



## James Richard Kortema, Jr.

April 20, 1939 - September 19, 2016

James Richard Kortema, Jr. of Thompsonville passed away Monday morning, September 19, 2016 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee. He was 77.

Jim was born on April 20, 1939 in Detroit to James R. & Sylvia (Kaiponen) Kortema and they preceded him in death.

He graduated from Garden City High School and later went on to School Craft College to get his degree in welding. Mr. Kortema had been employed with the Iron Workers Local #575 of Detroit from the mid 1960's until 1983 when he moved to Thompsonville. Jim owned and operated Bayview Fabrication in Thompsonville from 1983 until retiring in 2000.

Jim attended Manton Baptist Church and was a member of Cadillac Sportsmans Club. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed rifle and handgun shooting.

On August 23, 1969 in Wayne, Michigan he married the former Arlene E. Haggerty and she survives him along with children, Timothy (Angie) Kortema of Mexico and Tammi (Kerry) Pebbles of Plymouth, Michigan.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Arlene Griffith.

Funeral Services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, September 22, 2016 at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac with Pastor Dan Hemmes officiating. Friends may meet the family from 10:00 AM until services Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Antioch Township Cemetery in Wexford County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Manton Baptist Church. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).