



James M. Ritter

June 2, 1943 - June 26, 2024

James M. Ritter, age 81, of Bad Axe passed away peacefully with family at this side on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

Jim was born on June 2, 1943 in bad Axe, son of the late Howard and Erna (Engler) Ritter. He graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1961. He married Margaret M. Zurek on July 18, 1964 at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Smith's Corner.

He spent his entire life as a farmer, milking cows until 2007, then cash cropping until fully retiring due to health issues in 2022. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish – St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Pigeon.

Jim worked hard and played harder, playing softball and bowling on leagues, playing cards, and annual snipe hunting trips.

Jim is survived by his wife, Margaret, his three children; Susan (Steve) Henson, Daniel (Mary) Ritter, and Shelley Baur. Grandchildren; Alex (Sara) Ritter, Elizabeth (Christopher) Hardenburg, Keeley Baur, Morgan Henson. Three great-granddaughters survive him along with his sister, Sandy Iseler, and sister-in-law, Marie Ritter.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his grandson Travis Baur, his brothers, Larry Ritter and Ronald Ritter and a sister, Susan Ritter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 11 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help – St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Pigeon with Fr. George Amos presiding. Burial will be in the Colfax Township Cemetery in Bad Axe. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 28, 2024 from 3 – 8 pm at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe or Saturday at the church from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

Memorials may be offered to the Capital Campaign Fund of OLPH Parish or to the family's discretion.

Cemetery Details

Colfax Township

Bad Axe, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUN 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church
15 Moeller St.
Pigeon, MI 48755

Funeral Mass

JUN 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church
15 Moeller St.
Pigeon, MI 48755

Tribute Wall

LL

“ Love, Luna purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James M. Ritter.



Love, Luna - June 28, 2024 at 03:03 PM

JK

“ Jamie & Kim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James M. Ritter.

Jamie & Kim - June 27, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James M. Ritter.



June 27, 2024 at 03:08 PM

JS

“ Dear Marharet, so sorry to hear about your loss. I remember Jim from high school, but you & I grew up going to Verona School.
Jeri (Gordon) Sharpe

Jeri (Gotdon) Sharpe - June 27, 2024 at 11:20 AM

BW

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Ritter family.
I was a neighbor for many years.
May God give you all strength
Bonnie (Tamblyn) Wildfong*

Bonnie Wildfong - June 27, 2024 at 08:52 AM

AE

“ *Al and I are sorry to hear of Jim's passing. A hug to Shelley. Jim was a favorite customer of mine while I worked at Agri Sales. We send our sympathy to the family. Al and Ellen Engler*

Al Engler - June 27, 2024 at 03:24 AM

RN

“ *Margaret and family. We are very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. May he rest in peace.
Ron and Mary Beth Nimtzt*



Ron and Mary Beth Nimtzt - June 26, 2024 at 11:12 PM