



Henry "Calvin" Grifka

September 20, 1933 - January 30, 2026

Henry "Calvin" Grifka, passed away January 30th, 2026 after a long, full life at the age of 92. He was born September 20th, 1933 to the late Michael and Agnes (Pionk) Grifka. As a child he worked on the farm along side his parents and siblings and would walk to Hogsback School everyday. He later graduated from Ubly High school, class of 1953. After graduation he served as a barber in the US Army from 1953-1956. When he came home, he started his own farm while working at Active Industries from 1956 to 1963.

He married the late Bertha (Smalley) Grifka on August 20th, 1955.

Henry was an avid hunter especially deer and fox. He was one of the original founders and member of the Ubly Fox Hunters Club. He loved sports, especially Golf and enjoyed many weekends with his brothers and close friends at Ubly Heights. He was a member of good Shepherd parish Catholic Church in Ubly. Henry was a hard worker and instilled a strong work ethic in his 4 children. He was farming up until the end of his life.

Henry is survived by his children Harold Grifka, Denise (Gary) Staggs, Duane (Helen) Grifka, Kevin (Shelly) Grifka, his grandchildren Clint Cadieux, Heather (Seth) Walk, Burt (Kelsey) Grifka, Evan (Maddie) Grifka, Aaron Grifka, Jack Grifka and his friend Addison, and Josie Grifka and her friend Trevor. He is also survived by 4 great-grandchildren with one on the way, his sisters Stacia

Fisher and Linda Tate, and brother William (Bill)Grifka and sister in-law, Helen Grifka.

Henry is preceded in death by his wife, Bertha, his infant son David, grand child Hannah Grifka, siblings Ervin Grifka, Jerry Grifka, Lillian Krug, Bernadene Jansen, Gloria Schelke, and Mike Grifka.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Evangelist Catholic Church in Ubly, MI. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2nd, 2026 at the Good Shepherd Parish Center, 1935 Hamilton Street, Ubly, MI. Visitation will also be Tuesday at the church, prior to service at 9 a.m.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City, and the staff at Meadow Lane Assisted Living for their excellent care of Henry. The family asks that any donation be sent to St. Jude Hospital. Arrangements are being handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Parish Center
1935 Hamilton Street
Ubly, MI

Visitation

FEB 3. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. John Evangelical Catholic Church
4470 N Washington St
Ubly, MI 48475
(989) 658-8824

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 3. 11:00 AM.

St. John Evangelist Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry "Calvin" Grifka.*



February 02 at 12:40 PM



“ *Sending my condolences and prayers. I enjoyed the short visits with him and his family. Got a great laugh when he wanted to share his lunch and get rid of that grilled cheese.*



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“ *Sorry for the loss of someone we all loved. A great Patriot and a pillar of strength! Sorry for his passing but joyful to know that there is another polka dancer and euchre player in heaven!*

Larry F. Pionk - February 01 at 11:21 AM