



Edwin A. Gerstenschlager

September 18, 1940 - October 11, 2019

Edwin (Special Ed) Gerstenschlager, age 79, of Harbor Beach, entered God's Kingdom on Friday, October 11, 2019 while at Courtney Manor of Bad Axe.

He was born on September 18, 1940 to the late Carl and Louise (Inhelder) Gerstenschlager. He and Audrey Capling were joined in marriage on September 22, 1962 at Zion Lutheran Church of Harbor Beach where he served as a trustee, a member of the choir, and took part in the Easter Cantata. He was very proud to be one of the original founders of the now famous German Dinner at Zion Lutheran Church.

Edwin graduated from Harbor Beach High School in 1958 and worked as an equipment operator for his family business. Later he was hired as a crane operator for the county. In 1968 Edwin was hired by Detroit Edison to be a heavy equipment operator at their new power plant in Harbor Beach from which he retired 32 years later in the year 2000.

Edwin was a long time member of the Harbor Beach Lions Club and Country Western Dance Club. He was always willing to lend a hand. He loved his family and friends, sitting around camp fires, hay rides, reunions, karaoke, dancing, woodworking, pot lucks, socializing, and collecting. He was also a great welder. He loved machines, of which he had many. His favorite was his red grader, which was his fathers. Ed's skill with heavy equipment was well

known.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Audrey, two sons, Bradley Gerstenschlager of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Jeffrey Gerstenschlager of Harbor Beach, one daughter, Sonja Smaglinski of Harbor Beach, six grandchildren; Amber, Maranda, Brent and Heath Gerstenschlager and Nathan and Vincent Smaglinski, one great-grandson Trenton Stevens, his brother Carl Gerstenschlager of Harbor Beach, two sisters: Joyce Krueger of Colorado, Donna Landenberg of Harbor Beach, and sister-in-law Myra Gerstenschlager of Caseville.

Edwin was preceded in death by his parents Carl & Louise Gerstenschlager a brother, Lloyd Gerstenschlager, sister and brother-in-law Elmer & Betty Neischolz, sister-in-law Betty Gerstenschlager, and brother-in-law Ralph Landenberg.

Funeral service for Edwin will take place on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. Ron Schultz officiating. Burial will follow at Rock Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 from 2:00-8:00pm with a scripture service at 6:30 pm. Visitation on Thursday will be at the church starting at 12:00 pm until time of services at 1:00 pm.

Memories may be shared at RamseyFH.com

Cemetery Details

Rock Falls Cemetery

Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 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>

Service

OCT **17**. 1:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church
N. Third Street
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Scripture Service

OCT 17. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Edwin A. Gerstenschlager*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Audrey and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Edwin was like an uncle to me. He was so kind and gentle and always had a smile on his face, and a twinkle in his eye. I have many fond memories of ice skating around the pond.*



Deanna Krueger - October 19, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ *What a nice man to have known, always kind and fun. Country dancing with Ed and Audrey, sharing smiles and laughter. He could dance the whole night away. You will be missed. Prayers and peace to the family left with their wonderful memories.*

Janet Brown

Janet Brown - October 17, 2019 at 07:31 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all., Uncle Ed will always have a special place in my heart. R.I.P Uncle Ed.*



Tami Siemen - October 16, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edwin A. Gerstenschlager.*



October 14, 2019 at 05:34 PM



“ *Zane & Kim Pleiness lit a candle in memory of Edwin A. Gerstenschlager*



Zane & Kim Pleiness - October 13, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ *We sure did have a lot of fun and laughter with "Special Ed" and Audrey at the country dances & trying to learn those tricky line dances!! Those great memories will be held forever in Laurie's & my heart !! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of his family !!*



Nancy Siemen - October 13, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ *Dave & Cheryl Krueger lit a candle in memory of Edwin A. Gerstenschlager*



Dave & Cheryl Krueger - October 13, 2019 at 05:36 PM

DA

We had some really good times with Edwin, he will be missed our prayers are with you Audrey and your whole family.

Dave - October 13, 2019 at 05:38 PM

GB

what a great time and never a dull moment working with ed . sure do miss him

greg a burkhard - October 13, 2019 at 07:42 PM

SH

Audrey, I didn't know. I am so sorry for your loss. Ed was a good man and such a gentleman in high school. I won't forget him ,and he was a true Christian so now he is your guardian angel. I missed you and him at our 60 reunion so I know now. Take care now.

Sandy(Popour)and Chuck Heit - March 29, 2020 at 05:10 PM

PW

“ *So sorry to hear of Ed's passing, prayers for comfort and healing being sent for all of his family!*



PAMELA WILL - October 13, 2019 at 05:27 PM