



Richard Stokan

February 12, 1940 - September 18, 2021

Richard. V. Stokan Sr. 81 of Bad Axe passed away Saturday, September 18, 2021 at McLaren Hospital in Port Huron following a short illness.

Richard was born February 12, 1940 in Port Huron to Elton and Leora Randall Stokan. He graduated from Port Huron High in 1958. Richard spent most of his time in Bad Axe at his grandparents' house, and also in Port Austin at the family's cottage. He went into the army in August 1959 and was stationed in Fort Sill Oklahoma. He married Judy Chappel on June 18, 1960 and just celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary this past June. He returned to Bad Axe in 1962 where he worked several jobs including Dibble's department store, a paper route, and Hammill manufacturing making seatbelts all while being a part time Huron County Sheriff's Department deputy. In 1972, he decided to run for sheriff and took office January 1, 1973. Richard was the Huron County Sheriff for 16 years before taking A job with the Michigan's Sheriff's Association. He later took a part-time job delivering parts which he absolutely loved because it combined his love of driving and talking. Richard always had horses and loved them dearly. Over the years he downsized from Belgians and Percherons to Haflingers. In 2011, the Stokan family along with the Dumaw family started showing Haflingers competitively. Richard was able to drive single, double, unicorn and the four horse hitches competitively. He was a lifetime member of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Bad Axe, a member of the Huron Community Fair Board for many years, a member of both

Michigan Sheriff's Association and the National Sheriff's Association, VP of the Thumb Area Haflinger Association and a life time member of the Hubbard - Winsor Lodge No. 420 F & AM.

Surviving is his wife of 61 years Judy (Chappel) Stokan of Bad Axe.

Three children - Sally Stokan and Sue Morell of Bad Axe and Richard (Wendy) Stokan of Rochester Hills.

Six grandchildren Nicholas Stokan, Jasmine (Zack) Robertson, Tara (Chris) Williams, Tony (Leah) Ryckman and Dan (Lisa) Ryckman and Leslie Ryckman.

15 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Brother-in-law John Chappel, sisters-in-law Nancy Chappel and Linda Stokan, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. Also his best pal Gizmo.

Preceding in death were his parents, Elton and Leora Stokan,

Sister- Carol Stokan-Krohn.

Brother - David Stokan.

Grandson Jimmy Morell.

In-laws - Harriet and Clare Chappel,

Sisters and brothers-in-law - Janet and Gary Christner, Marjorie and Lawrence Langley and brother-in-law William Chappel.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 11 am at the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Colfax Cemetery with military honors. Visitation will be on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 2 – 8 pm at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe or Wednesday at the church from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

Memorials may be offered to the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Colfax Township

Bad Axe, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 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

Visitation

SEP 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church
112 Woodworth St.
Bad Axe, MI

Service

SEP 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church
112 Woodworth St.
Bad Axe, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Stokan*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Dick Stokan was one of the kindest neighbors you could ask for in our Port Austin neighborhood. We recently had the opportunity to visit out by the lake and talked about how important good neighbors are! We both agreed that having good neighbors, you must be a good neighbor!*

Dick was a great neighbor and will be truly missed!

*Faye Brown and Family
Port Austin, MI*

Nancy Malo - September 22, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *What a kind, gentle, man who took the time to talk horses with me whenever I saw him. Mr. Stokan always had a few moments to make everyone around him feel warm and at ease. I know he will be missed by all. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Rebecca Richardson - September 21, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Stokan.*



September 21, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Stokan.*



September 20, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ *Carolyn Rowland purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Richard Stokan.*



Carolyn Rowland - September 20, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Stokan.*



September 20, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ *Kerr Russell purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Richard Stokan.*



Kerr Russell - September 20, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Stokan.*



September 20, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *Duke & Stella Osentoski lit a candle in memory of Richard Stokan*



Duke & Stella Osentoski - September 20, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Stokan.*



September 20, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Stokan.*



September 20, 2021 at 09:57 AM

MS

“ I was a Detroit Police officer when I first met Dick in the mid 70's and we had many conversations regarding our profession. Spoke to him just a few days ago and he was excited about a pending horse purchase. Our sincere condolences to Judy and the entire family. He will be missed! God Bless.

*Mike and Mary Ann Sedmak
Port Austin, MI*

Mike Sedmak - September 20, 2021 at 08:34 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Stokan.



September 20, 2021 at 08:25 AM

BW

“ It was an honor to have worked for Sheriff Stokan for sixteen years. Thanks to him Huron County was able to have full time safety education in the schools. I enjoyed working with Richard on these programs. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy and the family.

Brent & Penny Woodward

Brent & Penny Woodward - September 20, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Stokan.*



September 20, 2021 at 06:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Stokan.*



September 19, 2021 at 11:50 PM



“ *I and my husband always admired Dick-good people there-common sense cop. He will be missed. Lora and Richard Humbarger.*



lora lerash - September 19, 2021 at 11:09 PM



“ *So much love to all of you. Rest in Peace, Uncle Richard- we know you are watching over all of us.*



Karen Pomeroy - September 19, 2021 at 10:50 PM