



## Timothy "Tim" Charles Doerfler

January 14, 1952 - January 19, 2024

RIGA- Timothy "Tim" Charles Doerfler, age 72, of Riga, MI died Friday afternoon, January 19, 2024 at Chelsea Hospital.

Tim was born on January 14, 1952 in Toledo, Ohio, the third of Arthur and Myrtle (Steinfurth) Doerfler's four children. He graduated from Blissfield High School in 1970 and went on to attend broadcasting school in Columbus, OH. Tim was a radio announcer at the local station, WABJ, for 10 years where you could count on him relaying the news and announcing the latest happenings in the Lenawee County area. He also worked at Flatlanders in Riga and Ventures in Adrian for over 20 years. He was a true history and trivia buff; and could recite facts about any topic thrown at him. Tim worked in outreach ministry through Family of Peace Lutheran Church. He raised chickens for many years and never met a stray sheep he didn't like. Tim's family confirmed that he rescued more than a few sheep during his lifetime. When it was time to relax, Tim would enjoy fishing and watching the classic comedy, The 3 Stooges. On more than one occasion, Tim along with his brother, Mark and cousin, Brian would do a marathon of watching The 3 Stooges, reciting all the punchlines. Tim's easy going and loving personality was felt by all his family, and "Uncle BB Polar Bear and Uncle Timby" were titles he treasured. He is survived by his siblings, Caroline (Michael Noveskey) Doerfler and John (Kathryn) Doerfler; nieces and nephews, Sara Marie (Pete) Anderson, Benjamin (Candace) Noveskey, Anya (TJ) Noveskey-Chopelas, Cara Noveskey, Kerry (Patrick) Zubke and Nathaniel (Michelle) Doerfler; great-

nieces and nephews, Ethan, Nora, Jolee, Emery, Seth, Evan, Julia, Arthur and Kathryn; fishing buddy and cousin, Brian Holt; close friends, Pastor Tim and Beth Pilot; neighbors, Alice, Wendell and Kendra Goetz, Les & Cindy Miller, Ken & Debbie Lake and Sue Walters. Tim was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Mark Doerfler.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Riga, with Pastors Tim Pilot and Vicky Lovell officiating. Memorial visitation will be held one hour prior to the start of the service. Tim will be laid to rest at Riga Cemetery with private graveside services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lenawee County Historical Society or Heifer Project International. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield.

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

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 9. 1:30 AM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Riga Trinity Lutheran Church  
7625 Riga Hwy.  
Riga, MI 49276

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

DK

“ I worked with Tim at venchurs for yrs. He was a good worker n friend to anyone n loved to talk. Rip Tim. He will fly with the angels.

Dorothy Kelley - January 30, 2024 at 11:34 AM

ME

“ I worked with Tim at Venchurs Packaging for a number of years. He was a fantastic worker and a great man. Always so helpful and took pride in his work. Rest in Peace Tim.

Melody - January 28, 2024 at 10:16 PM

CM

“ Cara, Will, Tory, & Mike purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Timothy "Tim" Charles Doerfler.



Cara, Will, Tory, & Mike - January 28, 2024 at 09:00 PM

AT

“ Anya & TJ purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Timothy "Tim" Charles Doerfler.



Anya & TJ - January 27, 2024 at 05:00 PM

LT

“ I had Tim in math class at Blissfield high school,, really enjoyed Tim as a student very respectful, and I will always remember him with positive attitude and respect that he showed. Sorry that I will not be able to pay my respects to Tim and the family as I am now in Florida and will not return until June. God bless the family and my prayers are with the family and may Tim rest in peace. Coach Tuttle.

Larry Tuttle - January 26, 2024 at 06:25 PM

CA

“ Caroline, I'm so sorry to read of your brother's passing. Thinking of you and your family.  
Carolyn Noel (MSUE retired)

Carolyn - January 25, 2024 at 04:17 PM



Thank you so much for your condolences, I will make sure my Mom sees this! 🙏

Serene Joelle - January 27, 2024 at 03:52 PM

TR

“ Worked with Tim at ventures packaging . Great man with a great work ethic. Truly cared about people and helped a lot of us when we were first starting our jobs there. Appreciate knowing him and pray he rests in peace 🙏

Tracy - January 25, 2024 at 04:15 PM



This is such a beautiful sentiment, he mentioned loving many of his co-workers (even though he struggled with the management.) Thank you! His niece Cara 🤍

Serene Joelle - January 27, 2024 at 03:51 PM

JK

*Tim and I worked together at WABJ in the 70s - and we were all best buddies for that decade. Nobody was more loyal and hard working than the "Derf"*

*In the 80s, we all went our separate ways, with Tim ending up at Venchurs Packaging in Adrian until he retired. Later on, Tim's younger brother Mark worked at Bixby. Tim would often come to our house on State St to converse and wait for Mark to pick him up, as they only had one vehicle. And then tragically Mark died way too young, leaving Tim alone to tend to the family homestead. As time passed, we grew apart naturally. No more parties, camping, and car trips; just occasional hellos at Meijer. A year or so ago, thanks to his sister's family, I was able to meet and hug for the last time a now very ill individual . May he finally rest in peace. Love ya man!*

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**john kuschell** - January 30, 2024 at 02:06 AM