



Russell E. Piotter

October 9, 1926 - February 19, 2025

Russell Evan Piotter, 98, of Kinde, passed away peacefully in his home on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

Russell was born October 9, 1926 in Harbor Beach to the late Otto and Margaret (Dahlke) Piotter, the fifth of seven children. He attended Swayze Country School through eighth grade and was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in June 1940. Russell attended Harbor Beach High School, graduating in 1945. He was drafted and served in the US Army from August 1945-December 1946, stationed in Yokohama, Japan as a parcel post worker. Following discharge, Russell attended Coyne Electrical & Radio-Television School in Chicago, IL and received a diploma in Radio & Refrigeration in 1950.

Russell met his beloved wife Jeanette Yerke in 1958, and they were wed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Port Hope on October 25, 1958. Russell worked as a civilian electrician at the Port Austin Air Force station as they welcomed two children, built a home, and managed a farm, until his retirement in 1984, after 32 years of service. Following retirement, he continued to farm and raise beef cattle until 2004. He enjoyed hunting, card groups, and watching his granddaughters play sports.

Russell is survived by his wife Jeanette; sons, Mark Piotter of Kinde and

Robert (Vivian) Piotter of Casper, WY; grandchildren, Katie (Jacob), Sarah (Nick), Tyler, and Nathan; great-grandchildren, Abigail, Caleb, Gwendolyn, Emmett, Ava, and Isla; and sisters-in-law, Sandi Piotter and Shirley Phair.

He was preceded in death by his siblings Harold (Jean), Elvera (Vernor) Lawitzke, Laura Piotter, Rena Piotter, Darell, and Everald (Shirley).

Funeral services for Russell will be Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 11 am at St. John Lutheran Church of Port Hope, with Rev. David Dodge officiating. Cremation will follow. Visitation for Russell will be Tuesday, from 3-8pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Wednesday, will be at the church beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11 am.

The family would like to extend their thanks to the Residential Hospice team, Pastor Kenneth Luke, and Alaina White for providing dignified care in his last days.

Memories can shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St John Lutheran Church
4527 2nd St
Port Hope, MI 48468-7726
(989) 428-4140

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM.

St. John Lutheran Church Of Port Hope

Tribute Wall

BS

“*Russell was the most loving and caring man I know. I visited him and Jeanette many times and they were so great to be with. I will miss him. My heart goes out to Jeanette. I am blessed to have him as a cousin. My sincere condolences to Jeanette and family. Much love*

Betty Prell Spiker - February 26, 2025 at 04:41 PM

WC

“*Sorry for your loss.*



Wayne & Kathryn Cove - February 25, 2025 at 09:27 AM

LE

“*My deepest condolences for the loss of Mr. Piotter. My dad worked up at the Pt. Austin Air Force Base for many years. I remember him and your family fondly. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Lisa Wiley Ecker*

Lisa Wiley Ecker - February 24, 2025 at 06:34 PM

TF

“*We have many fond memories of Mr. Piotter. He was very welcoming and kind. He was always willing to share his wisdom and he had a lot of it. He loved his family and in his later years he would come alive when his grandkids and great grandkids came for a visit. He will be missed.*
The Fowlers

The Fowlers - February 24, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell E. Piotter.



February 24, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Russell E. Piotter.

February 24, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ Russell was a really Nice Man and will be remember..My Symathy,Joel Gaffke

Joel Gaffke - February 24, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Russell E. Piotter.



February 24, 2025 at 03:15 PM

KD

“ Kelly, Rob, Olivia, Carly Ozmun & Rich Dorn purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Russell E. Piotter.



Kelly, Rob, Olivia, Carly Ozmun & Rich Dorn - February 23, 2025 at 10:38 PM

KD

“ Kelly, Rob, Olivia, Carly Ozmun & Rich Dorn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell E. Piotter.

Kelly, Rob, Olivia, Carly Ozmun & Rich Dorn - February 23, 2025 at 10:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell E. Piotter.



February 23, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Russell E. Piotter.

February 23, 2025 at 01:03 PM

JP

“ *John, Kelley, Natalie and Fiona Phillips purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Russell E. Piotter.*



John, Kelley, Natalie and Fiona Phillips - February 23, 2025 at 07:44 AM

EF

“ *Entire Cherie and Phil VanAllen Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Russell E. Piotter.*



Entire Cherie and Phil VanAllen Family - February 22, 2025 at 08:11 AM