



## William A. Holtz

June 4, 1934 - June 13, 2018

MANITOU BEACH – William A. Holtz, age 84 of Manitou Beach, passed away Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at his Devils Lake home.

He was born June 4, 1934, in Adrian, the only son of Elmer and Nelda (Matthes) Holtz. After graduating from Adrian High School in 1952, he attended Western Michigan University. Bill served in the United States Army. On June 23, 1956, he wed Julia Kirk, and they were blessed with almost 62 years of marriage.

Bill retired from American Chain & Cable with 30 years of service. During his retirement, he owned and operated Bill's Market in Adrian. He was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church where he served as an elder and cemetery sexton. Bill was also a member of Adrian Jaycees. Bill delighted in his family and enjoyed watching his grandchildren's special events. Bill enjoyed people and his sense of humor was always present as he liked to tease others. If you were being razzed by Bill, you knew he considered you a friend.

In addition to his wife, Julie, he is survived by their three sons, David (Debbie) of Adrian, Brian (Jolene) of Diamondale, and Todd of Hillsdale; a sister, Marjorie Gildner of Dexter; eight grandchildren, Riley, Morgan, Celeste, Tyler, Austin, Emily, Joshua and Bailee; and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 16, 2018, at St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. Joel Sarrault officiating. Burial will follow at

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be at Wagley Funeral Home on Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Church. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Cemtery

Oakwood Road  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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JUN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
3448 North Adrian Highway  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *William A. Holtz*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Blessings and prayers of peace! A great baseball coach and he enjoyed the banter with me as the umpire! A very special person!*

**Rick Rumler** - June 25, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ *To Julie, David, Brian, Todd and families:*

*Those we Laughed with, Learned from, Leaned on, and Loved the most leave us with the Best Memories!*

*Honoring the memory of my cousin, Big Bill, as he was lovingly referred to in my family. Cherish those memories.*

*Love, Bill & Rosanne Hanna*

**Bill Hanna** - June 15, 2018 at 04:21 PM



“ Remembering my younger days I had opportunities to spend time with Uncle Shorty. As I grew up with Bill it was clearly evident the apple didn't fall far from the tree. His good natured teasing and sparring was the norm. As Bill was lovingly fond of saying “you can pick your friends but you can't pick your relatives” but If I was able to the choice would be an easy one. For Bill was more than my cousin. He was a friend, a man of faith who mentored me and it was a true joy to be in his company. And now that he has heard the words of God, well done thou good and faithful servant, we don't say goodbye but rather till we meet again. And when that time comes I'm sure Bill will greet me with the way he often did upon my arrival at family functions-“Well, it's about time you got here”. Julie, David, Brian, Todd and families, hold on to the memories and may God abundantly fill you with His grace and peace. Love always John Muck.

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**John Muck** - June 14, 2018 at 07:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William A. Holtz.



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June 14, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A. Holtz.



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June 13, 2018 at 10:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A. Holtz.*



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June 13, 2018 at 06:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William A. Holtz.*



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June 13, 2018 at 06:05 PM



“ *Bill we will miss you but our hearts will always be filled with fond memories. Love you!! John and Michele Henson*

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**michele henson** - June 13, 2018 at 05:57 PM



“ *Would always have a laugh when he came in the grocery store! Praying for comfort and peace for your family, sorry for your loss. Lori Schadewald*

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**Lori Schadewald** - June 13, 2018 at 04:39 PM