



Ronald J. Kirsch

November 17, 1938 - March 28, 2026

Ronald J. Kirsch, age 87, of Harbor Beach, a family man and farmer, passed away on March 28, 2026. His life was a testament to hard work, dedication, and love for God, family, and farming.

Ronald found great joy in farming—a calling that was more than an occupation; it was his way of life. He especially loved raising livestock and growing crops. Through long days and changing seasons, he worked with care and determination, building not only a livelihood but a legacy rooted in perseverance and respect for his farm. He was extremely proud of the land being in his family for over 100 years and certified as a Centennial Farm.

He and his beloved wife of 66 years, Marlene (Essenmacher), were married on August 29, 1959, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church.

He was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach. He was also a member of Rapson Sportsmen's Club, Grindstone/Port Hope Sportsmen's Club, Harbor Beach Chapter of the Jaycees and the National Farmers Organization. He was named the Michigan State Young Farmer of the year in 1971 by the

Michigan Jaycees.

Ronald also enjoyed playing euchre with family and friends, a pastime that brought laughter, friendly competition, and countless cherished memories.

Ronald is survived by his wife Marlene; children Michael (Kathy) Kirsch of Harbor Beach, Warren (Janet) Kirsch of Harbor Beach, Carolyn (Douglas) Talaski of Palms, Rodney (Becky) Kirsch of Harbor Beach, Monica (Dean) Wolschleger of Riley, and Claudine (Chris) Jamison of Davison.

Ronald was a grandfather to Andrew (Angelee) Kirsch, Jolene (James) Wisinski, Jacqueline (Brayden) Sundstrand, Janelle K. Kirsch; Jennifer Achour, James Dondineau, Jesse Dondineau; Trevor (Emily) Talaski, Tyler (Amie) Talaski, Tanessa (Mathew) Ruggles; Jessica (Kevin) Lasceski, Alisha (Nathan) Geiger, Ryan (Brittany) Kirsch; Samantha (Joseph) Gurzick; Amanda (Ryan) Boyd, David Wolschleger and John Jamison. His great-grandchildren: Mariah, Cassidy, Harvey, Jasper, Julian, Viola, Austin, Ben, Maverick, Chase, Maggie, Tiffany, Braden, Bryce, Devin, Taylor, MiKaela, Collins, Layla, Rowan, Elena, Leighton, Joseph Jr., Lachlan, and Sophia with two more on the way.

Ronald was preceded in death by his mother Frances Kirsch, an infant son John Kirsch and infant grandchildren Matthew and Tiffany Talaski.

Ronald J. Kirsch will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Funeral Mass for Ronald will be Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 11:30 am, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, of the Holy Name of Mary Parish, with Fr. Kevin Wojciechowski officiating. Burial will follow in the Our Lady of Lake

Huron Catholic Church Cemetery. Visitation for Ronald will be on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at the church, beginning at 9:30 am until time of services at 11:30 am. Arrangements are being handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church or Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic School. The planting of a tree in his memory would also be fitting.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Cemetery Details

OLLH Church Cemetery

Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 9:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church
413 S 1st St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3393

Funeral Mass

APR 1. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May he rest in peace.* ”



Mark and Catherine Roggenbuck - April 09 at 07:39 PM

JS

“ *Uncle Ron was always so welcoming and kind. Each time we visited back when I was a young boy all the way to being an old man he went out of his way to make sure we had a great trip. From the hay rides, swimming in the pond, driving the tractors and trucks (even though we were too young to drive), playing softball in the field and visiting the cows. He made the trips so much fun. All those years I've held on to great memories and each time we left I couldn't wait to go back. One of my fondest memories was once while visiting his (and aunt Marlene's) home I asked him "Uncle Ron why do they call you the Ol' Fox?" I said "is it because you are so handsome?" He didn't deny that but said "Jimmy get in the truck and I'll show you". We drove down the lane, made a few turns and came around one of the barns. Sure enough there was one of the workers laying on a bale of hay goofing off. Uncle Ron pulled up along side and yelled a few choice words out the window. The worker jumped up and got to work. Uncle Ron turned toward me in the cab and smiled. I said "wow! Now I understand and that works great! When I get home I'm gonna try that with my workers! We both laughed and agreed that was a good days work so we went to Varona for a few (root)beers. Uncle Ron made my life better and I will never forget him.* ”

Jimmy (from Caseville) Sanseverino - April 02 at 07:40 PM

MK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are sent to the family. The kids and grandkids are a blessing. May the love of Jesus comfort you all. Aunt Francis was so nice to the Kiehl kids.

Marie Kiehl - April 01 at 06:20 PM

JH

“ We are thankful to have known Ron. He was a devoted husband and father who was resilient, hard working, and kind and accepting with his family and friends. Ron was a good role model and Godfather to our son, Marc. Remembering many hard fought Euchre games over the years. We know that God is shining His loving face on Ron. Sending prayers for blessings, strength, and comfort for Marlene and the family. Love, Jean and Herb Holdwick

Jean Holdwick - March 31 at 11:01 AM

TC

“ Tom and Lisa Casada purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald J. Kirsch.



Tom and Lisa Casada - March 30 at 09:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Kirsch.



March 30 at 06:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald J. Kirsch.

March 30 at 06:21 PM



“ Love, Kellie & Jon purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Ronald J. Kirsch.



Love, Kellie & Jon - March 30 at 05:51 PM



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Love, Kellie & Jon - March 30 at 05:51 PM



“ Condolences to the entire family! Our thoughts and prayers will be with all during this difficult time!



Amy & Isiah Sageman - March 30 at 05:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Kirsch.



March 30 at 02:13 PM



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