



## John Belew

March 9, 1933 - January 4, 2025

John A. Belew, age 91, of Bad Axe passed away on January 4, 2025 at Courtney Manor following an extended illness. He was born on March 9, 1933 in Paisley, Florida. He was the son of the late Chuck and Helen Chapin.

John Allen Belew married his high school sweetheart, Gloria Ann Stirrett on July 3, 1954 at the First Presbyterian Church in Bad Axe. They were married 66 years, and in still in love today. Now they are reunited again.

John moved from DeLand, Florida his sophomore year and graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1951. "J.B." was a natural athlete, excelling in football. He was in the U.S. Army and played football and was a boxer. He would say, "They were afraid of me". He worked at Fairmont Foods for 25 years, and retired from Farmer Jack's, where he was stock manager. John was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bad Axe.

J.B. enjoyed harness racing, playing cards, bowling, visiting the casino, watching western movies, and having an occasional cigar or smoking a pipe. He was an avid Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions fan. He was a man of few words and would often observe what was happening.

He is survived by three daughters, Kim (Larry) Brown, Pam Belew , all of Bad Axe, and Robin (Murray) Beachy of Pigeon; nine grandchildren, Ryan (Megan), Brandon, Nich (Bree), Brody (Shawna), Tyler (Tammy), Jesse (Bailee), Bailee (Max), Christy, and Amanda; fourteen great-grandchildren, Miles, Maddie, Ramsey, Brentley, Lainee, Baker, Brooks, Findley, Hudson, Teddy, Banks, Addison, Tripp and Ivy; and brother-in-law, Eugene Alent of

Bad Axe. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria, his son, Kurt, his sister, Micky DeChane, and infant brother, Allen, and brothers and sisters-in-law.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 11 am at the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church.

Officiating will be Scott McDermand, Pastor. Burial will follow in Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

Donations may be offered to the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Colfax Township Cemetery

Bad Axe, MI 48413

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church  
112 Woodworth St.  
Bad Axe, MI

## Memorial Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Belew family and especially Pam. My condolences to you for the loss of Mr Belew. He and Mrs Belew were such special people. Always so hospitable and kind to me over the years I knew them. Pam, it was nice seeing you and your Dad this past summer. I have such fond memories of you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you all.  
Mike Wagner

Mike Wagner - January 16, 2025 at 07:20 PM

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“ Douglas K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Belew.

Douglas K. - January 14, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Belew.

January 14, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John Belew.



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