



Richard Ronald Piper Jr.

June 13, 1947 - February 26, 2026

Richard Ronald Piper, Jr. of Marion passed away, February 26, 2026 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was 78. Richard was born June 13, 1947 in Jackson, Michigan to Richard Ronald and Lillian (Newman) Piper, Sr.

Richard graduated from high school and served in the United States Army during Vietnam and later also served in the National Guard. He worked at Kelsey- Hayes in Jackson for 31 years before retiring. In his younger years Richard enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his children: Jody (Eric) Coolbaugh and Richie Piper; grandchildren: Steven Stokely, Jr., Nathaniel Stokely- Lewis, Henry Coolbaugh and Samantha Coolbaugh.

On August 21, 1985 in Jackson he married Deborah Jean Fletcher and she preceded him in death on December 16, 2018. In addition to his parents and wife, Richard was preceded in death by his siblings.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM, Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Boon Cemetery in Wexford County.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall



“ *he was a truly and very good Dad and Husband now you can be with Debbie once again he was a true American Man and veteran RIP good Man*

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“ *Thank you for your service Mr. Piper.*

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