



Kenneth C. Blackburn

August 16, 1930 - December 12, 2016

Kenneth C. Blackburn of Holt formerly of Dimondale died December 12, 2016 after a long battle with congestive heart failure and pulmonary fibrosis. Ken was born August 16, 1930 in Lansing to the late Kenneth D. and Louise (Schenk) Blackburn and lived his entire life in the Lansing area.

Ken graduated from East Lansing High School Class of 1948. In 1950 he joined the National Guard and served six years leaving as acting Motor Sergeant in Battery A. He married Bonnie Esterline in 1952 and they had five children.

Ken worked as a carpenter before going to Consumers Power in 1955. He retired after thirty-four years in the Electric Meter Dept. as Chief Meterman. He was an active member of Local 123 U.W.U.A and served as an officer for many years. He bowled in Lansing leagues for sixty years and enjoyed the many friends he met along the way. Ken spent many great summers at the family cabin at Rice Lake in the Keweenaw along with the bears and the cougars.

He was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Tony Miller along with grandson, A.F.C. David Bennett. He is survived by his wife of over sixty-four years, Bonnie and their children, Bob (Loretta) Blackburn, Pam (Don) Hawley, Steve (Tony Villareal) Blackburn, Nancy (Rich) Roose and Kristi Williams; 11 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; brother, Bill (Sarah) Blackburn; sister, Catherine (Pravin) Parmar; brother-in-law, Bud (Edna) Esterline and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. with a Rosary at 8 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and Saturday at the church from 9-10 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, December 17, 2016, 10 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing by The Reverend Msgr. Bernard Reilly. Rite of Committal will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens with a luncheon to follow at St. Mary Parish Hall. The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the caring and attentive staff at McLaren Hospice and Homecare especially, Abigail, Kim, Rebekah and Stephanie. Memorial contributions may be given to McLaren Greater Lansing Hospice, 1515 Cal Drive, Davison, Michigan 48423.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

4444 W. Grand River Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Visitation

DEC 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC 16. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Mary Cathedral
219 Seymour Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth C. Blackburn*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - January 02, 2017 at 11:42 AM

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“ *Nancy Roose lit a candle in memory of Kenneth C. Blackburn*



Nancy Roose - March 20, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth C. Blackburn.*



December 16, 2016 at 06:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kenneth C. Blackburn.



December 15, 2016 at 01:47 PM



“ *57 files added to the album Ken*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - December 15, 2016 at 10:41 AM



“ *Kristi lit a candle in memory of Kenneth C. Blackburn*



Kristi - December 14, 2016 at 10:15 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth C. Blackburn.* ”



December 14, 2016 at 06:01 AM