



Richard Witherspoon

May 24, 1937 - July 30, 2016

RICHARD WITHERSPOON, age 79, of Port Hope, passed away Saturday, July 30, 2016 at Huron Medical Center of Bad Axe.

He was born on May 24, 1937 in Port Hope to the late Elmer and Olga (Detgen) Witherspoon. He and Harriett Richardson were united in marriage on June 2, 1956 in Port Hope.

Richard was a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Port Hope. He was a retired employee of Thumb Farm Service, after working there for 44 years; he was a lifelong volunteer fire fighter for the Port Hope Fire Department. He enjoyed restoring engines, old tractors and cars, was an avid Detroit Tigers fan, was a hunter and loved fishing up north at their cabin with his family in St. Helen. He was a former member of the Port Hope Village Council, a member of the Grindstone Port Hope Sportsmen Club, and spent 25 winters with his wife in Florida.

He is survived by his wife Harriet Witherspoon of Port Hope, sons: Calvin Witherspoon of Roscommon, Duane Witherspoon and his wife Cathy of Rochester Hills, Chris Witherspoon and his wife Jodi of Clarkston, and Gregg Witherspoon and his wife Gretchen of Saginaw, 7 grandchildren, 1 great granddaughter, brother: Robert Witherspoon of Port Hope, and sisters: Jean Weiss of Saginaw, Karen Whitehead and her husband Richard of Atlanta, GA,

and Diane Reinke and her husband Dale of Sandusky, and sister in law Gloria Witherspoon of Harbor Beach.

Richard was preceded in death by a sister Arlene Brown, and brothers: Arnold, Norm and Ken Witherspoon.

Funeral Services for Richard will be Friday, August 5, 2016 at 11 am at St. John Lutheran Church of Port Hope, with Rev. David Dodge officiating. Burial will follow at New River Cemetery. Visitation for Richard will be Thursday, August 4, 2016 from 2-8pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Friday will be at the church from 10 am until time of services at 11 am.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Cemetery Details

New River Cemetery

Port Austin, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 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

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church
Port Hope, MI 48468

Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church
Port Hope, MI 48468

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Witherspoon*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you . I know he will be missed by many friends and family from Marlene Arnott Bay City Mi*

Marlene Arnott - August 04, 2016 at 02:48 PM



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Gregg Witherspoon - August 03, 2016 at 02:25 PM



“ *Penny Richardson, Cathy Peterson (Niece) & Family purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Richard Witherspoon.*



Penny Richardson, Cathy Peterson (Niece) & Family - August 03, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Richard Witherspoon.



August 02, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ *Garden of Memories* was purchased for the family of Richard Witherspoon.



August 01, 2016 at 11:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Richard Witherspoon.



August 01, 2016 at 09:20 PM

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Gregg Witherspoon - August 01, 2016 at 12:39 PM

CW

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Chris Witherspoon - August 01, 2016 at 10:58 AM

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Chris Witherspoon - August 01, 2016 at 10:57 AM

BW

“ *Rich the Port Hope 4th of July will not be the same without you coming to visit us on the school grounds in your old car. We missed you this year. Love Bill And Mary Wisneski and Family.*



Bill and Mary Wisneski - August 01, 2016 at 08:12 AM

RW

Rich... you were like a brother to me that I never had. All those years and I still remember Uncle Elmer and the farm. So many years on Portland Avenue with you and Harriet watching over my mother. I miss you even more today. Port Hope and the 4th of July will be very lonely not seeing you on your golf cart scooting around checking on everything. I love you.. Ronnie

Ron Witherspoon - September 16, 2016 at 05:01 PM