



Richard Messing

April 11, 1938 - June 8, 2025

Richard Arthur Messing, age 87, of Ruth, passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2025.

He was born on April 11, 1938 in Harbor Beach, son of the late Bernard and Rosaline (Booms) Messing. He married Ida Mae Terbrack on November 23, 1963, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth, MI.

Richard served in the United States Army in the 1960's. Upon returning home, he worked for his Uncle Roman at Booms Construction for 30 plus years as a painter and carpenter, then he finished out his career at Axley Tool.

Richard was a faithful parishioner of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. He served as a Volunteer Fireman for Sherman Twp in Ruth for 47 plus years retiring in 2015. Richard had a passion for polka dances where he met his future wife. He also enjoyed reading Western novels from cover to cover. Richard was an avid sportsman. He got his prize 6x6 elk in upper Michigan with his nephew in 2008. Richard never missed a year up North at deer camp, and he even went charter fishing with the Veterans on his last Saturday with us.

Richard is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ida Mae Messing of Ruth, MI; his two daughters, Marsha (Eric) Messing-Calhoun and Lisa (Kevin) Braun; his two brothers Thomas (Judy) Messing and Michael (Joyce) Messing. He was

preceded in death by his brother Fred (Audrey) Messing.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 11 am at Holy Apostles Parish – Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. Burial will be at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025 from 3 – 7 pm at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and Saturday at the church from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

A scripture service will be offered on Friday at 7 pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, you may leave a donation for the family to help defray funeral costs.

Cemetery Details

Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery

7135 East Atwater Rd.
Ruth, MI 48470

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

HolyApostles Parish - Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
7135 East Atwater Rd.
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Scripture service at 7:00 PM

Funeral Mass

JUN **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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