



## Johnny R. Osenko

April 7, 1923 - February 9, 2019

BLISSFIELD – Johnny R. Osenko, one of Blissfield’s oldest and brightest individuals passed peacefully into eternal life on Saturday evening, February 9, 2019, in his home of over 60 years. He was surrounded by both his loving daughters at the time.

Johnny was 95 years old and a lifelong Blissfield resident. He was well known in southeast Michigan for his athletic skills in baseball, basketball and football, especially as a “Sugar Boy” on the old Blissfield High teams. At one time, he tried out for the Detroit Tigers and in the 1940’s Johnny sparred with Joe Lewis.

In 2005, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Helen Shough. They were together for over 50 years and raised 3 children.

Some may recall Johnny’s days in Fogel’s Gamble Store in the 1950’s, and later as the village mailman. Johnny will surely be remembered as a new car salesman in various local Ford dealerships, especially Blissfield. He enjoyed fishing up North and in Canada, water skiing, and working in his garden on hot summer days. Johnny was an active man full of life, and all who knew him had enriched lives

After enlisting in the Army during World War II, Johnny was set to join the fight until the discovery of a heart murmur sidelined him. He stayed active in the American Legion throughout his long and well lived life.

In addition to his wife, Helen, Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Natalia (Geidroye) who was from Russia; brothers, Bill, Russ

and George; sisters, Frances and Lillian; and son-in-law, Jerry Harpst.

Johnny is survived by daughters, Bea (Pat) Delahunty of Adrian, and Brenda Osenko of Milan; grandchildren, Corey (Kerstin) Rider, Jason (Ruby) Rider, Brigid (Jay) Williams, Beth Delahunty; great-grandchildren, Kyle Rider, Kaden and Brady Rider and Conner Williams

A private graveside service was held at Pleasant View Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield, where on line condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny R. Osenko*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Evelyn H lit a candle in memory of Johnny R. Osenko*



Evelyn H - February 20, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ *The world existed in Blissfield for me. Johnny Osenko was a hero and someone to look up too. Heroes are difficult to find now. I am proud of my community. Hattie wolfe.*

harriet I RohrbACK - February 18, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ *Blissfield lost one of its best. Johnny was a true Hall of Famer.*

Al Schaffer - February 17, 2019 at 02:08 AM



“ *Bea and family's am so sorry for this loss of your beloved dad. I know you enjoyed each other all the time and yuo took good care of him He is at peace and with your mom. Love and prayes to you and the family.*

Lois M. Morris - February 17, 2019 at 02:01 AM

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“ He was a fun person and raised 3 beautiful children. Bea, I knew you best of all and was a wonderful babysitter. My children loved you. My sincere sympathies..

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**Pat Tagsold** - February 16, 2019 at 10:17 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your Fathers passing. He and My uncle Chuck ( Bud) Kohler and Donald Kohler used to hang together. What a Great man he was. What a tribute to Blissfield and to all who knew him.

*Christine Paulson Davis*

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**christine Paulson Davis** - February 16, 2019 at 05:31 PM

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“ Sincere sympathy to Bea, Ken and Brenda and all of your families. Your dad was a great guy.

*Sue (Reed) Enslin*

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**Susan Enslin** - February 16, 2019 at 05:28 PM