



Benjamin Robert Shafer

June 20, 1944 - May 24, 2022

Benjamin "Ben" Robert Shafer, formerly of Warsaw, Indiana passed away surrounded by family at his residence on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, in Mancelona, Michigan at the age of 77.

Ben was born on June 20, 1944, in Warsaw, Indiana to the late, Helen Berniece (Schue) Shafer and Robert Eugene Shafer. He graduated from Warsaw High School in 1962.

Ben married Linda Lyons on January 11, 1964 and together they shared 45 years of marriage and raised three daughters, a son and became grandparents before she passed away on March 20, 2009.

Ben was blessed to have found someone to share his life again, and married Karla Jeanne Blake on August 19, 2011.

Ben was a lifetime reliable hardworking man who loved his family. He spent his days working at Zimmer, Inc of Warsaw so that he could provide for his family. After 39 years, he retired but always kept busy doing one thing or another. Ben loved his Lord and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He moved to Michigan in 2011 and enjoyed living there during his final years. Ben was a kind man that loved the simple things in life like enjoying a good meal, spending time with family and he did it all with a

smile on his face. He will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend to many who will be dearly missed.

He leaves behind his wife, Karla J. Shafer of Mancelona, Michigan, three sons, Greg (Claudia) Shafer of Claypool, Indiana, Herman Howard of Buckley, Michigan, Joshua Howard of Mancelona, Michigan and three daughters, Wonnie Shafer of Frostproof, Florida, Stefanie (Andrew) Spangle of Warsaw, Indiana, Bobby Jo Howard of Mancelona, Michigan; eleven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and his sister, Anne Shafer of Warsaw, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Linda Shafer, daughter, Bonnie Lyons Misener on February 23, 2012, two granddaughters, Lyndsay Allison (Poe) Sanchez, who passed away on September 29, 2011, and Katie Hoffert on November 1, 2014.

Ben's life will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022, at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, Indiana and officiated by Elder Jeff Walters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A graveside service will follow at Oakwood Cemetery of Warsaw, Indiana. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Memorial donations may be directed to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1128 N. Cedar Street, Kalkaska, Michigan 49646.

A celebration of Ben's life will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1128 N. Cedar Street, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
US-131
Kalkaska , MI 49646

Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin Robert Shafer*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Benjamin Robert Shafer*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM