



Raymond S. VanValkenburgh

July 1, 1956 - November 1, 2024

Raymond S. VanValkenburgh, age 68, of Chandler Township, passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024 at McLaren Flint – Emergency Department, surrounded by his loved ones.

Ray was born July 1, 1956 in Howell, MI, son of the late James and Evelyn (Perkins) VanValkenburgh. They moved to the Pinnebog area in August of 1966. Ray married Dawn Marie Bushey on November 16, 1995 in Bad Axe, MI. Together they built their home, where they raised their two sons. He enjoyed building, hunting, having a good time with his friends, riding his motorcycle, and spending time with family.

Ray had a heart of gold and wasn't afraid of confrontation. He always stood up for what was right. He devoted himself entirely to his family.

Ray is survived by his wife, Dawn, two children and eight grandchildren, Shane (Elena) VanValkenburgh of Pigeon, MI, Collin, Emilia, and Eliza; Cal (Jessica) VanValkenburgh of Pinnebog, MI, Mallory, Evelyn, Isabelle, Sophie, and Clara; siblings, Laura (James) Stauffer, Linda Wood, Robert VanValkenburgh, Randy (Lori) VanValkenburgh, Tom (Carol) VanValkenburgh, Chris (Marv) Swartzendruber, Doug VanValkenburgh, Steve VanValkenburgh, Kathy VanValkenburgh, James VanValkenburgh and Mike (Tammy) VanValkenburgh as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and sister Judy Bannister; sister Thelma Churchhill; brother, Richard VanValkenburgh; brother William VanValkenburgh; brother, John VanValkenburgh; brother-in-law, Duane Bushey and brother-in-law, David Bushey.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 11 am the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 from 5 – 8 pm or Wednesday from 10 am until the service time at 11 am at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Chandler Township Cemetery

Filion Road
Elkton, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ Hi yes Ray and his Brothers built my Shed a while ago then came back and poured concrete driveway. He was a very smart and hard working man. He also built the shed for St. Felix Rectory. Rest in peace

Patrick Siemen - December 05, 2024 at 07:08 PM

BS

“ My wife Linda and I only knew Ray for a few months over 30 years ago when he helped to build our house, but we've always remembered him as a generous and honest man.

Bob Siver - November 12, 2024 at 06:31 AM

GM

“ Greg Matelski



Greg Matelski - November 07, 2024 at 07:20 AM

BW

“ My sincere sympathy to Ray's family and friends. May God give you all peace at this sad time.

Bonnie Wildfong - November 04, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond S. VanValkenburgh.*



November 03, 2024 at 07:33 PM



“ *Dawn, I'm so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*
Lori Mouton

Lori Mouton - November 03, 2024 at 06:47 PM