



# William Joseph Bendele Sr.

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## **William Joseph Bendele Sr.**

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**W**illiam Joseph Bendele, Sr, 89, of Brooklyn, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, January 31, 2023 with his loving family at his side. Bill's family and friends will gather Friday, February 3, 2023 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel with a 7:00 pm Scripture Service. His Mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 11:00 am following visitation at 10:00 am at St. Rita Catholic Church, Clarklake. Fr. Mike Rejent, OSFS will serve as celebrant with Deacon Chris Vida as Homilist.

He was born on February 13, 1933, in Dupont, Ohio to Silvarious and Eleanore (Hasenkamp) Bendele. Bill married Mary Ellen Hunt on April 7, 1956 at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, they had 31 years together until her passing in 1987. He then married the late, Thelma Perkins- McLain on June 17, 1989 at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Clarklake. He will be remembered as being a hard worker that above all else, cherished his family and friends, especially the grandchildren. Bill always made time for his family, passing down his vast knowledge to the young. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War, being stationed in France. Bill was owner/operator of Bill's Landscaping, Excavating and Seawalls until 2010. He also was employed at Goodyear at the same time, until his retirement in 1982. In his later years, he enjoyed spending time at the farm raising beef cattle, baling hay, and growing crops. He was a parishioner of St. Rita Catholic Church, a member of the American Legion Wilbur Bartlett Post 315 in Brooklyn, and a former member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Bill enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting. He was a man that always stayed busy. Bill will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends.

Bill is survived by his children, Bill (Mary) Bendele, Jr. of Clarklake, Deborah Bendele of Addison, Michael Bendele of Brooklyn and Charlene (Terry) Hotz of Tabernacle, New Jersey; stepchildren, Darwin (Orlena) McLain, Terry (Chris) McLain, Gary (Suzanne) McLain, Ron (Jan) McLain, Doug (Linda) McLain and Jeanne Eggleston; siblings, Jeanette Taylor and Edward Bendele both of Brooklyn; grandchildren Teresa, Billy III, Michelle, Denny, Alicia, Travis, Chad, Heather, Amy, Makayla, Jessica, Marissa and Brian; 24 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He is



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preceded in death by his parents; wives, Mary Ellen and Thelma; a son, Tim and stepdaughter Sharon Weiss; siblings, Sylvester Bendele, Arlene Bickham, Jim Bendele, and John Bendele.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to American Legion Wilbur Bartlett Post 315 of Brooklyn or St. Rita Catholic Church. Please leave a message of comfort for Bill's family or sign his guestbook at [www.EinederFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EinederFuneralHomes.com).



# Events

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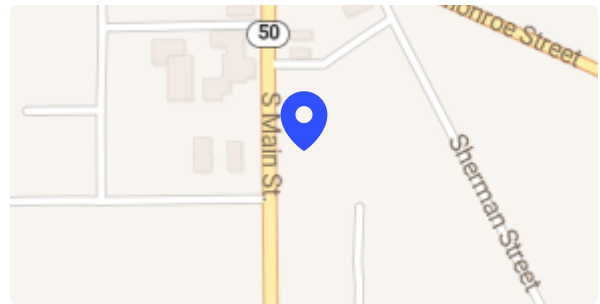
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## Family and Friends Gathering

**Friday**, February 3, 2023

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel**  
137 S Main St, Brooklyn MI 49230

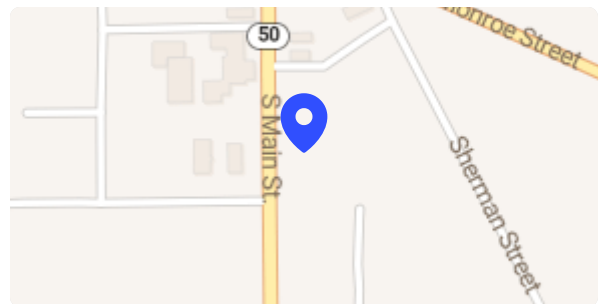


## Scripture Reading

**Friday**, February 3, 2023

7:00 PM ET

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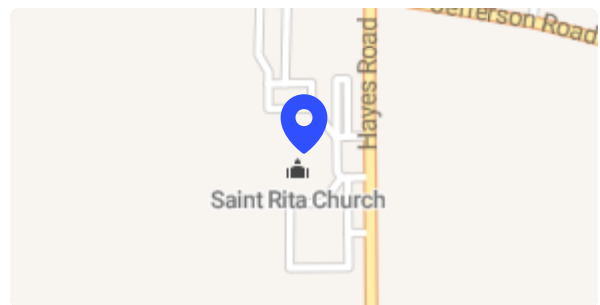


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**Saturday**, February 4, 2023

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**St. Rita Catholic Church**  
10516 Hayes Rd., Clarklake MI 49234

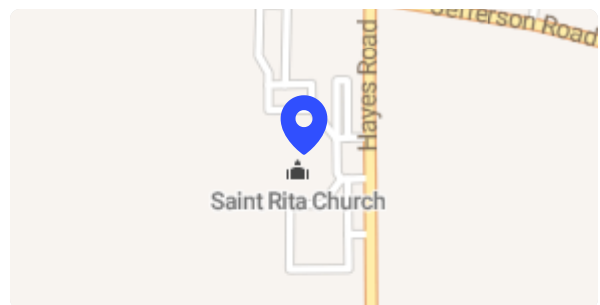


## Mass of Christian Burial

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

**St. Rita Catholic Church**  
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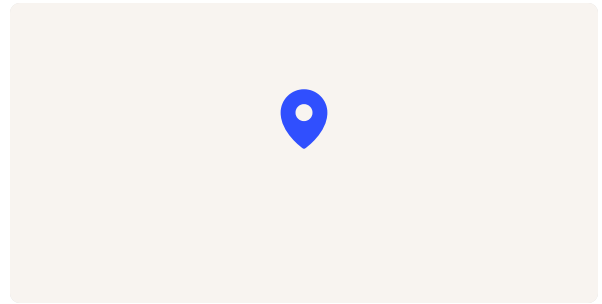
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### Cemetery Details

 **St. Joseph Shrine Catholic Cemetery**  
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# Tribute Wall

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**Dave Dahl** posted:

Bill was a great friend and great man. He did my seawall years ago with a shake of the hand to confirm the contract. Always enjoyed taking and seeing him. On my people list he is one of the best.

February 11 at 1:54 PM



**Marilyn Ludman** posted:

My husband & I first met Bill when he installed our seawall in the late 80's. Though I only saw Bill at church over the years, I will always think of him as a shining example of a very sweet, gentle, kind and honest man. Sending prayers to Bill's entire family.

February 4 at 9:37 AM



**Deborah A. Bendele** February 5 at 10:54 AM

Thank you



**Katie Hayes** posted:

Our prayers & sympathy are with Ed & Bill's entire family. Bart & Katie Hayes

February 3 at 2:35 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Bendele family.



February 2 at 5:30 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bendele family.



February 2 at 3:49 PM



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**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Bendele family.



February 2 at 11:07 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bendele family.



February 2 at 8:01 AM



**Suzanne Calvelage Rohn** posted:

Bill Bendele was my cousin on my mother's side, the Hasenkamp family. He adored coming to Arizona to visit with his Aunt and Uncle (my parents) Loretta and Robert Calvelage. He attended and enjoyed the Hasenkamp Reunion here near Phoenix in March 2004 with his wife Thelma. Bill was always full of laughs and stories; yet a gentle soul. He will be missed and remembered. May he Rest in Heavenly Peace.

February 2 at 4:45 AM



**Rob Hall** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. Bill was such a wonderful man and will be missed dearly. Rob Hall and family

February 1 at 3:21 PM



**Ken And Lois Blankemeyer** February 2 at 4:17 AM

So sorry to hear this. Bill will be in our thoughts and prayers. Lois and Ken



**Anonymous** sent a Care and Compassion Spray to the Bendele family.



February 1 at 12:25 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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