



## Richard S. Priest

August 7, 1953 - March 12, 2025

Richard S. “Rich” Priest, age 71, of West Branch, (Formerly of Tawas), passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by loved ones on Wednesday, March 12. He was born the son of Elwood and Doris (Broadworth) Priest on August 7, 1953, in Standish. He grew up in Au Gres and moved to West Branch in his retirement. Rich married the former JoAnn Bromley on September 8, 2018, and she survives him. Rich had run a Baked Goods Delivery Route for Schaffer Bread and Aunt Millie’s prior to his retirement. He had attended the East Tawas Church of the Nazarene. He was a member of the West Branch Loyal Order of the Moose where he had served as a member of the administrative team for three years. Rich had been “a Harley Guy”, he loved to be outdoors, you could find him either working in his large garden or fishing, as long as he was outdoors. He also enjoyed canning the things that he had grown in his garden. He was even affectionately known by his nieces and nephews as “Uncle Pickle”.

Rich is survived by his wife, JoAnn, his daughter, Rebeka (Tony) Rosebrugh of West Branch, his sister Carla Jean Schneider and Jim of Tawas, his grandchildren, Amber, Austin, Kassie, Devon, Trevor, Megan and Britney, his great-grandchildren, Landon, Isaiah, Brooks, Walker, Hayden, Baron, and Harvey. Also surviving him are JoAnn’s children, Jennifer and Pete Kehoe, Tanya and Rich Jaynes, Keith and Andrea Bromley and grandchildren, Kalyn, Kenzie, Kiley, Haden, and Lyla. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kari Jean, his grandson, Kyle, and his brothers, Ronald and Gary.

Rich's life will be celebrated at the West Branch Moose Lodge, 1731 State Rd, West Branch, Mi., 48661, on Saturday June 14, 2025, beginning at 3:00 P.M. Memorials may be offered to the Rea Family Animal Shelter, 1367 M-33, West Branch, Mi. 48661. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

West Branch Moose Lodge  
1731 State Rd.  
West Branch, MI 48661