



Joseph B. Bakus Sr.

May 7, 1913 - April 6, 2014

TECUMSEH – Joseph B. Bakus, Sr., age 100, formerly of Blissfield and Ottawa Lake, passed away Sunday, April 6, 2014, at Tecumseh Place. Born May, 7, 1913, in Joliet, Illinois, he was the son of Joseph and Josephine Bakós.

He was married to Lillian T. Prochaska May 24, 1934, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church Deerfield. Lillian preceded him in death in 2003 having celebrated 69 years of marriage.

Joe retired from Libby Owens Ford Glass in 1975 after 47 years without missing a single day of work. He was a life-long Yankee baseball fan having seen Babe Ruth play in Chicago many times. Joe loved his farm, growing apples, pears, grapes, raspberries and vegetables only to give them away to family and friends.

He is survived by his children: Robert (Betty) Bakus of West Palm Beach, FL; Joseph (Ruth) Bakus Jr. of Tecumseh; Charles (Mary) Bakus of Richmond, TX; and Patricia (David) Rogers of Ann Arbor; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and sisters, Bernice Zielinski of Toledo and Josie Reba of Ogilvie, IL.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Joann and Dorothy.

The family would like to thank all of the caretakers at Tecumseh Place who took such good care of Joe, especially Ginny and Jim Ingle, Rachel, Cherrie, Christy, Kim, John and Sharon, as well as Jill Goetz Kiesow who treated him

like her own father. Special thanks also to Jean Penner who cared for him when he was still living on the farm.

The Funeral Mass will take place at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at Light of Christ Catholic Parish in Blissfield with Rev. Jack Loughran as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Alphonsus Cemetery in Deerfield. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield.

Contributions in memory of Joseph may be made to Light of Christ Catholic Parish. Online condolences and memories are welcome at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery

Deerfield, MI

Previous Events

Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Light of Christ Catholic Parish
309 South Lane Street
Blissfield, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph B. Bakus Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *We are greatly saddened by the passing of dear Mr. Joe Bakus!*

But his HAPPY, SUCCESSFUL, LONG LIFE, blessed with such a loving, large family and so many dear friends is to be CELEBRATED, AWED, ENVIED and ADMIRER!

We are honored to have been included into his circle of friends, and treated like family! We always admired and loved him, and will miss him dearly!

Peter and Marian Tsang, Vegas

peter and Marian Tsang - April 09, 2014 at 09:54 PM



“ *To the family of Joe Bakus, My dad,(Dean Neuman) and I enjoyed having your dad as a customer at Blissfield Lumber. He was a honest, kind, and caring man. He will be missed by, not only your family, but by the many people whose lives he touched. Hang on to all your special memories. May those memories and the love and prayers of family and friends help you through this difficult time. In friendship and prayers, Dean Neuman and Jim & Bertie Novak.*

Roberta Novak - April 08, 2014 at 07:50 PM

JP

“ We were saddened to read that Mr. Bakus had passed, and wanted to extend our deepest sympathy to the Bakus family. May the support of family & friends give you comfort in the days ahead. Keeping you in our thoughts. Jim & Diann (Papenhagen) Pavelka

James/Diann Pavelka - April 08, 2014 at 09:21 AM

LC

“ Larry and Connie Champagne purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph B. Bakus Sr..



Larry and Connie Champagne - April 07, 2014 at 08:55 PM

LS

“ I sure will miss Uncle Joe. I know he was a month away from his 101st birthday but I just wasn't ready to see him go, after all he was still driving until he was almost 100. I will miss listening to his stories & pictures from the glass factory where he worked. He loved his farm with all his fruit trees & enjoyed showing them off, then giving me a sample of his home made wine. Even when he had a harder time getting around he was still the only one that could trim the trees & bushes because one else did them correctly. My thoughts & prayers go out to my cousins they had a great Dad. Uncle Joe loved the Prochaska family & we all love him. He will greatly be missed by all.

Louise Shuffield - April 07, 2014 at 07:13 AM

LS

“ I sure will miss Uncle Joe. I know he was 101 years old but I really expected him to be with us longer. I'm glad we had such a great man in our family for so many years, we were very lucky. My cousins are in my thoughts & prayers go out to them. Rest in Peace Uncle Joe, I will miss you and all the story's you have told me.

Louise Shuffield - April 06, 2014 at 10:30 PM