



LaVerne Shemka

September 13, 1932 - May 15, 2024

LaVerne E. Shemka, age 91 of Bloomfield Township, Port Hope went to be with the Lord our Savior on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

LaVerne was born September 13, 1932 in Parisville to John Sr. & Minnie Shemka. He attended Country School in Parisville and Ubyly High School.

On August 8, 1953, he married Mary Vogel at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. They celebrated 70 years of marriage last August with family and friends at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe.

LaVerne was a lifelong dairy farmer. He was an avid bowler in his younger years, did a lot of fishing over the years and had a great love for polka music. He loved playing euchre anytime, anyplace and a good game of nickels. He spent his winters in Florida after retirement. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and worked at many fish fries in his later years. He enjoyed visiting with everyone, spending time with his family especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. As many people knew LaVerne often greeted you in polish saying "Jak Ci idzie" which means "How you doing?" and he always loved a good cold zimne piwo(pronounced pee-va). He will be missed dearly

LaVerne is survived by his loving wife Mary, their children, Nancy(Brian)Finkel,

Kenneth(Kimberly)Shemka, Sharon(Steve)Zurek, Linda(David)Volmering, Barbara(Gary)Carpenter, Steven Shemka, Dennis(Jessica)Shemka, Duane(Elizabeth)Shemka, Charlene(Gerard)Kubacki and Pauline(Erik)Voelker. 31 Grandchildren, 6 Step Grandchildren, 40 Great-Grandchildren, 2 Step Great-Grandchildren, In Laws, John(Elaine)Vogel, Evelyn(Roger)Stolicker, Frank(Nancy)Vogel, Pat Vogel, Catherine Cleveland, Theresa(Tom)Kahlo, Carol Osborne and Jane Vogel.

Preceded in death by his parents, John Sr. & Minnie Shemka, Grandson, Ryan Shemka, Sisters Marie(Archie)Pionk and Jeanette(Eugene)Lemanski, Brothers John Jr. and Harry Shemka, In Laws, William & Virginia Vogel, Lucille & Jerome Kolar, Charles Vogel, Arthur & Kate Vogel, Anthony & Ruth Vogel, Ann Vogel, Betty & Eugene Kubacki, Lawrence Vogel and Ralph Osborne.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 11 am at St. Hubert Parish – St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 1 – 8 pm at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe or Monday at the church from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

A combined Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella rosary will be offered on Sunday at 7:30 pm at the funeral home.

If you wish to offer your condolences to the Shemka family, please go to www.kaufmanfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Church Cemetery

Rapson, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **19**. 1:00 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/Daughters of Isabella rosary service offered at 7:30 PM

Visitation

MAY **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church (St. Hubert Parish)
3455 Rapson Rd
Bad Axe, MI 48413-9149
(989) 269-8084

Funeral Mass

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Rapson, MI

Tribute Wall

RZ

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of LaVerne. He was such a nice guy and a good friend of my father. I pray for peace and comfort for Mary, Ken, Sharon, Steven, Duane and the rest of the family.

Robin Zurek - May 28, 2024 at 08:51 AM

AL

“ Ken & Kim, Our Thoughts and Prayer's are with you and your family on the loss of your dad, he was a Great story teller & friend.

Al & Patty Lubeski - May 20, 2024 at 09:24 AM

LM

“ Lori And Rick Murawske lit a candle in memory of LaVerne Shemka



Lori and Rick Murawske - May 19, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of LaVerne Shemka.



May 18, 2024 at 10:03 AM

AM

“ Amy Molinaro lit a candle in memory of LaVerne Shemka



amy molinaro - May 17, 2024 at 08:40 PM

RM

“ Deepest sympathy to all.



Rhonda, Greg and Amanda Matelski - May 17, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of LaVerne Shemka.



May 17, 2024 at 07:04 PM

GA

“ May the perpetual light shine upon my Dad's Piwo buddy. Now they can drink on for eternity ❤️
- Gail Duda Atkins

Gail Atkins - May 17, 2024 at 01:05 PM