



Ernest "Ernie" Crowder

February 23, 1938 - October 18, 2025

Ernest "Ernie" Crowder, 87, of Lake Michigan Beach died, Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Borgess Ascension Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, October 25, at the Florin Funeral Service & Cremation Service in Fairplain with Rev. Billy Long officiating. Burial will follow the service at North Shore Memory Gardens where Military Rites will be held. The visitation will be from 5 PM to 7 PM on Friday at the Fairplain Chapel with Masonic Rites being held at 7 PM. Memorials may be made to the Donors' Choice in memory of Ernie. Please share messages or memories at www.florin.net.

Ernie was born on February 23, 1938, in Dyer County, TN to John and Mattie Crowder. He graduated from Watervliet High School. Ernie was a veteran of the US Army and a member of the Coloma American Legion.

He married his wife, Linda Smith, and together they had 53 years of marriage. Ernie was also active in the Lake Shore Masonic Lodge #298. He worked at Menasha Corporation for many years of employment. Ernie retired from Menasha in 2002. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and loved to go to the local casinos. Ernie will be missed by his family and friends.

His family includes his wife, Linda; and his many other family members and friends. He was preceded by his parents; his 2 brothers, Edward and Alvin;

and his 2 sisters, Mary Frances Boone and Louise Scroggs.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
staff@florin.net

Masonic Service

OCT **24**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
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Celebration of life

OCT 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

OCT 25 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ My condolences to the family. Ernie and my dad were great friends. Spent a lot of nights at my folks playing cards with Linda and Ernie. He can now rest easy. Prayers for peace from GA Mary Skjordal-Sarno.

mary sarno - October 24, 2025 at 10:37 PM

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“ Linda I am so so sorry. We just seen this I would have been there Friday well tonight. I am sending big hugs to you my dear.



Deb and Don Tait (Skjordal) - October 24, 2025 at 09:50 PM

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Ernie you are up with daddy now. Ya all can talk about fishing hunting and play cards. You were a good Ole guy. You and my dad were pretty good buds. RIP.

Deb and Don Tait (Skjordal) - October 24, 2025 at 09:54 PM

TJ

“ I was a union brother of Ernies at Menasha in Coloma. I'll remember "Coondog" for the way he liked to play the numbers. I think he told me one time that he had a list of all the winning numbers going back years. He had a system and he played often. I enjoyed sipping a few cold ones with him at the local pub and listening to him talk about the upcoming football games and how he was going parlay a bet and win a bundle. Ernie was a great guy and I'm sure he will be sorely missed.

Tesi and Kevin Jennings - October 22, 2025 at 06:22 PM