



Michael Albert Esch

August 9, 1926 - December 14, 2022

Michael Albert Esch, lifelong Eagle resident, passed away December 14, 2022. Michael was the sixth of nine children born to the late Albert and Mary (Miller) Esch on August 9, 1926 in Danby Township, Ionia County, Michigan. Mike was a hard-working, resourceful, patient and kind man who developed many skills during his life as a child of a big family, sharecropping and working as a welder and fabricator at TRW in Portland. He started working at TRW in 1953 and then retired at 62 years of age in 1988. Mike and his brother Edward bought a house for their mother in 1955. Mike later bought out his brother's share and then he, Alice and Agnes lived at that home. The house, yard and outbuildings were always kept neat and organized. Mike took great care of his sisters. He enjoyed deer hunting. He cut firewood into his 90's and amassed quite a stack before he quit burning wood to heat the home.

He is survived by his sisters: Agnes Esch and Regina McWilliams, sister-in-law, Loretta Esch (Harold's wife), along with numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Mike was preceded in death by his siblings (spouses): Louis (Addie), Edward (Irene), Leona (Clifford), Alice, Arnold (Annabelle), Harold and brother-in-law Robert McWilliams.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, 11:00 AM at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by Father James Eisele. You may watch the funeral mass for Mike at 11:00 am Tuesday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link: <https://youtu.be/WUA8tFTHPak>. Visitation will be at the church on Tuesday beginning at 10:00 AM.

Memorial contributions in Mike's name may be given to St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatakin.com.

Cemetery Details

North Eagle Cemetery

12200 S. Grange Road
Eagle, MI 48822

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carolyn Pock - December 17, 2022 at 09:55 PM

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“ Sorry to learning of your loss. Prayers for the family.

Jane Pohl - December 16, 2022 at 02:36 PM