



## Mr. Isadore "Izzy" Koceba

July 28, 1920 - September 28, 2018

Mr. Isadore "Izzy" Koceba, age 98, of Bad Axe, passed away on Friday, September 28, 2018 at his home with family at his side.

Izzy was born July 28, 1920 in Lincoln Township, son of the late Anthony and Theresa (Danielski) Kociba. He married Frances Susalla on June 8, 1945 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parisville.

Izzy was employed at Craft Printing in Royal Oak. In 1949, Izzy and Frances moved to Rapson and bought the family dairy farm. In 1976, because of health issues, they sold the farm and retired. They stayed in the Rapson area until 1993 when they moved to Bad Axe.

Izzy was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson where he served on the church council as an usher, treasurer and on the Cemetery Board. He was an avid sportsman. He organized and managed the Rapson church baseball team, played hockey and bowled in three leagues for 30 years. Izzy and Fran enjoyed ice skating, dancing, card games, traveling and golfing. They were members of the Rolling Hills in Cass City. He mostly enjoyed spending the winter months in sunny Florida for 26 years.

Izzy is survived by his wife Frances "Fran" of 73 years.

Daughters – Merry (Chris) Mankin of Maryland and Sandy Koceba of Bad Axe.

Grandsons – Fred (Kerrie) Koceba of Port Austin, Adam Mankin of Colorado, Tyler Mankin of Maryland.

Great-granddaughters – Ronne Koceba, Tahya and Kellie Ferris all of Port

Austin.

In-laws – Herb (Pat) Vogel, Bea Kubacki and Evelyn Susalla.

Many nieces and nephews.

Izzy was preceded in death by his son, Ron Koceba and his daughter, Judyann Koceba.

Brothers – Ed (Leona) Koceba and Herman (Helen) Kociba.

Sisters – Gertie (Bill) Dudek, Irene (Frank) Costello and Mary (Joe) Prichett.

Step-sisters – Bertha (Jack) Schmelzer and Tillie (Joe) Marenick.

In-laws – Bill (Martha) Susalla, Art (Marie) Susalla, Paul (Theresa) Skipinski, Frank (Eleanor) Talaski, Gordon (Irene) Eden, Eugene (Aggie) Gorkowski, Clarence Kubacki and Jake Susalla.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 11 am at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. Officiating will be Fr. Rob Howe., pastor of St. Hubert Parish. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 from 4 – 8 pm or Thursday at the church from 10 am until the time of service at 11. A Daughters of Isabella rosary will be offered on Wednesday at 4 pm at the funeral home.

Special thanks to Heartland Hospice, especially Judy, Anne, Zake, Rosanne and Dawn.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Church Cemetery

Rapson, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Rapson, MI

## Funeral Mass

OCT 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Rapson, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Isadore "Izzy: Koceba*

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“ *The Costello Family all send our condolences to Frances, Sandra and Merry. This Koceba Family was always very gracious to all their siblings, including the Costellos and all the Koceba' Nieces & Nephews. Izzy had a long life, but a very fruitful ones when you count the individuals who loved him.*

*Izzy accommodated me for hunting pheasants two different times, once without prior notice with a couple friends. That time it rained very hard, so Izzy lent us his basement and stayed with us for company. However, his greatest accommodation to me was when my older brother, Neal, passed-away in 2002. Neal and Izzy were close due to their mutual love of sports - often Izzy would drift down to Detroit to gather-up Neal for some games. Neal wanted to be cremated, with his ashes scattered on Izzy's farm - a place Neal enjoyed in life along with his fondness for Izzy. I asked Izzy and he readily agreed and when the time came he drove Nancy, Mare and I to a nice location for the scattering.*

*May Isadore Koceba, the last of my mother's (Irene Koceba) siblings, find the eternal peace he richly deserves. David Costello*

David Costello - October 03, 2018 at 04:13 PM