



Bert K. Sisson

August 11, 1937 - May 23, 2016

Bert K. Sisson, 78, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on May 23, 2016, following a short bout of pneumonia.

He had been severely disabled in a motorcycle accident in 2009. He was born in Battle Creek, August 11, 1937 to Elmo H. and Elizabeth V. (Ford) Sisson. Bert spent his boyhood in Battle Creek where he became an Eagle Scout and graduated from Battle Creek Central High School in 1955.

He earned degrees in mechanical engineering from Tri-State College and Chrysler Institute and spent his career as an engineer at Chrysler Corp. for 33 years, retiring to Houghton Lake in 1991 to pursue his hobbies of riding motorcycles and snowmobiles. Prior to retiring he earned his second master's degree from Michigan State University.

Bert was a member of the Wertz Warriors, Houghton Lake Rotary and Houghton Lake Methodist Church. He had lived at Belled Oakes Living Center in Lake City for the past five years.

He is survived by his wife Karol (Bunker) Sisson; daughter, Sue (Neal Liddicoat) of Mackinac Island; one niece and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Ford Sisson; his parents, a

sister, Marion (Sisson) Mitchell and a brother in law, Robert Mitchell.

Memorial services will be held 12:00 noon, Friday, June 10, 2016 at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with Reverend Tom Anderson officiating. Friends may meet the family Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

JP

“ So sorry and sad to hear of Berts passing. We have treasured memories of him and Karol. Jim remembers renting a room with you in your new mobile home in Angola,Ind. And then living a short time in your mobile again right after we married until we found a place to rent in Dearborn I think you had gone back to give birth to Sue. Seems like so many years ago but the memories linger still.

Jim & Bev Pershing - May 30, 2016 at 08:35 PM

JF

“ Bert and I were closely associated for his entire career at Chrysler. I first met him when I returned from the Air Force. He is best remembered for picking up my fiance and bringing her to my bachelor party where they surprised me by hiding her in a large box which they presented to me as my wedding present. He leaves a lot of happy memories for many Chrysler retirees.

Jim Frye - May 26, 2016 at 03:37 PM

JG

“ Karol, I only knew you and Bert for a short period of time when I worked at Belle Oakes. You both had a very profound affect on my life. I am so sorry for your loss.

Jean Gauld - May 26, 2016 at 03:13 PM

JB

“ Karol, as a fellow Chrysler colleague and a TRI-State (Trine University) Alumnus, I offer my deepest condolences.
Peace

Jim Buttery - May 26, 2016 at 12:41 PM

BK

“ Dear Karol, My husband and I are so sorry about Bert's passing. but we You probably don't remember us but we remember you well because, you see, we bought the house at 5121 - McKinley Rd in Warren 50 years ago next week and we still live here. I wish we had kept in touch because as we remember the both of you, you made an impression on us. I would like to bring you up to date on the neighborhood if that is possible. my email address is supertech225@gmail.com. I'd love to hear from you. Again, we are so sorry for your loss and will include Bert in our prayers.

Bernadine Kraemer - May 26, 2016 at 11:13 AM

DC

“ Yes I would like to say something; Bert was a friend from our Chrysler days. We rode motorcycles together a few times. One fond memory was my going away present from Product Planning. Bert helped fabricate a snowmobile suit with an appropriately placed exhaust tube. Bert was a fun, generous friend that will be missed.

Dick Cassle - May 26, 2016 at 11:09 AM

TS

“ Karol....I am so sorry to hear of Bert's passing. He was a great asset to our community, a hero to so many Special Olympians and true friend to me. Sending love, hugs and prayers to you and Sue.

Tracy Smith - May 26, 2016 at 06:36 AM

JM

“ I'm sorry for your loss Aunt Karol, he will be greatly missed. We love you guys and you are in our prayers.

Jennifer Mitchell - May 25, 2016 at 09:37 PM

KL

“*Karol.. I am sadden to hear of Burts passing. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*”

Kelli Lawson - May 25, 2016 at 03:21 PM