



## Edward Gehring

November 14, 1926 - December 30, 2016

Edward J. Gehring Sr., 90, of Harbor Beach, MI passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, December 30, 2016 surrounded by family. Edward was born on November 14, 1926 in Harbor Beach, MI, the son of the late John and Edith (Zmich) Gehring. Edward and Marianne Shaltry were united in marriage on April 4, 1959 at St. Anthony of Padua Retreat House in Saginaw, MI.

Together with his wife Marianne and family, Edward owned and operated Rock Falls Farm just south of Harbor Beach on M-25 where Edward raised Registered Belgian Horses and Registered Holstein Cattle.

Edward was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Lake Huron (Holy Name of Mary Parish) Catholic Church and attended Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic School.

Edward served as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corp, 4th Division during WWII in the Pacific Theatre. Upon returning from the war Edward was instrumental in organizing the Harbor Beach VFW Post #9344 and served as a Charter Member. He was a member of the "WWII Fighting Fourth" Marine Organization which had its final muster in August of 2015.

Edward served his community as a Sand Beach Township Board Member, Huron County Soil Conservation/ASCS Committee member, Michigan Milk Producers Advisory Board and Member Delegate, Huron Community Fair Board, Huron County DHIA Board, Huron County Holstein Association Board, Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, and he was the Charter President of the Thumb Draft Horse Association.

Edward's hobbies and interests were many and varied. He enjoyed Antique Cast Iron Farm Seat Collecting, Golden Bantam Chickens, Flemish Blue Giant Rabbits, Draft Horse Shows, Dairy and Beef Cattle Shows, was supportive of 4-H and FFA events, vegetable gardening, but most of all he enjoyed his two favorite passions of fine and detailed woodworking in his woodshop, and the sight and sound of his Purple Martins.

He loved visiting with family, friends and neighbors, and especially his grandchildren.

Edward is survived by his wife Marianne of Harbor Beach, MI. Children: Edward J. Gehring Jr. of Harbor Beach; Constance M. (Terrance) Kramer of Harbor Beach, Robert J. Gehring of Harbor Beach, William G. (Lenai) Gehring of Harbor Beach, Paul (Tracy) Gehring of Harbor Beach, Jean (Thomas) Booms Jr. of Port Hope, MI; Mark Gehring of Nashville, TN; and Joseph (Rhonda) Gehring of Harbor Beach. Grandchildren: Kristin (Charles) Rawlings of Cass City, MI; Ryan (Dannia) Kramer, of Harbor Beach, MI; Jenna (Justin) Gentner of Ruth, MI; Keith Kramer of Harbor Beach, MI; Aaron, Brandon, Alyssa, Renee, Kara, Jared, Kaylee, and Luke Gehring, all of Harbor Beach, MI; Kyle, Trevor, and Tyler Booms of Port Hope, MI and Landon Gehring of Nashville, TN. Great Grandchildren: Derek, Rylee, Brynn, Reagan, and Brielle.

He is also survived by Sisters and Brothers-in-law Magdalene (Hessling) Gehring of Bridgeport, MI; Jaqueline (Shaltry) Knudson, CA; Gerald Shaltry, CA; Michael Shaltry, CA; Michael and Kathleen (Shaltry) Gunther, CA; Dr. John (Sue) Shaltry, Big Rapids, MI; Sharon Shaltry, Freeland, MI; Jed and Susan (Shaltry) Batcke, Saginaw, MI; Tom and Therese (Shaltry) Luplow, Saginaw, MI and numerous nieces and nephews.

Edward was preceded in death by his son, Michael Joseph Gehring, his parents John and Edith Gehring, his father and mother in law, John Lawrence and Frances (Cashin) Shaltry; God parents: Frank and Mary Grates, brothers: Elmer Gehring, John Gehring; Sisters: Elizabeth (Gehring) Dutcher, Marie (Gehring) Ryckman; Brothers-in-law: Clarence Dutcher, Quentin Ryckman,

Thomas Shaltry, Joseph Shaltry, and Dennis Shaltry; Sisters-in-law Grace (Allen) Gehring, Patty Lu Shaltry.

Visitation for Edward will be at Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach, MI on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass for Edward will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at Holy Name of Mary Parish (OLLH), Harbor Beach, MI. Visitation will also be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday at the church. In lieu of flowers the family of Edward kindly requests donations to Holy Name of Mary Parish OLLH Building Fund or The Harbor Beach VFW Post #9344. Memories can be shared at [www.ramseyfh.com](http://www.ramseyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## OLLH Church Cemetery

Harbor Beach, MI 48441

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc  
425 State St  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441  
(989) 479-3407  
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

## Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Our lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

## Mass

JAN 4. 11:30 AM (ET)

Our lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Gehring*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Keith Knudson lit a candle in memory of Edward Gehring*



**Keith Knudson** - August 21, 2023 at 08:00 AM



“ *So sorry for this loss. Ed Gerhing was one of the greatest MEN I've ever known. He was a neighbor and relative of my grandfather Louis Schafka. A hero to old time local farmers. He had registered Holstein cattle, grade A milk and John Deere. equipment but couldn't understand a modern farmer getting Belgian draft horses. We treasure the years of showing our Percherons at The Huron County Fair and the family atmosphere offered by the Gehring family. One of the most beloved items we own is a 9 foot maple harvest kitchen table that Ed built for us in his shop. Respected and honored in many areas. The world would be a better place if there were more Ed Gehrings. Rest in peace my friend.*



**Roger & Laura Schlack** - December 31, 2017 at 03:08 AM

SM

“ *What a long beautiful life! I have many fond memories of your family. A great hard working man with a wonderful wife and some fantastic children. My deepest sympathy.*

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**Sarah Marklein** - January 04, 2017 at 11:14 AM

 Betty Arndt

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your family was so active in FFA when I was in High School. I remember you all driving tractor with the water tanks down to by the creek to bring water up to the barns/house? Also, back in the day the suckers used to run up your creek, which was a great excuse to get out of the house as a teen at night and hang out, get wet and burn off some spring fever. One of the wonderful families in the Harbor Beach area!*

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**Betty Arndt** - January 04, 2017 at 09:45 AM

CW

“ *Bill, Lenai and children. How wonderful that you have had your Dad by your side for many years. He is now tired and I'm sure wanted to be with the Lord. May you praise his life and enjoy your memories in the years to come.*

*Love you, Aunt Charlotte*

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**Charlotte Williamson** - January 03, 2017 at 05:08 PM

LM

“ *Lisa Murawske lit a candle in memory of Edward Gehring*



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**Lisa murawske** - January 03, 2017 at 12:48 PM

DR

“ *Dave And Gail Roggenbuck lit a candle in memory of Edward Gehring*



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**Dave and Gail Roggenbuck** - January 03, 2017 at 11:26 AM

PF

“ *Paul Schmalz And Family lit a candle in memory of Edward Gehring*



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**Paul Schmalz and family** - January 03, 2017 at 10:34 AM

DT

“ *So sorry for your loss.... Dave Tenbusch & Family*

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**Dave Tenbusch** - January 03, 2017 at 08:57 AM

NT

“ *Extending our deepest sympathy and remembering all of his family in prayer.*  
*Donald and Nancy Terbrack*

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**Nancy Terbrack** - January 02, 2017 at 06:33 AM

LD

“ *When I was 12 yrs. old I spent two weeks with the family at fair time. I will never forget Ed sitting at one end of the picnic table and Marianne at the other. Just one time a fight broke out between two of the boys (donuts were involved) Ed jumped up and grabbed one and Marianne the other and took care of the problem. They sure have made a good team, Ed and Marianne all these years. Hugs to the entire family as you mourn the loss of your dad, grandpa and great grandpa.*

*Sincerely yours,*  
*Lori Davis-Pillars*

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**Lori Davis-Pillars** - January 01, 2017 at 08:13 PM

CK

*Oh Lori, Thanks for the funny memory! And, thank you for thinking of us.*  
*- Connie.*

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**Connie Kramer** - January 01, 2017 at 09:37 PM

MG

*I remember your visits. They were good times, fun times*

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**Marianne Gehring** - January 02, 2017 at 05:22 AM

BS

“ *Beth Welker ( Schmalz) lit a candle in memory of Edward Gehring*



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**Beth Welker ( Schmalz)** - January 01, 2017 at 07:47 PM

VB

“ Prayers for the family.



Victoria Badgley - January 01, 2017 at 07:29 PM

TS

“ Tami Siemen lit a candle in memory of Edward Gehring



Tami Siemen - January 01, 2017 at 06:33 PM

FE

“ My sympathy and prayers to the Gehring family in the loss of their loved one. I pray and say as we have been doing now for centuries: "Eternal rest give to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on him forever. May he rest in peace!. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
Sincerely,  
Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock  
Ave Maria Parish/St. Denis Church  
Lexington, MI

Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock - January 01, 2017 at 02:38 PM

CK

Thank you Fr. Eppenbrock, with deep appreciation from Connie on Eppenbrock Rd.

Connie Kramer - January 01, 2017 at 09:41 PM

MG

*THANK YOU, Father*

**Marianne Gehring** - January 02, 2017 at 05:21 AM

JB

“ *Jay & Jody Blanchard lit a candle in memory of Edward Gehring*



**Jay & Jody Blanchard** - January 01, 2017 at 02:08 PM

RK

“ *Ruth Koehler lit a candle in memory of Edward Gehring*



**Ruth Koehler** - January 01, 2017 at 01:25 PM

DW

“ *Dale And Pam Woodke lit a candle in memory of Edward Gehring*



**Dale and Pam Woodke** - January 01, 2017 at 01:23 PM

LS

“ *Lori And Rick Murawske And Sons lit a candle in memory of Edward Gehring*



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**Lori and Rick Murawske and sons** - January 01, 2017 at 12:42 PM

BB

“ *That giant table filled with family and always room for a few more is a special memory . Laughter, family, love. Thanks for welcoming this West sidereal, who was from the other kind of church. Mr. Gehring, an American treasure. Prayers for all of you.*

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**Bev berens** - January 01, 2017 at 12:11 PM

CK

*Thank you Bev! The rule was "slide down, there's always room for more at this table". And, you my friend are always welcome.*

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**Connie Kramer** - January 01, 2017 at 09:46 PM

PH

*I have dimming memories of being at the farm several times with my dad (Bernard Schott). I always recalled the farm and the folks who were staunch in their standards but bent for every whimpering neighbor needing something. Glad we have his history imprinted on the community. Priscilla Hudson*

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**Priscilla Hudson** - January 03, 2017 at 06:52 PM

MG

*Thank you, Priscilla. I do remember you & your dad.*

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**Marianne Gehring** - January 08, 2017 at 03:51 PM