



Erich Wessels

February 8, 1943 - January 30, 2019

Erich Wessels, age 75, of Bad Axe, passed away from complications of Alzheimer's on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at Courtney Manor Nursing Facility in Bad Axe.

Erich was born February 8, 1943 in Bad Axe, son of the late George and Tillie (Brade) Wessels. He grew up on a farm in Lincoln Township and graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1960. He joined the Coast Guard in 1962. He met his wife Donna (Davenport) in Chicago and they were married on October 16, 1965.

After moving back to Michigan, Erich went to work for Detroit Edison as a lineman. After retiring in 2001, he went to work at Northstar Bank as a courier for the next ten years.

Erich loved to hunt and made many trips to the Upper Peninsula. He was a past president of the Ugly Fox Hunters.

Erich is survived by his wife of 53 years, Donna Wessels of Bad Axe.

One son – Erich (Nancy) Wessels of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

One daughter – Laura Wessels and her fiancé Matt Sandburn of Auburn, MI.

Three grandchildren – Monica Wessels of Columbia, MO, Nick and Lauren Wessels of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Two sisters – Jean Schember of Sandusky, MI. and Sharon Elliott of Warren, MI.

Two sisters-in-law – Carol Wessels of Harbor Beach and Patricia Bolen of Naperville, IL.

Many nieces and nephews.

Erich was preceded in death by:

Parents – George and Tillie Wessels.

Sisters – Pat Miller, Wanda Rysberg and Kathryn Brinker.

Brother – George Wessels.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Richard Lockard and the staff at Courtney Manor for the wonderful care Erich received as well as to Andrea Connors for being a devoted friend.

A Memorial Service for Erich will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 11 am at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Erich Wessels*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *I'm sad to hear this news. May God give you his peace during these difficult times.*

Kathy Brade - February 18, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ *A man of many laughs and lessons. Erich, I will always be thankful for telling me how to get ketchup out of a glass bottle without pouring it everywhere and keeping my vehicle cooler in the summer with the AC on. You will be missed Erich....*
Dave Connors

Dave Connors - February 05, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ *While this makes me sad I know that he and Mom are sharing a big hug and an even bigger laugh in Heaven. They were great friends. So many memories of Erich from my childhood. I will never forget his infectious laugh. RIP Erich. Thinking of you Donna, Laura and Rick.*

Denise Strait - February 04, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ *Rip Erich. You are in a much better place now. Sorry for your loss Donna , Erich , and Laura. He was a great guy. Dave and Yvonne Fucinari*

Dave Fucinari - February 02, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ *Dorreen Pleiness Furness lit a candle in memory of Erich Wessels*



Dorreen Pleiness Furness - February 02, 2019 at 11:27 AM

KG

“ *Sorry to hear about Eric. He had a great personality and humor. Have many memories to smile at. Eric, you behave now without the supervision that was found you. Female that is.*

*Kenny
Charlevoix*

Ken Gorney - February 02, 2019 at 09:46 AM

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“ *Laura,*

I'm so sorry for your loss. On more than one occasion his larger than life personality brought joy and laughter to our unofficial Trib gatherings at Cousins or elsewhere. You and your family will be in my prayers,

Kelly Niebel

Kelly Niebel - February 02, 2019 at 09:21 AM

BW

Sorry to hear of Erich's passing. He was always outgoing and friendly. Our deepest sympathies to his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God Bless each of you and comfort you.

Bev & Doug Wahl

Beverly Wahl - February 04, 2019 at 02:52 PM