



## Marvin J. Kociba

June 23, 1933 - January 19, 2017

MARVIN J. KOCIBA, age 83, of Harbor Beach, passed away peacefully, on January 19, 2017 at Lakeview Extended Care and Rehab Center of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital.

He was born on June 23, 1933 to the late Peter and Anna (Romzek) Kociba in Ruth. Marvin and Phyllis Zurek were united in marriage on August 20, 1955 at Holy Trinity Church Smiths Corners. Marvin was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, where he was a Lector and Eucharistic Minister, the Harbor Beach Rotary Club and the Knights of Columbus. He farmed in Rubicon Township all his life, and was also an Independent Real Estate Broker. He enjoyed farming, talking with friends and family, hunting, especially his family deer camp, woods walks with his family, and most of all, his grandchildren.

Marvin loved to serve his community, he sat on many boards including: The Harbor Beach Community School Board for 6 years, The Huron County Bank Board which later turned into the Chemical Bank board for over 21 years, The Huron County Road Commission for 18 years, a member of the Huron County Farm Bureau, where he was president, and was a Washington Legislative Representative for Farm Bureau, a member of the Huron County Community Foundation, the Michigan Milk Producers Association, where he served on the State Resolution Board, he sat on the Farm Service Agency Committee for 12 years, the Solid Waste Committee and the TV 5 Coordinator for the Farm and Garden Show. He sat on the Rubicon Township Board of Review and Water

Authority, the Harbor Beach Community Hospital Board of Incorporators, and was on the Community House Library Board, and was instrumental in getting the History of Harbor Beach Mural Painted.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 61 years, Phyllis Kociba of Harbor Beach, his children: Kathy Kleinknecht and her husband Steve of Shelby Township, Dennis Kociba of Harbor Beach, David Kociba and his wife Kim of Harbor Beach, Mary Aymen and her husband Ric of Port Austin, Scott Kociba and his wife Jill of Clarkston, and Lori Booms and her husband Ryan of Bad Axe, 13 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, son-in-law Aaron Wood of Farmington Hills, siblings: Richard (Dorothy) Kociba of Auburn, Gary (Betty) Kociba of Lewis Center, OH, Ronald (Linda) Kociba of Harbor Beach, Jeanette (Paul) Ginther of Harbor Beach, Arlene (Warren) Ramsey of Harbor Beach, Elaine (Bill) Baur of Flushing, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Sara Wood, grandson Samuel Aymen, and infant brother Phillip Kociba.

Funeral Mass for Marvin will be Monday, January 23, 2017 at 11:30 am at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church of the Holy Name of Mary Parish, with Fr. Don Eppenbrock officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation on Sunday will be from 2-8pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Monday will be at the church beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11:30 am. A Parish Vigil Service will be Sunday at 7 pm at the funeral home.

Memorials can be given to the Huron County Community Foundation, Sara Wood Scholarship.

Memories can be shared [www.RamseyFH.com](http://www.RamseyFH.com)

# Cemetery Details

## OLLH Church Cemetery

Harbor Beach, MI 48441

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 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 **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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

## Mass

JAN **23**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Ramsey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marvin J. Kociba



Ramsey Funeral Home - January 21, 2017 at 11:18 AM

LJ

*What a wonderful tribute to your brother, husband, father and grandfather. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Lori Jagoda - January 21, 2017 at 01:18 PM

RC

*Through the tears I watched...how beautiful. Love and prayers 💕*

Rhonda Cook - January 21, 2017 at 01:30 PM

LB

*Beautiful so wonderfully done. Definitely Kociba memories! Great pictures of Marvin and family.*

Lorna Baur - January 21, 2017 at 07:24 PM

CC

*I'm honored to have had the privilege to get to know Mr. Kociba for the short time I was able to. I'll always remember that smile 💜*

Crystal Caskey - January 21, 2017 at 08:30 PM

CA

*So beautiful. Thoughts an prayers are with the family in your loss*

carol - January 21, 2017 at 09:50 PM

SR

*What a beautiful tribute. The whole family is in our prayers.*

**Sue Rivard** - January 21, 2017 at 10:28 PM

MS

*A beautiful tribute to a kind and gentle man, so generous to his family and community! Warm thoughts and prayers for comfort and healing to the Kociba extended family.*

**Mark Schmalz** - January 21, 2017 at 10:54 PM

BK

*What an amazing tribute to a wonderful man. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Beth Kubik-Manteuffel** - January 22, 2017 at 07:22 AM

HZ

*What a beautiful tribute for a wonderful man and neighbor growing up in Harbor Beach. You are all in my prayers!*

**Heather (Booms) Ziegenfelder** - January 22, 2017 at 09:31 AM

BH

*What a great guy!*

**Buzz Hoerr** - January 22, 2017 at 11:50 AM

KO

*Thank you for the beautiful music of Marvins life.*

**Kathy O'Bee** - January 25, 2017 at 11:14 PM



“ *Marvin J. Kociba*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marvin J. Kociba.*



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January 23, 2017 at 10:14 AM



“ *Tom, Lauren, & TJ Durkin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marvin J. Kociba.*



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**Tom, Lauren, & TJ Durkin** - January 23, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“ *Marv was a wonderful man and I will miss him and our visits, he always gave me good advice like my father did. The Kociba family has always had a special place in my heart... My thought and prayers are with all the family. Love, Jean Ferriby*

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**Jean Ferriby** - January 23, 2017 at 08:41 AM



“ *Craig And Lisa Murawske lit a candle in memory of Marvin J. Kociba*



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**Craig and Lisa murawske** - January 22, 2017 at 06:26 PM

EH

“ Our sympathy to the Kociba family. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

Ed & Marie Holdwick - January 22, 2017 at 05:25 PM

TD

“ With our deepest sympathy to the Kociba family. Marv will always be with us in our memories.

Tom & Marge



Tom Decraene - January 22, 2017 at 01:37 PM

KS

“ What a beautiful video. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. As I watched the pictures of Marvin growing up, I see his smile and expressions in my my nieces and nephew, Rachel, Clara, and Adam. Very extraordinary. Karen Sweet

karen sweet - January 22, 2017 at 07:38 AM

NS

“ So sorry for your lass. My thoughts and prayers are with the "whole" family.  
I will miss that sweet smile and twinkling eyes.

Norma Scott - January 22, 2017 at 06:18 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers.



Jay & Jody Blanchard - January 21, 2017 at 09:02 PM

JA

“ Jeanette Abraham-Jack lit a candle in memory of Marvin J. Kociba



Jeanette Abraham-Jack - January 21, 2017 at 08:01 PM

WG

“ My thoughts and prayers to everyone in his family.

Wendy Gourlay - January 21, 2017 at 03:23 PM

AR

“ I am sorry for your loss. Heaven gained a beautiful soul. Praying for you all.

Andrea K Rapson - January 21, 2017 at 02:49 PM

KL

“ So sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man! He was so kind to me. We shared family stories and especially about grandchildren and the love a grandparent feels for each child. He was full of love for his family and im sure his love will live on in memories you each have. May God be with you all.

Kathy Birchfield, LPN - January 21, 2017 at 02:42 PM

BE

“ *BMJ Engineering. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marvin J. Kociba.*



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**BMJ Engineering.** - January 21, 2017 at 01:48 PM

FE

“ *My sympathy and prayers in the loss of your loved one, Marvin. 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. Don Eppenbrock*

*RC-Priest - Ave Maria Parish*

*Lexington, MI 48450*

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**Fr. Don Eppenbrock** - January 21, 2017 at 01:32 PM

CB

*AMEN*

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**connie and rich booms** - January 21, 2017 at 03:20 PM



*Sympathy and Prayers go out to all of you in this time of loss. We spent much time on your farm, while my grandparents, The Gougeons, were living in the "little" house. Mr. Kociba was a very kind and gentle soul. He will be missed here, but heaven gained a good man. Again, love and prayers.*

*Bernie, Joan and Janet Gougeon*

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**Jan Gougeon** - January 22, 2017 at 04:22 AM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin J. Kociba.



January 21, 2017 at 12:03 PM



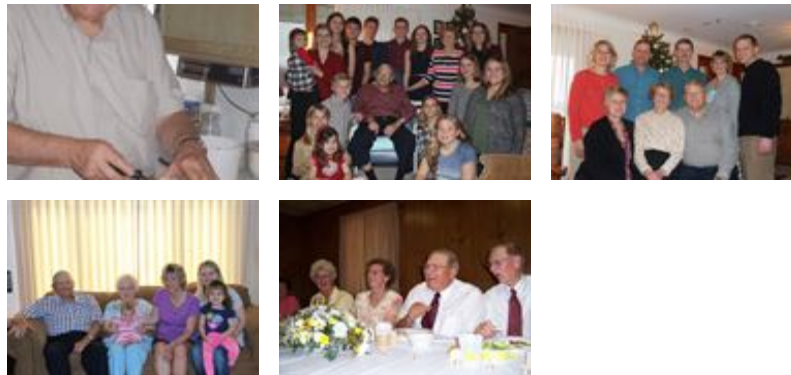
“ Floyd And Kit Shotwell lit a candle in memory of Marvin J. Kociba



Floyd and Kit Shotwell - January 21, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ 30 files added to the album LifeTributes



Ramsey Funeral Home - January 21, 2017 at 11:10 AM

GL

“ GPS Pontiac Labs purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Marvin J. Kociba.



GPS Pontiac Labs - January 21, 2017 at 09:10 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin J. Kociba.



January 20, 2017 at 09:14 PM

LS

“ Lori And Rick Murawske And Sons lit a candle in memory of Marvin J. Kociba



Lori and Rick Murawske and sons - January 20, 2017 at 07:28 PM

MM

“ I have worked in a Hospital setting for many years but believe me when I say, I was so touched by the spirit that Marvin had! I had never seen someone with the trials he was facing be so happy and up-beat!! He always had the most beautiful smile (can I say that for a man?!!) And such a twinkle in his eyes!! He said I was very caring and I thanked him for that but I told him he was a joy to be around and it was my pleasure to help him any way I could. Be free my friend.... 'Till we meet again!!!🙏💕💕

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**Mary D. Michalski** - January 20, 2017 at 07:20 PM

DW

“ Dale And Pam Woodke lit a candle in memory of Marvin J. Kociba



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**Dale and Pam Woodke** - January 20, 2017 at 06:14 PM

MC

“ We pray that in this time of loss,  
You'll feel God's love much more  
And that you'll find your comfort  
In the presence of the Lord  
We pray God pours upon you,  
His sweet amazing grace  
And overflow your heart with peace  
As you live in His embrace.

*MaryAlice, Jason, and Abraham Miller*

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**MaryAlice Clor-Miller** - January 20, 2017 at 05:10 PM

AW

“ *May God grant you all his peace and comfort.*

Anthony Angie Wood - January 20, 2017 at 04:56 PM

KD

“ *God's open arms are welcoming Marv home and the party begins. Thank you for your wonderful friendship and including us with the entire Kociba Family. So many wonderful memories in our treasure box.*

*Tom and Kathleen*

K DeGrazia - January 20, 2017 at 03:21 PM

TH

“ *The Family of Dean Howard purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Marvin J. Kociba.*



The Family of Dean Howard - January 20, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marvin J. Kociba.*



January 20, 2017 at 02:24 PM

PG

“ *Well done, marv. We miss you!*

Paul and Jeanette Ginther - January 20, 2017 at 02:03 PM

LB

“ *Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him!*  
*Peace to the whole Kociba family.*  
*Linda Ludek Brouns*

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**Linda Ludek Brouns** - January 20, 2017 at 01:27 PM

TH

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



**Tom Houlihan** - January 20, 2017 at 01:24 PM