



## Melvin Nowiski

March 20, 1926 - May 15, 2025

Melvin Arthur Nowiski, 99, of Bad Axe, passed away on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility.

He was born on March 20, 1926 in Harbor Beach, to the late Theodore & Mary (Schubert) Nowiski. He married Mildred Vernita Zick on February 18, 1950. Melvin was a proud veteran of the Army and served with distinction during WWII. After separating from the Army with an honorable discharge, he returned to Bad Axe and started his career at Stan's Body Shop where he learned the art of bumping and painting automobiles. While working there he also learned how to build race cars not only for his customers but for himself.

After leaving Stan's Body Shop he went to work at Thumb Oil & Gas where he drove a tanker truck to Detroit as well as ran the body shop. Melvin also worked for Jim Hinterman Ford/Mercury where he became a manager. Once Jim Hinterman sold his business to George Ordus Ford/Mercury, Melvin continued to run their body shop as manager. After working several years for Ordus, Melvin went out on his own and built Mel's Body Shop, where he worked until he retired and became a part-time snow bird with his wife in Florida.

Melvin is survived by his son Gary (Nancy) of Bad Axe, Grandson Dustin Nowiski & fiancée Andrea Traver of Grand Rapids, several nieces and

nephews and a special friend Mary Wirgau.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore & Mary Nowiski, wife Mildred Nowiski and son Marvin Nowiski, sisters, Verna, Lillian, Martha, Brothers, Roman, Elmer and Erwin.

Melvin's Celebration of Life will be Friday, May 30, 2025 at Kaufman Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The funeral will be at 1:00 pm.

Condolences and memorials may be offered to the Huron County Medical Care Facility, the Change of Seasons Hospice or the family's discretionary fund.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life

**MAY 30.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Gary and Nancy, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father.  
May the Lord give you comfort and peace.

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**Randie Clark** - May 21, 2025 at 12:19 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies to you Gary , Nancy and Dustin . I hope you  
find comfort in the many years of memories you have.  
Lori (Pietruck) Koch

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**Lori J Koch** - May 20, 2025 at 09:54 PM

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“ My sincere condolences Gary, Nancy, and Dustin on the passing of  
your Dad and Grandfather. May the good Lord give you comfort  
during this hard time. Sending prayers and love.

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**Cindy Sturgis** - May 20, 2025 at 03:51 AM