



## James "Don" Poziwilko

September 7, 1927 - September 22, 2017

James "Don" Poziwilko, 90 died on September 22, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Services celebrating his life will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 11:00 a.m. at the Chapel Hill Methodist Church, 4071 Naomi Rd. Sodus. Burial will be at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Sodus. Meet with family and friends at 10:00 until the time of the service at the church. Memorials may be made to Chapel Hill Methodist Church. Arrangements are by the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service. Please send memories, messages or photos to [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Don was born September 7th, 1927 in Benton Harbor, the first of 5 sons and one daughter to James and Laurel (Badgley) Poziwilko. He enlisted in the Army and served as a corporal in the US Army postal service stationed in Germany during WWII. He married "the only women I ever loved", (Chloe) Johanna Beezley, on August 19, 1950. Shortly after, he served in the Navy during the Korean War. He enjoyed farming, rebuilding motorcycles and dune buggies. He was the Maintenance Superintendent at Auto Specialties in Benton Harbor and then later at Victaulic Corporation of America in Easton, PA where he finished his career. He also created and taught the first electrical certification course at Lake Michigan College.

He retired to Sodus, MI where he enjoyed golfing, woodworking, tinkering in his shop, gardening and having every other Sunday breakfast with his brothers. Later he enjoyed meeting friends at Meijer and discussing world events and spending lots of time with his children, in-laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years; his sons Rodney (Deb) Poziwilko, James (Polly) Poziwilko; daughters Lorilie (Fred) Summerfelt, Deborah (Jeff) Burm and Gina (Craig) Steinke; eleven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his beloved great grandson, Thomas J. Elliott.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

5508 S. Pipestone Road  
Sodus, MI 49126

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel Hill UMC  
4071 Naomi Rd  
Sodus, MI 49126  
chumcsodus@comcast.net  
<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/chapelhillsodus/greeting.html>

## Service Celebrating His Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Don" Poziwilko.*



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September 25, 2017 at 11:12 AM



“ *I am sorry to read that my former neighbor has passed away. I remember Don from way back when I was a teenager. He was such a nice man then. I was friends with his daughter Lori for many years. Such a close family. I have thought about you all over the years. I know how much you will miss him. You all have my deepest sympathy.*

*Sandra (Selig) Lyons*

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**Sandra Lyons** - September 25, 2017 at 01:39 AM