



## John G. Prill

February 19, 1932 - January 15, 2025

John G. Prill, age 92, Bad Axe, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2025 at Courtney Manor surrounded by his family.

John was born on February 19, 1932, son of the late Albert and Barbara (Talaski) Prill.

John proudly served his country in the Korean War. On May 6, 1953, he married Marilyn Will at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach. John retired from Ford Motor Company, Sterling Division after 25 years as an industrial mechanic. He enjoyed music and played bass guitar in his son's Polka band for over 50 years. John was proud to be an American of Polish ancestry and could still speak the Polish language. He loved hunting, fishing, and working on his farm. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

John and Marilyn celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary in May 2024. She survives him along with their children: Julie (Bill) Varosi of Deckerville, John (Patricia) Prill of Bad Axe, Linda (Wayne) Cook of Fillion, Daniel (Rhonda) Prill of Bad Axe, Cheryl (Steven) Wrubel of Harbor Beach, Cindy (Terry) Mullin of Caro, Melanie (Marvin) Pollum of Bad Axe, and Christopher (Cari) Prill of Fillion; 27 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, 1 step-great-granddaughter, and 5 great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by daughter-in-law Sandra Osentoski; sisters-in-law: Esther Bork and Theresa Prill; as well as several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his son Gary Prill; siblings: Sylvester (Irene)

Prill, Clarence (Dorothy) Prill, Genevieve (Marvin) Essenmacher, Albert (Lorraine) Prill, Ida (Walter) Deeg, Michaline (Clarence) Krozek; sisters and brother-in-law: Shirley Gordon, Keith (Joanne) Will and Florence Will; 4 nieces and 10 nephews.

Pall Bearers for John will be 6 of his grandsons.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, January 20, 2025 at 11 am at St. Hubert Parish – Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 19, 2025 from 2-8 pm or Monday, January 20, 2025 from 9-10 am at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe.

A Rosary service will be offered Sunday evening at 7:30 pm at the funeral home.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the staff at Courtney Manor for the wonderful care and compassion he received.

Memorials may be offered to Boy's Town or the St. Hubert Parish – Sacred Heart Food Pantry.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

Bad Axe, MI 48413

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

*ROSARY SERVICE 7:30 PM*

## Visitation

JAN 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
311 Whitelam St  
Bad Axe, MI 48413  
(989) 269-772

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ *My Thoughts and condolences at this difficult time. I remember the good times playing in the band. When John Jr. would do introductions as BIG JOHN ON THE BASS. He loved his music and playing in the band. God Bless and peace to the Prill Family.*

Randy Buczkowski - January 19, 2025 at 10:25 AM

KS

“ *Woke up this morning.....I will greatly miss you Uncle John.....my children Spencer and Addison send love and prayers to all....now you and your brothers and sisters are all together again.....my love for you and your family will be forever.....Miss you and Love you so much....Today is a hard day....lost my husband and father to our children 3 years ago today.... when you see him (my John) give him a big hug from us. I know you will give my love to all....my parents MARVIN and Genevieve Essenmacher, and to all my wonderful aunts and uncles...special hug to Aunt Ida.... you will be greatly missed my dear wonderful Uncle John. I send all my love to your family and Aunt Marilyn.....hugs and kisses to all of you.....the best Polka band ever.....*



Karen Snider - January 19, 2025 at 09:48 AM

RM

“ *Rhonda Matelski lit a candle in memory of John G. Prill*



Rhonda Matelski - January 19, 2025 at 09:31 AM

KS

“ Karen Snider lit a candle in memory of John G. Prill



Karen Snider - January 19, 2025 at 09:25 AM

LO

“ Sending prayers for comfort and peace for the Prill family 🙏



Linda Osentoski - January 18, 2025 at 10:28 AM



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

January 17, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John G. Prill.



January 17, 2025 at 09:18 PM

MH

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the Prill family..Mary&LeRoyHavens



Mary Ahearn Havens - January 17, 2025 at 07:25 PM

MH

“ John Prill and his wife Marilyn were my honored Godparents..He John was very special to me..he had a smile that could light up a room and a heart of gold..I know he is sleeping with the angels now... RIP John

Mary Ahearn Havens - January 17, 2025 at 07:16 PM

MH

My deepest sympathy to all the Prill family

Mary Ahearn Havens - January 17, 2025 at 07:18 PM

KA

“ what a wonderful man father and neighbor and friend you will be greatly miss wish i was there but am in Texas so very very sorry for your lost KAY AHEARN AND FAMILY

KAY AHEARN - January 17, 2025 at 06:19 PM

LK

“ Sympathies to John's family . What a wonderful full life John has led . Enjoy your memories and cherish them .

Lori (Hind) Koch

Lori J Koch - January 17, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John G. Prill.



January 17, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Your Neice Karen & Spencer & Addison Snider purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John G. Prill.



Your Neice Karen & Spencer & Addison Snider - January 17, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ Lori And Rick Murawske And Family lit a candle in memory of John G. Prill



Lori and Rick Murawske and family - January 17, 2025 at 12:05 PM



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

January 17, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John G. Prill.



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