



Robert Lee Bannister

May 16, 1943 - February 10, 2025

Robert Lee Bannister of Luther passed away Monday afternoon at his home. He was 81. He was born on May 16, 1943 in Anderson, South Carolina to Joe & Helen (Vaughn) Bannister.

Robert was employed at General Motors for 30 years and retired in 1997. He enjoyed baseball, golf and was a longtime Detroit Lions fan.

On October 2, 1965 in Orchard Lake, Michigan he married Betty Lou Cockerham Combs and she survives him along children: Ryan L. Bannister and Betty Lou Engler all of Luther; grandchildren: Charie, Nicole, Mercedes, Melissa, Robert, Tina, Samuel, and Danielle and many great grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Don Burton.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by children: Eddy Combs, Robin Aguilar, Ronnie Bannister, Robert Bannister, Jr.; grandson, Glen Suddeth and siblings: William Manning, Louise Burton, Larry Bannister, Jackie Bannister, and Steve Bannister.

Graveside services were held at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Ellsworth Township, Lake County. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Ellsworth Township, Lake County, MI 49656

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Lee Bannister.

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Bannister.



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“ Love you Uncle Rob. Fly high with that Diet Pepsi in hand! You are truly missed. The Lee's

Katrina Lee - February 13, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ My Uncle Robert was the kindest Person, I lived going to spend the night at their house he would always ask me what I wanted for dinner (usually jack in the box) and he made sure I had me some tacos and Pepsi.... I felt spoiled by him... love you Uncle Robert... I'm sure you and my Dad are hanging tough..

Patty Clime - February 12, 2025 at 02:39 PM