



## Earl Richard Potter

July 13, 1935 - June 28, 2022

Earl Richard Potter of Wellston passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis, Michigan. He was 86. Earl was born on July 13, 1935 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Paul Richard & Irene Pearl (Housler) Potter. On August 1, 1960 in Zeeland, Michigan he married the former Betty Jo Dildine and she preceded him in death on March 19, 2016.

Earl has lived in the Wellston/Hoxeyville area for the past 55 years. He had been employed at Frank Schwandt Forest Products and retired from Nash Forest Products. His hobbies were wood working, camping, hunting, riding motorcycles, riding his golf cart and family gatherings.

Survivors include his children: Norma Exler of Cadillac, Bryan Potter of Troutdale, Oregon, Tammy Hoag, Tracy (Jeff) Powers, Callie Potter all of Cadillac, Rod (Beth) Potter of Harrietta, Jerry Potter of Hoxeyville, and Toby Potter of Leroy; son-in-law, Robert Spencer of Cadillac; many grandchildren great-grandchildren; siblings: Liz (Joe) Jensen, Pat Peterson, Jim Potter, Jack Potter, Ed (Chris) Potter, Marv (Loshi) Potter, Chuck Potter and Rosemary VanBeek. In addition to his parents and his wife Earl was preceded in death by a daughter, Deb Spencer; a son, Jeffrey Potter; 4 grandchildren: Ryan Potter, Petey Tromp, Danille Tromp, and Robert P. Spencer, III and several of his siblings.

A memorial gathering will take place Saturday, July 2, 2022 from 12 Noon to 4:00 PM at the South Branch Township Fire Hall. His final resting place will be Banker Cemetery. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Banker Cemetery

Hoxeyville (Cadillac), MI 49601

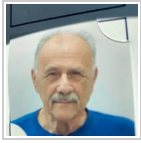
# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUL 2. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

South Branch Township Fire Hall  
South Branch Township, MI 49601

# Tribute Wall



“ Earl was a good man and friend, One time when I owned the WELLSTON INN A TORNADO HAD HIT the Inn. Irene Potter his mother was my cook,manager and friend called Earl and told him I had two big trees leaning towards the Inn. He immediately came over with his little son and climbed each tree and cut them down and took them away. That was Earl.God bless you Earl

Ronald Loguidice - December 10, 2022 at 11:08 PM

JA

I wish I would have known, I tried calling him and phone was not working. He was a good man

janet arnold - January 29, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Earl Richard Potter.



July 01, 2022 at 08:57 AM

FF

“ From The Doornhaags & Related Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Earl Richard Potter.



From The Doornhaags & Related Family - June 30, 2022 at 03:59 PM

SL

“ Earl worked with my dad for many years I remember him calling me susie q always had cigar pipe in in his mouth and a smile when were at his house he'd let us kids blow the horn on his rig Earl will be greatly missed

Susan Lewis - June 30, 2022 at 08:17 AM

TB

“ Earl and Betty were our camping neighbors and our kids adopted grandparents. He will be greatly missed by my family. As I called him, Earl the pearl will be greatly missed by all of his camping kids.

Tom Baker - June 29, 2022 at 10:09 PM

PB

“ My uncle Earl was the kindest man I knew. He use to let his family come and spend the summers when we were growing up that's what families did. Cutting fireworks at grandma's for years all the things you taught us. Working hard and never stop keep pushing ahead. I will remember your phone calls at 4 am in the morning on my way to work. Good morning Punkie how are you. I will never forget just how wonderful you were. I Love you and will miss you dearly.

Pearl Barman - June 29, 2022 at 09:04 PM

JR

“ I will miss our talks every night and our visits several times a week, and you were a wonderful person and I loved you. rest in peace my dear  
.joann



Joann Ross - June 29, 2022 at 08:52 PM