



## Harold E. Hafer Sr.

April 29, 1931 - January 5, 2013

Harold E. Hafer, Sr., of Stevensville went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at the Caretel Inns in Royalton Township.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, January 9, at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph with Rev. Brad Ross officiating. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 PM on Tuesday at the Dey-Florin Chapel. Cremation will follow the service. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Baroda or the Berrien County Humane Society. Please share messages or remembrances at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Harold was born on April 29, 1931 in Buchanan to Herman and Annette Hafer, Sr. He married his wife, Dolores "Dody" Dziekanowski, in June of 1953 and together they have celebrated 59 ½ years of marriage. Harold was a veteran of the US Army during the Korean War and a member of the VFW #1137. He worked at Clark Equipment Co for 32 years before retiring in 1982. He enjoyed hunting and watching movies. Harold was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was a charter member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Stevensville for over 40 years. He loved his children and they remember his trips with his son to visit his daughter wherever she was living. Harold's daughter was the luckiest girl in the world to have him as her father. He was a gentle self made man who had a dry sense of humor and never spoke a bad

word about anyone. Harold was a good person.

He is survived by his wife, Dody; his children, Harold (Tamara) Hafer, Jr. of Buchanan and Julia (Richard) Taylor of Stevensville; his brother, Herman (Lydia) Hafer, Jr.; his sisters, Clara (Herbert) Trapp and Eleanor Schuh. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Beatrice Keene and his brothers, Clarence Hafer and Carl Hafer.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013  
2506 Niles Avenue  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
(269) 983-1514  
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## Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *To my uncle Harold remember your great charm sorry that lost touch with the family love you aunt Dody*

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**joe dziekanowski** - October 24, 2014 at 12:59 AM



“ *My Uncle Harold was a wonderful family man he loved his children as well as touch the lives of everyone he met. He will always be in my heart and mind.  
I love you  
Terri.*

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**theresa Colgren** - January 17, 2013 at 03:17 PM

CH

“ *We are praying for the Lord to give you comfort at the loss of Uncle Harold's life on earth. We know he is joyful in heaven seeing Christ and all those who have gone before him. We're so glad we got to visit with all of you through the years when we've made it to Michigan. Uncle Harold was, indeed, a gentle, loving man beloved by all for his sense of "Hafer humor". Let's rejoice that we will all be together again one day in our Heavenly Home.*

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**Carl and Barb Hafer** - January 11, 2013 at 10:47 AM



“ *Such a great guy. He will be missed by everyone. May God give the family comfort and peace.*

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**jeri bement** - January 09, 2013 at 06:29 AM



“ *Jeri Bement lit a candle in memory of Harold E. Hafer Sr.*



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**jeri bement** - January 09, 2013 at 06:26 AM



“ *Great memories, cutting, splitting, stacking wood, great dinners afterwards....Our boats and all the fun we had.....Harold will be sorely missed.. My deepest sympathy, Perry Demler...*

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**cathy vanSickle/Perry Demler** - January 08, 2013 at 01:48 PM



“ *Hi Dodie, Julia & Harold, Jr- So very sorry for your lose. I looked at his picture in the paper and remembered all the times we were out fishing. I will always remember Harold calling me a Chicago Hillbilly, because I was born in Chicago and almost all the times we were fishing or having fish fries, I was barefooted. I lost my sandal in the water at the boat dock and he got into the water to find it. Of course lost cause, but he told me I was a hillbilly anyway and didn't need it. That was okay, I loved him anyway. I did not mind being his Chicago Hillbilly. May God Bless You and keep you close. I have you in my prayers.*

*Lillian Demler*

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**Lillian K Demler** - January 08, 2013 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Lillian K Demler lit a candle in memory of Harold E. Hafer Sr.*



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**Lillian K Demler** - January 08, 2013 at 01:29 PM

DW

“ *Uncle Harold will be truly missed by his entire family. He was a servant of God who was always loving, kind, and compassionate. I will always cherish the memories of our many family gatherings, the Blossom Parades we all attended together growing up, and Sunday afternoons at Grandma Hafer's.*

*We know he is at peace in his Eternal home and we will all see him again one day and what a wonderful reunion that will be.*

*We love you all,*

*denise and Morris*

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**Denise Wilkie** - January 07, 2013 at 04:48 PM

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“ *Uncle Harold was a kind and sweet man and he will be sorely missed. His obituary was correct in stating that his daughter was the luckiest girl to have him as a father! He is a gentle soul who always had a smile on his face.*

*Aunt Dody and Julia, our thoughts are with you and always remember that we're just a phone call away.*

*Love,  
Sue and Ken*

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**Sue and Ken Hafer** - January 06, 2013 at 08:32 PM