



Ernest L. Bronkema

December 27, 1941 - February 3, 2017

Ernest L. Bronkema of McBain went to be with his Lord Friday, February 3, 2017 at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. He was 75.

Ernie was born December 27, 1941 in McBain, to Alex and Katie (VanderVlugt) Bronkema.

Ernie graduated from McBain High School and lived in the McBain area most all his life. Mr. Bronkema worked at CMI in Cadillac for many years. He was an active member of First Baptist Church in Cadillac and was an active member of the Men's Bible Study that meets at Big Boy.

Mr. Bronkema was a devoted husband and family man. He was musically gifted and had the ability to play multiple instruments; he enjoyed singing hymns with his grandchildren. Ernie loved watching his grandchildren's activities and enjoyed antique tractors. Above all else, he loved and trusted in the Lord and knew Christ as his Savior.

On March 3, 1962 in McBain he married the former Diane L. Burkholder and she survives him along with their children: Dean (Amy) Bronkema of Walker, Michigan, Tracey (Craig) Weston of Manhattan, Kansas, Daryl (Melissa) Bronkema of Middleville, Michigan and Brent (Tamie) Bronkema of McBain; grandchildren: Ashley, Chelsea, Drew, Emmitt, Alex (Nicki), Brittney, Derek,

Courtney, Sean, Chloe, Kyle, Jordan, Chandler, Jackson, Caleb, Savannah, Faith, Kaitlyn, Meghan, Mollie, Adrianna, Makayla, Savanna, Ava, Aiden; a sister, Irene (Reverend Karl) Pike of Grand Rapids and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Bryan Bronkema in 2004; sisters, Ruth Miller and Greta Jonas; in laws: Albert and Anna Burkholder and a brother in law, Larry Burkholder.

Funeral services will take place 11:00 am, Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Cadillac with Reverend David L. McMahan officiating. Friends may meet the family Monday from 6-8 pm at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Burial will take place at Mount View Cemetery in McBain.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wexford- Missaukee Right to Life or First Baptist Church. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Bronkema family during this time of loss.*

Brian and Lynette Brocht - February 06, 2017 at 08:13 PM

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“ *Our sincere sympathy for your loss. We love you.*

Judy and Helmut Brauninger - February 05, 2017 at 10:31 PM

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“ *We are saddened to hear of our Uncle Ernest passing. We remember him fondly telling stories, playing music, talking about how proud he was of his children, while visiting us kids and his sister Greta along with Aunt Diane in Kalamazoo. He always showed his love for family and friends and never met a stranger. His love of God was shown in everything he did. Uncle Ernest will be missed and loved by us all. God bless you always.*

Paul & Diana DeLaMater & Family - February 05, 2017 at 06:02 PM