



## Erven John Brieschke

August 10, 1924 - June 14, 2018

Adrian- Erven John Brieschke, age 93, of Adrian, formerly of Riga, passed away Thursday, June 14, 2018, at Bixby Medical Center with family by his side.

He was born August 10, 1924, to Edward and Janira (Kastel) Brieschke in Riga Township. Erven graduated from Blissfield High School in 1942 and went on to attend Michigan State University. With WWII going on, Erven had to leave college and return home to oversee the family farm as his father went to work in a war plant.

On September 7, 1969, Erven married Marcella Dael Filter and they celebrated over 48 years together.

Erven helped run the family farm for many years and also worked at the Michigan Elevator Exchange for 24 years. He was a lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Riga, where he served on the Church Board, sang in the choir and had the role of Sexton and Groundskeeper. Erven volunteered his time as a Boy Scouts leader in the 1940's, and was the manager of the Babe Ruth League in the 1950's. Erven and his wife, Marcella, helped organize and direct the "Silvertones Band" for 17 years. Everyone knew that Erven was an avid sports fan and could often be found watching a baseball game on the television with the sound muted and the radio turned up, as he preferred to listen to the radio commentators calling the game.

He is survived by his wife, Marcella; sister, Ruth (Wayne) Walters; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Erven was preceded in death by his parents,

and siblings, David Brieschke and Mary Ann Nichols.

Funeral services for Erven will take place on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Riga, with Dianna Raine officiating. Burial will follow at Riga Cemetery. Visitation will take place from 11a.m. until the time of the service at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield.

Contributions in memory of Erven may be made to Hospice of Lenawee or Trinity Lutheran Church. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Riga Cemetery

Cemetery Road  
Riga, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
7625 Riga Hwy.  
Riga, MI 49276

## Funeral Service

JUN 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Erven John Brieschke*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I remember meeting Erv back in 1969 when he was courting Marcella. He was so kind to Marcella's family, especially Bud and Marion. He was a "gentle" man with a great smile who loved Marcella dearly and treated her like the queen she was. His devotion to community and church was admirable and I am certain leaving the home by the church to move to Brookdale was a big change. I am certain Brookdale benefitted by his living there also. So sorry we could not come to the funeral service. He is in our hearts and in the many Scott family photos.*

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**Jan Kirchgessner** - July 28, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ *The thing that I remember about Erven was his interest in you, the person. As a writer, he always had a genuine interest in my work. I appreciated his kindness and looked forward to our conversations whenever I met up with him. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Marcella, Aunt Ruth and the rest of his family during this time.*

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**Jeffrey R. Plum** - June 18, 2018 at 08:44 PM

EH

“ Evelyn H. lit a candle in memory of Erven  
John Brieschke



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**Evelyn H.** - June 18, 2018 at 02:44 PM

JP

“ I recall Erven as a Riga neighbor, being a gentle man with an  
infectious smile.  
Born in 1924 ~ Passed in 2018 It's the dash that made him very  
special.  
Our Sincerere Sympathy  
Jim & Diann Pavelka

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**Jim & Diann Pavelka** - June 18, 2018 at 11:49 AM