



## John W. Blazek

May 30, 1929 - May 24, 2015

John William Blazek, age 85, died unexpectedly Sunday May 24, 2015 at Munson Memorial Healthcare in Traverse City surrounded by his family. John was born May 30, 1929 in Chicago, proud son of late Chicago Police officer John Blazek and Mae Blazek and loving brother of William Blazek. He graduated from Kelly High School in 1947. After high-school he proudly served as a Corporal in the United States Army from 1950-1953 and was honorably discharged after an injury. John went on to work in the folding box industry, working at Chicago Carton in Chicago in quality control, Integral Packaging in Chicago Heights as plant superintendent, Vice-president of production at Central Lakes Packaging in Harvey, Plant superintendent at Packaging Corporation of America in St. Louis and retired from Economy Folding Box in Chicago where he was the plant manager.

On September 8, 1951, John married the love and pride of his life, Mary Jane Kabur of Irons at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Irons and together affectionately raised their four children in Chicago Heights, Illinois. They retired to Irons, Michigan in February of 1991.

John was an active member, and past president of the Men's Club at St. Bernard's Church in Irons Michigan. He enjoyed fishing, tinkering and building things including clocks, and a G- scale railroad. John also built a fantastic A-frame cottage from slab to peak which the family enjoyed for years. John

especially enjoyed working with his son John and grandson Peter restoring his 1939 Packard Six which he proudly showed in car shows and delighted in driving around town.

John will be greatly missed by his loving wife Mary Jane (Kabur) Blazek of 63 years, their children John W. (Mary Jo) of Morgan Hill, California, Patricia Blazek of Tinley Park, Illinois, Mary (Thomas) Sauch of Bourbonnais, Illinois and Lilian Blazek of Irons, Michigan. His family will forever treasure him for his honesty, generosity, gentle guidance, encouragement, love, and continual support. He was affectionately known as a “John of all trades”.

His memory will be cherished by his grandchildren: Dawn Predium, Amber Biscardi, Lauren Blazek, Peter and Daniel Melican, Natalie and Nicole Sauch and also his great-grandchildren Leah Biscardi, Ella and Xavier Predium. He will also be remembered by his brother-in-law Robert MacEachern, many loving nieces and nephews and his four legged companion Toby.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for John at 11:00 am on Friday, May 29 at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Irons with Rev. Dennis O’Donnell as celebrant. Burial will honors will follow at Eden Cemetery in Irons. Friends may meet with his family for a time of visitation on Thursday evening from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the church with the Rosary prayed for John at 8:30 pm. Those who wish to make contributions in his memory are asked to consider St. Bernard Catholic Church, or the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America. - [www.myasthenia.org](http://www.myasthenia.org) -

# Cemetery Details

## Eden Cemetery

Irons, MI 49644

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 28. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

St. Bernard's Catholic Church  
5734 W 10 1/2 Mile Road  
Irons, MI 49644

## Visitation

MAY 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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**Lilian Blazek** - February 23, 2017 at 07:06 PM

PA

“ *Pat lit a candle in memory of John W. Blazek*



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**Pat** - July 04, 2015 at 01:48 PM

FE

“ *Ferida lit a candle in memory of John W. Blazek*



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**Ferida** - May 29, 2015 at 04:21 PM

PS

“ *We are thinking of you during this difficult time. We are here to support you in your grieving process. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. With sincere sympathy. Production Team - Sunnyvale*

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**Production Team - Sunnyvale** - May 29, 2015 at 04:20 PM

BR

“ *Barbara R. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John W. Blazek.*



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**Barbara R.** - May 28, 2015 at 12:16 PM

MM

“ *Uncle John, you will be missed greatly. My most sincere sympathy to the entire Blazek family.*

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**Mary MacEachern** - May 28, 2015 at 11:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John W. Blazek.*



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May 27, 2015 at 11:18 AM



“ *So many beautiful Memories of Uncle John. Our hearts are heavy. In our thoughts and prayers. Hugs & Love, Dave & Betty Bickford*

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**Betty Bickford** - May 27, 2015 at 08:40 AM

SW

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy. Our prayers are with you. Love, Steve & Maria Wayward and Family*

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**Steve Wayward** - May 27, 2015 at 06:08 AM

MM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family. I hope that all of the beautiful memories, both in Chicago and Irons, will sustain you in this difficult time.*

*~ Maureen (Wayward) Mickus and family*

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**Maureen Mickus** - May 26, 2015 at 08:46 PM

TG

“ *The Hino Family & Ed, Dorothy, and Rose Glogowski purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of John W. Blazek.*



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**The Hino Family & Ed, Dorothy, and Rose Glogowski** - May 26, 2015 at 07:28 PM

MA

“ *Mark lit a candle in memory of John W. Blazek*



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**Mark** - May 26, 2015 at 04:45 PM

SF

“ *Your Sunnyvale California Family sends their best wishes.*

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**Sunnyvale Family** - May 26, 2015 at 04:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John W. Blazek.*



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May 26, 2015 at 03:36 PM



Cheryld Colgrove

“ *Prayers and blessing to all the family and friends of John, we have lost another great member of the family...*



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**Cheryld Colgrove** - May 26, 2015 at 01:22 PM



MW

“ *?Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Mr. Blazek's death. We are here to support you in your grieving process. With sincere sympathy,*

*Michael Walsh and Family*

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**michael walsh** - May 26, 2015 at 12:43 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Betty Bickford** - May 26, 2015 at 11:24 AM