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Robert Dean Gerdes, of New Baltimore, Michigan, passed away on June 4, 2025, at the age of 82.

Bob was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and raised in Barnum, Iowa. After graduating high school, he proudly served in the U.S. Army. While stationed at Selfridge Air Base, he met the love of his life, Kathy Jean. They later married and made their home in New Baltimore, where they raised four children: Joey Gerdes, Bradley Gerdes (Kimberly), Stacey Bolton (Terry), and Kelly Rittenberry (Davis).

Bob retired from Chrysler after a dedicated career and enjoyed his well-earned retirement with family and friends. He was passionate about sports especially softball, basketball, and pickleball. Bob found great joy in family time and listening to music. He and Kathy spent many cherished winters in Pinellas Park, Florida. He was also a member of Christ Lutheran Church in New Baltimore.

He was a proud grandfather to Brianna (Eric Shepherd), Austin Gerdes,

Garrett Bolton, Julia (Matthew White), Joseph Gerdes, Mackenzie Gerdes, Evan McClusky, Lydia Gerdes, Emery McClusky Myra Ramsey and Jackie Ramsey. He enjoyed his four great-grandchildren: Sawyer Jean, Makaio Timmy, Maizie Lillie, and Jasper Allan-James.

Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Kathy, in February 2022. We take comfort knowing they are together again—dancing and listening to their favorite songs.

A viewing will be held at the Wasik Funeral Home located at 35259 – 23 Mile Road in New Baltimore on Monday, June 9th, from 3–8 PM for friends and family, with a service at 7 PM. A private burial will take place Oakwood Cemetery.

Bob will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

35900 24 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **9**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Funeral Service

JUN **9**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PB

“ Pat, Emma and Skye Buckley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert Dean Gerdes.



Pat, Emma and Skye Buckley - June 09, 2025 at 11:04 PM

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“ Pat, Emma and Skye Buckley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Dean Gerdes.

Pat, Emma and Skye Buckley - June 09, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Gerdes.



June 09, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Dean Gerdes.

June 09, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Gerdes.*



June 09, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ *Cornwell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert Dean Gerdes.*



Cornwell - June 09, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. What a beloved neighbor! He'll be missed! -Theresa Christie & Family.*

theresa christie - June 09, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ *Nicole T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Dean Gerdes.*

Nicole T. - June 08, 2025 at 06:37 PM

RF

“ *Ryan McClusky and Angela Hampton and fam purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert Dean Gerdes.*



Ryan McClusky and Angela Hampton and fam - June 08, 2025 at 11:20 AM

TF

“ *The Pokerwinski Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Robert Dean Gerdes.*



The Pokerwinski Family - June 08, 2025 at 09:00 AM

RL

“ *Once friends always friends. who's going to call me now? We will miss you both dearly.*

Rick and Lois - June 07, 2025 at 01:12 PM

RC

“ *Rick and Lois Copp purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Robert Dean Gerdes.*



Rick and Lois Copp - June 07, 2025 at 01:06 PM

BF

“ *Bill and Sue Moran and Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert Dean Gerdes.*

Bill and Sue Moran and Family - June 06, 2025 at 07:37 PM