



## Steven "Okie" Eschels

November 16, 1956 - May 27, 2016

Steven (Okie) Eschels, age 59, of Homestead, FL passed away suddenly on Friday, May 27, 2016. He was born on November 16, 1956 in Ludington, the son of Arno and Shirley Eschels.

Okie graduated from Mason County Central High School and furthered his education at West Shore Community College before earning his Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University. He was an avid Detroit Tigers, Red Wings and Lions fan and enjoyed making bets with his family on pretty much any sporting event. Okie was a skilled Finishing Carpenter who owned and operated A & E Interior Millwork & Trim Installation in Homestead, Florida for many years. He enjoyed riding his Harley, taking his dogs Dixie and Josie to the park during their life and laughing with family and friends.

Okie will lovingly be remembered by his wife of 15 years Robin (Diaz) Eschels, his mom Shirley A. Eschels of Ludington, his brother Jeff (Ralph) and Kristi (Etherton) Eschels, along with his nephew John Michael (JM) of Winter Park, Florida, his brother Dan (Moe) and Donna (DeLeon) Eschels of Austin, Texas, his sister Sara (Sis) Eschels of Grand Rapids, and his step-son Antonio Bernard. Okie was preceded in death by his father, Arno Eschels, his uncle, Erv Eschels, and his best friend and partner Billy Ammon of Homestead, Florida who welcomed him into Heaven where they were saving his seat at the setback table (hope he brought the quarters and dimes).

Graveside services will be held for Okie at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 25th at the South Victory Cemetery. Afterward his family will return to Our Savior

Lutheran Church in Scottville, beginning at noon for a luncheon and time of celebration of Okie's life. Memorial contributions may be made in Okie's memory to the VFW Post 4127 in Homestead, FL or to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Scottville.

# Cemetery Details

## South Victory Cemetery

2950 West Fisher Road  
Ludington, MI 49431

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

South Victory Cemetery  
2950 West Fisher Road  
Ludington, MI 49431

## Gathering of Friends & Family

JUN 25. 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
765 West US Highway 10  
Scottville, MI 49454

# Tribute Wall

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“ We never stayed in touch after high school, but I've thought about you often over the years. That will not change. Reading the passage you wrote in my senior yearbook, you told me "don't ever forget old Victory school and all the fun times we had", and "don't forget all the great football times we had", and "don't ever forget ole Esch". I couldn't if I tried. We never had a chance to ride together, but I'm sure it would have been another great memory. Save a chair at the setback table and someday, maybe, we can reminisce on those days long past. God's peace be with you, old friend, and with your family. Mike Nielsen

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**Mike Nielsen** - June 25, 2016 at 11:09 AM

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“ Shirley and family,  
I don't know your family but I know you were my first friend at the pool at WSCC. I just the other day took your 50 anniversary book mark from my closer door knob and laid it by my computer so I'd remember to write to you and see how you were doing. Then last night see your son's obit in the paper. So sorry to hear that. Do hope I get around to see you soon. Will send an email . In my prayers. xo

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**Ruth Glover** - June 23, 2016 at 08:43 AM

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“ Playing set back (of course) before anniversary party.



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**Sara Eschels** - June 20, 2016 at 05:07 PM

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“ Okie and Robin's wedding at Alabama Jacks in downtown Card Sound Florida.



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Sara Eschels - June 20, 2016 at 05:04 PM

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“ Okie, Billy and Ralph



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Sara Eschels - June 20, 2016 at 05:02 PM

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“ All of my thoughts and prayers pour out to you and your families, Shirley, Jeff, Dan, and Sara. May it comfort you to know that he is now wrapped in the arms of the Lord.- Linda (Gorig) Lawson

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Linda Lawson - June 19, 2016 at 08:49 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Sara Eschels - June 17, 2016 at 02:58 PM

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**Sara Eschels** - June 17, 2016 at 02:53 PM

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“ Miss you everyday, Okie!! Love you, Sis

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**Sara Eschels** - June 17, 2016 at 02:29 PM