



## John Norman Geiger

May 29, 1940 - May 15, 2022

John Norman Geiger, age 81, of Bad Axe, died May 15, 2022 at his home with his family by his side.

He was born May 29, 1940 in Harbor Beach, son of the late Norman and Margaret (Booms) Geiger. He married the love of his life, Joyce Essenmacher, on June 17, 1961 in Harbor Beach, MI.

John is survived by his wife, Joyce Geiger, of 60 years. His children, Bruce (Vicki) Geiger of Bad Axe, Joe Geiger of Bad Axe, David (Denise) Geiger of Lake Orion, Mary (Howard) Jurges of Ubly, Betty (Dan) Rutkowski of Midland, Matthew (Charlene) Geiger of Saginaw, Cindy (Robert) Abraham of Auburn and John (Jenny) Geiger of Caro. His 36 grandchildren Tim (Stephanie) Geiger of Bad Axe, Wendy (David) Smith of Bad Axe, Derek Geiger and Mackenzie of Caro, Jonathon Geiger of Ruth, Kyle (Lindsey) Lester of Arizona, Mariah Teeple of Sault Ste. Marie, Jessica (Ryan) Dallas of Freeland, Joshua Geiger of Bad Axe, Joel Geiger of Bad Axe, Justin (Ashley) Geiger of Bad Axe, Nicholas (Kayla) Geiger of Harbor Beach, Julia (Zac) Peruski of Ubly, Danielle (Justin) Nielson of Pontiac, Kristina (Ryan) Baker of Troy, Devin (Ashley) Geiger of Howell, Alexandra Geiger of Lake Orion, Shane Geiger of Lake Orion, Ashley (Douglas) Lacy of Bad Axe, Brittany (Randy) Razo of Bad Axe, Chanda (Jesse) Lampela of Bad Axe, Kenneth Jurges of Ubly, Dakota (Anna) Rutkowski of Midland, Quin Rutkowski of North Carolina, Hunter

Rutkowski and Brii of Midland, Brett Rutkowski of Midland, Madison, Mallory, and Connor Geiger of Saginaw, Clara, Isabelle, Luke, and Eva Abraham of Auburn, Mekenna Geiger of Mt. Pleasant, Gwenyth, Normandy, and Jack Geiger of Caro. John is also survived by his 25 great grandchildren with 3 more on the way. He is also survived by his siblings Carol (the late Jim) Mazure, Bob (Donna) Geiger, the late Linda (Bill) White, Harvey (the late Rosemarie) Geiger, Peggy (Ken) Weber, Paulette (Paul) Wehner, Warren (Barb) Geiger, Della (Don) Wolschlager, Nona (Dennis) Parak, Julie (Dave) Messing, the late Leslie Geiger, the late Melvin & Bea Essenmacher, the late Albert & Mert Essenmacher, the late Jerome & Norma Essenmacher, the late Richard & Evelyn Essenmacher, the late Genny & Ken Wrubel and Pat (the late Floyd) Essenmacher.

John was preceded in death by his parents Norman & Margaret (Ed Maurer) Geiger, George J. & Clara Essenmacher, daughter in law Kelley Geiger, and great granddaughter Lennon Lester.

John was a life-long rural resident and farmer of the Rapson area. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He graduated from OLLH High School in 1958. He volunteered in the military in 1958 and was stationed in Worms, Germany. He was a K of C Member for 49 years and served on numerous boards during his farming career. John had a passion for building and built many barns, sheds, and remodeled houses. He built his final home "The Cabin in the Woods". During his retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He helped his wife make homemade bread and tied many fleece blanket gifts. John was certain that he made and gave over 200 blankets away. Bid Euchre was a favorite past time of John's as he was a bidder to a fault. John enjoyed giving gator/tractor rides to his grandkids and teasing anyone who would listen. John and his wife enjoyed many vacations in Florida, California, Arizona, Nevada, and northern Michigan with family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 11 am at St. Hubert Parish – St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. Officiating will be Fr. T.J. Fleming. Burial with military honors will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 from 4 – 8 pm at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe or Thursday at the church from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

A Knights of Columbus rosary will be offered on Wednesday at 7:30 pm followed by a scripture service, both at the funeral home.

Memorials may be offered to Shared Blessings Food Pantry - St. Hubert Parish.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Church Cemetery

Rapson, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 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

## Knights of Columbus Rosary Service

MAY 18. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Hubert Parish-St. Joseph Catholic Church  
3455 Rapson Rd.  
Rapson, MI

## Funeral Mass

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Hubert Parish-St. Joseph Catholic Church  
3455 Rapson Rd.  
Rapson, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Norman Geiger*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Thinking of the Geiger families during this difficult time. May God grant you peace. May Jack forever enjoy his heavenly home!*

**Lori Romzek** - May 20, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Mark & Catherine Roggenbuck sent a virtual gift in memory of John Norman Geiger*



**Mark & Catherine Roggenbuck** - May 18, 2022 at 03:13 PM



*Our condolences to the family and friends of Jack. Eternal rest grant unto Jack, O Lord, and may he rest in peace. Amen*

**Mark and Catherine Roggenbuck** - May 18, 2022 at 03:17 PM



“ *Matthew - Thoughts and prayers for your strength and peace during this time of bereavement. Condolences from your Wraparound and TAY friends and colleagues.*

**Wardene B. Talley** - May 18, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.*



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May 18, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ *Joyce and family. I sorry to hear of John's passing. I remember him as a very progressive farmer in the 60's who trusted me to do farm chores when he took a well deserved vacation. Great man who always showed an interest in others.*

*Bernie Polega.*

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**Bernie Polega** - May 18, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Rachelle Morgan lit a candle in memory of John Norman Geiger*



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**Rachelle Morgan** - May 18, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.*



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May 17, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.



May 17, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.



May 17, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.



May 17, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.



May 17, 2022 at 01:01 PM

DM

“ Dawn (Kraft) McBride lit a candle in memory of John Norman Geiger



Dawn (Kraft) McBride - May 17, 2022 at 12:25 PM

GR

“ Greg, Kristi, Justin, Emma & Bella Rutkowski purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of John Norman Geiger.



Greg, Kristi, Justin, Emma & Bella Rutkowski - May 17, 2022 at 12:19 PM

PE

“ My condolences to the extended Geiger/Essenmacher family. To this day I still tell friends the story of running into Uncle Jack and Johnny at a golf resort in Tennessee, the two of us laughed at that memory every time we saw each other. He will forever be missed, Rest in peace Uncle Jack, Pete Essenmacher

Pete Essenmacher - May 17, 2022 at 07:31 AM

MS

“ Mick And Marge Schott lit a candle in memory of John Norman Geiger



Mick and Marge Schott - May 17, 2022 at 07:05 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.*



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May 16, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ *Carol G. purchased a sympathy card for the family of John Norman Geiger.*



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**Carol G.** - May 16, 2022 at 07:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.*



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May 16, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.*

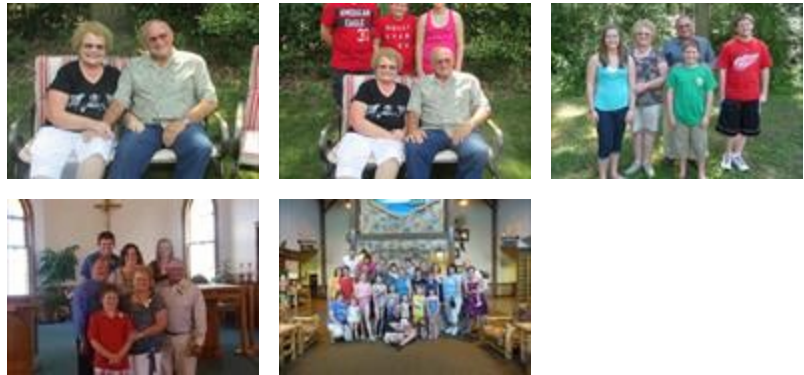


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May 16, 2022 at 02:30 PM

CG

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall




charlene geiger - May 16, 2022 at 01:19 PM

BG

“ Ben, Angie and Gus purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Norman Geiger.



Ben, Angie and Gus - May 16, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.



May 16, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.*



May 16, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.*



May 16, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Norman Geiger.*



May 16, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *Dale And Pam Woodke lit a candle in memory of John Norman Geiger*



**Dale and Pam Woodke** - May 16, 2022 at 07:27 AM



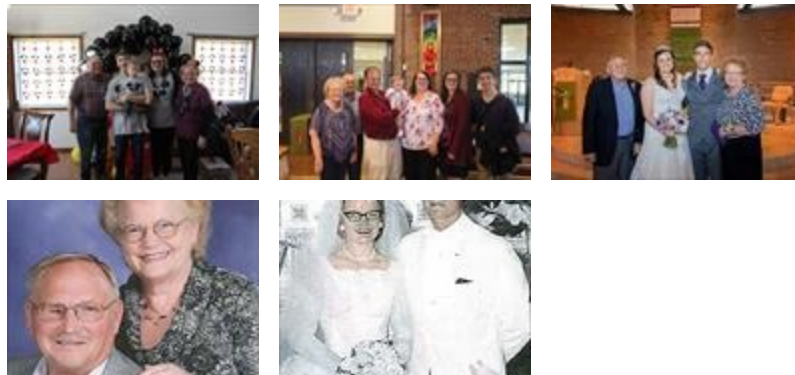
“ It breaks my heart to think of this great man gone, he and his wonderful family welcomed us to the farm year after year to hunt pheasant and deer, we had great fun playing cards and did we ever eat good, we would have them to our camp and we would get together at the big house, all I can say is there was never a lack of hospitality at the Geiger house.  
I love you all and Pray the Lord comfort all that knew and loved him.  
Dan Dupuis

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**Dan Dupuis** - May 16, 2022 at 12:32 AM

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**Kristina** - May 15, 2022 at 11:16 PM