



## William Harold Eppenbrock

December 25, 1927 - November 28, 2021

William Harold Eppenbrock "Spike", age 93, of Bad Axe, passed away on Sunday, November 28, 2021.

He was born on December 25, 1927 in Ruth Mi, son of the late William and Margaret (Hessling) Eppenbrock.

He married Kathleen Wehner "Pat" on November 19, 1949 in Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Harbor Beach. She preceded him in death on June 22, 2010.

He served in the US Navy with the Navy Seabees during WWII. He also served in the Detroit Police Department for 32 years, he retired as the Executive Lieutenant for the Narcotics Section. He was a member of the Ugly Fox hunters Club. He loved fishing, trapping, duck hunting, baseball, football, and basketball.

Spike was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

He is survived by his children-Patricia (Ervin) Rose, Michael (Tammy) Eppenbrock, and Kenneth (Mary) Eppenbrock.

Grandchildren-Crystal Eppenbrock-Archambault, William Eppenbrock, Michael Eppenbrock, Ellena Eppenbrock, and Leah Eppenbrock.

Great Grandchildren-Brooklyn, Quinn, Ayden and Christopher.  
Siblings-Kitty Rogers, Fr. Donald Eppenbrock, and Janie Shuart.  
Brother-In-law-Joseph Schramski and sister-in-law - Alice Wehner

Predeceased by siblings-Hank Eppenbrock, Ruth Schramski, Margaret  
Carpenter and Judy Reimann.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 11  
am at St. Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Burial will  
be in the Church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 5,  
2021 from 2 – 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 scripture service will  
be offered on Sunday at 7 pm at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

Bad Axe, MI 48413

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 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

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

St Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
311 Whitelam St  
Bad Axe, MI 48413  
(989) 269-772

## Funeral Mass

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

St Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Bad Axe, MI 48413



# Tribute Wall

QE

“ I grandpa spike I'm his great grand daughter I have so many memories with you at the cottage and I just want to say I love and miss you and my dad has a new baby cooper William Eppenbrock and we are doing good I love and miss you grandpa spike



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**Quinn Eppenbrock** - November 15, 2024 at 04:11 AM

JH

“ I grew up with the Eppenbrocks as our neighbors and our families as best friends. We would spend weeks in the summer with the Eppenbrocks at their parent's home in Harbor Beach. Pretty sure I went to my first Tiger's game with Spike. He was a wonderful person to us kids, a great friend to my parents, and an amazing role model.

*John Hellow*

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**John Hellow** - February 01, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ *William Harold Eppenbrock*

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January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM

SW

“ I'll never forget the gentle man that would often come and visit my husband who was hospitalized over an eleven month period. My husband was a Detroit police narcotics officer, James Watts, who died from wounds sustained during a drug raid. He would come visit on his time, he would drive across town after his shift. He was very caring and "Lou's" visit meant so much to us. My prayers are with his family

Sue Watts

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**Sue Watts** - January 06, 2022 at 04:27 PM

LE

“ My grandfather was one of the strongest, most kind hearted, gentle, and brave men I have ever known. I was honored to call him grandpa and I will always cherish the memories of him. Ellena and I always had the most fun at grandma and grandpa's house and kept them busy at the cottage, and we never felt anything but love from them both. I know how much they are holding each other in heaven now. I love you grandpa and until we meet again.

Love always,  
Leah Eppenbrock

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**Leah Eppenbrock** - December 04, 2021 at 07:28 PM

JF

“ My memories of Mr. Eppenbrock go back over 50 years. He was always a tough but fair father to the boys and us guys who hung around the house. He always had a special kind of smile that made me think he remembered what it was like being our age (11+) , giving us just enough room to get in trouble but nothing too serious. I loved Spike and will miss him. He was "one of the good ones".

John & Pat Fracassa

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**John Fracassa** - December 04, 2021 at 12:50 PM

MA

“ I’ve known Spike since my early teens. He was at one time my wonderful Father in law who was always loving, giving and a very hard worker! Spike was such a loving grandfather to my daughter Leah. He will be so missed! ❤️ Marilyn and Gerald Agents

Marilyn Agents - December 03, 2021 at 03:31 PM

GT

“ The Thede family and Bud's Landing at Rose Island have had a long and great relationship with Spike since 1955. Young Spike had married into the Charlie Wehner duck camp along with a best friend Roy (Royce) Abbott, and we at Bud's became fast friends with both of these great men. They stood at our beckoning call for Any help we needed with anything and could always be relied on. In fact they showed up many times even when we didn't ask. Spike continued that tradition for the rest of his "Honorable Life" and we are honored and thankful to have known him. Gary Thede and Family

Gary Thede - December 03, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Harold Eppenbrock.



December 02, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Harold Eppenbrock.*



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December 02, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ *William Eppenbrock ... “Spike” or Lieutenant to those who worked with him at the Detroit Police Department. He was a gentle giant, a superior police officer, supervisor, commanding officer who stood head & shoulders above the rest in every sense of the word. I’m proud to have known you, worked with you, called you my friend. God speed ...*

*Bill & Diane Gray  
Lexington, Michigan*

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**Bill Gray** - December 02, 2021 at 12:11 PM



*Spike was a gentleman and role model. As my uncle, I always respected him and felt privileged to be part of his extended family.*

*Tom Schramski*

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**Tom Schramski** - December 02, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *A very kind and generous man, who we shared many wonderful memories with. We were blessed to share his love.*



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**Chuck & Sharon Abbott** - December 02, 2021 at 11:08 AM