

Adams Funeral Home

John H. Tapper, Sr.

(March 15, 1925 - December 4, 2014)

Age: 89

TAPPER, John H., Sr.

Paw Paw



John H. Tapper, Sr, age 89, passed away Thursday morning, December 4, 2014 at Bronson Commons in Mattawan. He was born March 15, 1925 in Paw Paw the son of the late Harvey and Goldia (Westenhaver) Tapper. John was the founder of the John Tapper Automotive in 1961. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Paw Paw, charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3798 and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Assembly #0533, Paw Paw. John was very active in his life serving on the Board of Directors of MADA, Board member and Past Chairman of the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, active member of Michigan Works Board of Directors for 20 years, and served on the Van Buren/Cass Health Board. On January 2, 1947 in Jackson, MI, John was united in marriage to Jean Anne Cavendar who preceded him in death on July 6, 2013. He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Ryan Tapper and a sister, Ethel L. Dillon. Surviving are nine children, their spouse and children, John (Linda) Tapper of Paw Paw, John(Kerry) & Justin (Carrie); Terry (Linda) Tapper of Paw Paw, Shannon (Kurt) Johnson, Katie (Kristy) Scott and Danny; Tom (Sheryl) Tapper of Paw Paw, Angela (Eric) Tate and Ellen; Julie (Ted) Gromek of Mattawan, Matt (Betsi), Nick and Meghan(Andrew) MacKenzie; Bill (Sue) Tapper of Paw Paw, Mary (Byron) DaSilva and Elizabeth (Stewart) Rowan; Jim (Tammy) Tapper of Paw Paw, Todd (Myranda), Haley and Alexis; Dave Tapper of Paw Paw, Dave, Jill, Hunter and Kayla; Mike Tapper of Benton Harbor; and Steve (Jeri) Tapper of Paw Paw, Chris and Craig (Megan); 14 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass will be held Tuesday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Paw Paw with Rev. Fr. Joseph Xavier celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Paw Paw. Memorial contributions may be made to the LakeView Foundation for the Jean Anne Tapper Nurses Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 508, Paw Paw. Arrangements are by the Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw. Share a memory or sign the guest book at: www.adamspawpaw.com