



## R. "Kirk" Bettis

December 2, 1936 - January 13, 2024

ADRIAN- Robert "Kirk" Bettis, age 87, of Adrian died early Saturday, January 13, 2024 at Promedica Charles and Virginian Hickman Hospital.

Kirk was born on December 2, 1936 in Franklin Twp., Michigan, the second child of Ward and Mary (Spalt) Bettis' six children. He graduated from Blissfield High School in 1954 and went on to serve in the United States Navy from 1958-1962.

On June 19, 1965 Kirk and Carolyn Ann Setzler were united in marriage at Blissfield Presbyterian Church and have been blessed with 58 years together. Kirk worked at Kewaunee Scientific for 20 years and Adrian College for 6 years. Kirk and Carolyn were members of Blissfield Presbyterian Church, where he also served as an elder. Kirk's positive outlook on life was evident as he always had a smile on his face and found reasons to laugh every day.

In addition to his wife, Carolyn, Kirk is survived by his sister, Suzanne (Jerald) Saxton; brother-in-law, John Richard Saxton and sister in law Barbara Bettis Moll; 11 nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his infant brother Gary; brothers, John and Daniel Bettis; and sister, Carolyn Saxton.

Following Kirk's wishes, cremation will take place with a memorial service to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian with Rev. Douglas Holmes officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery. A memorial visitation will take place from 10 a.m. until the service begins at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blissfield Presbyterian Church.  
Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where  
online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.wagleyfuneralhome  
s.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant View Cemetery

9175 E. US 223  
Blissfield, MI

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

EH

“ Evelyn H. lit a candle in memory of R. Bettis

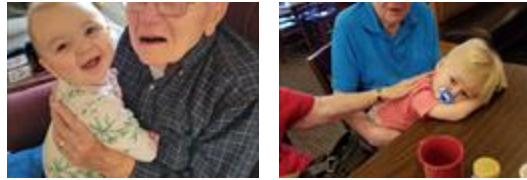


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**Evelyn H.** - January 26, 2024 at 05:36 PM

RE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Rebecca Erdman** - January 25, 2024 at 11:17 AM

WJ

“ Not only will Kirk be missed by me, Rigby will surely miss jumping on Kirk's lap and licking his face. He sure loved to get back scratches and pats from Kirk. What a sweet man Kirk was. It's been wonderful having him as a neighbor for 7 years!

*Wanda James*

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**Wanda James** - January 24, 2024 at 07:07 PM

SA

“ We surely will miss Kirk’s friendly wave from his front porch! We had so many great chats with him throughout the years being next door neighbors. Kirk’s friendly demeanor, smile (and laugh) along with his caring ways will always live in our memories. We hold Carolyn and family in our hearts.

*Sue and Tim Allshouse*

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**Sue Allshouse** - January 24, 2024 at 09:37 AM

BB

“ I remember Kirk from school and church. He was an upper classman that we younger kids looked up to. May he rest in peace.

*Brenda Palmer Breitner*

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**Brenda Breitner** - January 22, 2024 at 07:20 PM