*



Marcy Guigar and Family, - March 03, 2020 at 08:09 PM

LK

“ *Our condolences to you and your family Fr. Bill.
The Kozlowski Family*

Leona Kozlowski - March 03, 2020 at 06:34 PM

BK

“ *Offering our deepest Sympathy during this difficult time.*

Bill and Virginia Keipert

Bill Keipert - March 03, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence A. Rutkowski.*



March 03, 2020 at 09:27 AM