



John Edward Dexter

February 15, 1936 - April 14, 2015

John Edward Dexter, 79, of Kalkaska, formerly of Jackson, passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Mr. Dexter was born on February 15, 1936, in Milan, to the late Josiah and Helen (Vedder) Dexter. John married Jeanette Burgar on November 5, 1955 in Whittaker, Michigan. He retired from Wayne Wire in Kalkaska after 17 years. He was a member of the Operating Engineers and Evergreen Bible Baptist Church. John was a family man and loved them all dearly. John is survived by his wife of 59 years Jeanette; children John (Gaitree) Dexter Jr., Eugene (Connie) Dexter, Debra Tillar, Diane (Kerry) Taylor; 12 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; sister Earilyn Dexter of Rockwood; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter Dawn Dexter; parents Josiah and Helen Dexter; and two sisters Emma Jean and Ellen. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015 in the Chapel of Kalkaska Funeral Home, with final visitation from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service. Pastor William Kuiper of Evergreen Bible Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will take place at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 18th at Roseland Memorial Gardens in Jackson, MI. Memorial Contributions may be made in John's honor to Evergreen Bible Baptist Church or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Memorial Gardens

3744 Brooklyn Rd.
Jackson, MI 49203

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Final Visitation

APR 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Tribute Wall

SS

“ So sad to hear of John's death. Jeanette and John have been lifelong friends and family. Jeanette has taken such good care of John. May he now be at peace and in the loving care of Jesus.
Shirley Sampier

Shirley Sampier - April 17, 2015 at 01:08 PM

GA

“ Greg, Lisa, Shanna, Brittany, and Jordan Armstrong purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Edward Dexter.



Greg, Lisa, Shanna, Brittany, and Jordan Armstrong - April 16, 2015 at 04:21 PM

CB

“ I had the pleasure of taking care of Mr. Dexter and his family this past December as his nurse at Munson Medical Center. Mr. Dexter brought joy and love to everyone around him. I could feel it every time I entered his room. Caring for him and his family made an impact on my life and I am grateful for the same. Praying for beautiful memories and comfort for family and friends that Mr. Dexter surrounded. Cherie

Cherie bostwick - April 16, 2015 at 01:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Edward Dexter.*



April 16, 2015 at 10:20 AM



“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss. John is now fully healed.*
Wade and Marge Wilson

Wade Wilson - April 16, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ *John was a good friend and will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with the family during this difficult time. May God give you peace and comfort knowing that John is finally at home. Doug and Sharon Fry*

Doug and Sharon Fry - April 16, 2015 at 04:54 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Edward Dexter.*



April 15, 2015 at 09:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Edward Dexter.*



April 15, 2015 at 05:51 PM



“ *Ted Smith/3-D Embroidery purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Edward Dexter.*



Ted Smith/3-D Embroidery - April 15, 2015 at 03:34 PM



“ *Allison and her mom and dad. purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of John Edward Dexter.*



Allison and her mom and dad. - April 15, 2015 at 10:20 AM



“ *larry @ janet porath purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Edward Dexter.*



larry @ janet porath - April 15, 2015 at 09:43 AM



“ *Share the Health was purchased for the family of John Edward Dexter.*



April 14, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Edward Dexter.*



April 14, 2015 at 07:08 PM



“ *Our family lived across the street from the Dexters in Jackson for many years. Dawn and I were "almost twins" -- she was born two minutes before me, and if not for her, I might not have made it! So I've always felt a special connection to the Dexter family.*

I remember John as being this big teddy bear of a man, and I always felt safe and protected around him. He gave me my first motorcycle ride!

Heaven's gain is truly our loss. My love and prayers to Jeanette, John, Gene, Debbie and Diane, and the entire family -- John's legacy.

Barbara Bavier (Barbie Goudreau) - April 14, 2015 at 05:55 PM

JD

“ *What a shock to read this! Jeanette, you and the children have done everything in your power to know he was loved and well cared for. We are so very sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Jeanne and David XXXX*

Jeanne Donaldson - April 14, 2015 at 05:36 PM