



## Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.

January 11, 1951 - July 4, 2016

Banaszak, Ernest, Jr.

age 65

of South Haven

passed away Monday, July 4, 2016 at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Ernest was born Jan. 11, 1951 in South Haven the son of Ernest and Johnnie (Dunn) Banaszak Sr. and has lived in the South Haven area the majority of his life. He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, camping, woodworking and playing cribbage. Surviving are his wife, Estelle whom he married Sept. 24, 1972; 4 daughters, Regina A. (Fidencio) Salazar of McKinney, TX, Dawn M. (Stefan) Markovich of Breedsville, Jennifer L. (Antonio Hernandez) Banaszak of Pullman, Charity L. (Michael) Walden of Grand Junction; son-in-law, Norman Gullion of Lakeland, FL; 21 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 11 siblings, Sandra Fronterhouse of Denver, CO, Terry (Judy) Banaszak of Grand Junction, Susan Riddell of Herber Springs, AR, Sylvia Banaszak of McKinney, TX, Keith Banaszak of Pullman, Debra Banaszak of McKinney, TX, Beverly (Dennis) Bruce of McKinney, TX, Mark (Sandy) Banaszak of Berthoud, CO, Becky (Norman) Hiatt of South Haven, Daniel (Pam) Banaszak, Sr. of Leonard, TX, Denice (Doug) Johnson of Sherman, TX; and 28 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Shelly R. Gullion; and brother, Paul Banaszak. The family will meet friends from 1-3 PM Friday at the Bangor

Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home where the funeral service will follow at 3:00 PM. Interment will follow in Chambers Cemetery, Geneva Township.

# Cemetery Details

## Chambers Cemetery

Phoenix Road West of CR 687  
South Haven, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

## Service

JUL 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Bangor, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ I just realized I never placed a message here. Today would be your 72nd birthday! So many of my memories in South Haven include you. As a kid, I felt I was always at your house, or with you guys. For family functions, sleep overs, and the just because times. So many memories of you and your stubbornness, your sense of humor, playing cribbage with you, the fires in your yard surrounded by family, and your hugs. I miss your smile, the sparkle in your eye, and the great advice you would always give, even if we didn't want it. I love you Uncle Ernie, and I miss you something fierce. My trips back home still involve me stopping at Stella and Ernie's house. You're always there.

Carrie Feagan - January 11, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ Judy Little Banaszak sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.



Judy Little Banaszak - July 07, 2017 at 01:17 AM



I love you, Ernie. Rest well, until next time.....

Judy Little Banaszak - July 07, 2017 at 01:22 AM



“ *Judy Little Banaszak lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Judy Little Banaszak** - July 07, 2017 at 01:14 AM

JB

“ *It's been year already daddy! It sure don't feel like it! How I miss you! We had a cook out in memory of ypu yesterday! Everyone showed up! Your front yard so waa full of everyone that loves and missed you! Keeping your memory alive is so easy! You have is so any good memories! I love and miss you my hero!*

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**Jennifer banaszak** - July 05, 2017 at 10:24 AM

JB

“ *Oh daddy how much I miss you! I love ypu so much! The other day I was calling momma and as the phone was ringing I could here you leav8ng me a message! " Jennifer it's dad call me" we always argued cause you never said you loved me over the phone! Ok sometimes and whwn momma answered she said you going or coming! I don't know I just thought it was funny cause normally momma would say hello! You on the other hand you always had something smart to say! I miss you my angel! Not a day goes by thst my heart aches to hear your voice or to hug you! I miss you daddy! RIP my angel*

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**Jennifer banaszak** - November 11, 2016 at 04:42 AM

JB

“ I went to see you yesterday! I moved all the leaves away from your flowers! Your head stone still looks amazing! You'd be so proud of Charity! I miss you daddy! You should be home with momma in the nice warm home! You should be enjoying your garage! Chasing the grand babies around! Yelling at us girls cause we drive you crazy! I miss you daddy! Not a day goes by that I don't think about you! RIP my angel!

Jennifer banaszak - October 23, 2016 at 09:10 AM

JB

“ I miss you daddy! This is the only place I can go to talk to you! How I wish I can gently wrap my arms around you and tell you how much I miss you how much I think about you! How much it still hurts! I went to visit momma the other day by the way she's doing good! The house doesn't feel the same without you! It feels so empty! Even though momma still so unorganized like always! I miss hearing your voice I miss seeing you in the living room with the TV blaring! I miss you daddy! Life is so unfair but I know why you had to go! I know you were tired I know you held on so long for us! I love and miss you daddy! I wanna hug you so gently I don't want to hurt you! Can't wait till I see ypu again! Fly high my angel

Jennifer banaszak - October 07, 2016 at 08:16 PM

JB

“ I miss you so much daddy! Charity got your head stone up! You would be so proud of her! It's beautiful! We talk about you every day! Camila said she wishes you were still with us! Love and miss you my ange! 🥺💔

Jennifer banaszak - September 20, 2016 at 02:09 PM

JB

“ *Judy Banaszak sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Judy Banaszak** - September 07, 2016 at 05:17 AM

JB

“ *I miss you daddy! Today is so hard! I'm here with momma. Tears keep wanting to come but I can't in front of her! I have to be strong for her! I worry about her every day! You cant have her just yet! I know you miss her but I'll be lost without her! I love you daddy! It hurts so much your not here with us! #flyhighmyangel*



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**Jennifer banaszak** - August 27, 2016 at 05:11 PM

JB

“ *I think about you every day daddy!! I pull in the driveway and the first thing I see is your dream barn and it brings tears to my eyes right away! I miss you daddy! Wish I could have one more day with you! I love and miss you so much!#flyhighmyangel*

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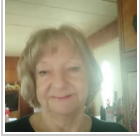
**Jennifer banaszak** - August 12, 2016 at 09:02 PM



“ *I miss you daddy! I wish I could sit next to you right now and tell you how much I love you! I'll always cherish the memories we had! I'm going to keep your memory alive so baby Allie will know you just as much as my other two! Can't wait to see you again daddy! It hurts so much!*

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**Jennifer Banaszak** - July 16, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ *Shirley Snyder lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Shirley Snyder** - July 09, 2016 at 07:06 AM

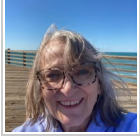


“ *Robin Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Robin Ramsey** - July 08, 2016 at 06:56 PM



“ I am so sorry I can't be there with my family today, but I am with you in spirit with tears coming down my face, right along with the rest of you.

*I tried to think of a time Ernest was a pain in the neck little brother, but I really can't think of a time when he by himself was, though like mom said, if you put two little boys together, there will be trouble. The one aggravating thing I remember was when I caught Ernest and Terry laughing at me, literally rolling on the floor. They had a flashlight shining on my face and made my nose go around the corner. And I wonder why I had a complex about my Banaszak nose!*

*I love everyone and I know we will never forget Ernie. This is the time to reflect on his life and the person he was inside and hope that one day we will only remember the good times, like if we are watching a Raiders game.*

*Love you all*

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**Sandra Fronterhouse** - July 08, 2016 at 10:49 AM

JB

*Lol sorry but I had to laugh at this! I so could see daddy and Terry doing that! That banaszak nose sure does draw attention! I loved spending time with you and Clint! I hope we stay 8n contact! I get excited when I see you post on our post! I love you Aunt Sandra*

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**Jennifer banaszak** - October 07, 2016 at 08:20 PM

KM

“ *Katjy Martin lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**katjy martin** - July 08, 2016 at 10:31 AM

  
Brandie  
Banaszak

“ *Brandie Banaszak purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr..*



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**Brandie Banaszak** - July 08, 2016 at 10:25 AM

AW

“ *Ann Wink lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Ann Wink** - July 07, 2016 at 11:30 PM



“ Oh daddy how I miss you so much! Tomorrow is going to be the hardest day of my life! I remember when you bought that F150 truck! You loved that truck so much! I remember you cleaning it every day! I remember the day you let me drive it to take you to the store to get more beer and we had to go down 8th Ave when it was a gravel road. I was too scared to go fast and you told me it would. We ok if I went over 5 miles! I love you daddy I try to stay busy but it's so hard! I'm not ready to let you go!

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**Jennifer Banaszak** - July 07, 2016 at 11:18 PM



“ *Brandie Banaszak lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Brandie Banaszak** - July 07, 2016 at 10:28 PM



“ *Brandie Banaszak lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Brandie Banaszak** - July 07, 2016 at 10:28 PM

RM

“ *Robin Markovich lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Robin Markovich** - July 07, 2016 at 12:14 PM

TR

“ *Ernie I remember all the times we had at Ciscos talking about the Lions and laughing about life in general! Those were the good ol days. I'm thinking of you Stella. He was a good man.*



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**TRISH** - July 07, 2016 at 09:38 AM

RS

“ *Regina Banaszak Salazar lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Regina Banaszak Salazar** - July 06, 2016 at 06:38 PM

MC

“ Uncle Ernie I am not even sure where to start with all the memories I've had with you. I remember helping you make picnic tables and bringing the pieces of wood over to you and helping hold them still as you hammered in nails, I remember laying on the couch with Shelly as she twirled my hair and you telling me I would regret that the next morning :), going to the horse shows with Estella and the girls, sleeping on the top bunk in Charity's room and you hitting the door with your cane and scaring me to death because it was time to wake up, playing bridge with you for hours at a time, watching football games on Tv as you yelled at the players & the hours of endless conversations and the family gatherings you had at your house. You always had a way of making everyone feel welcomed in your home. You were a wonderful and brilliant man. My visits to Michigan won't be the same without you. You were loved by so many and will be missed beyond words. ❤️ You.

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**Melanie Chapman** - July 06, 2016 at 05:19 PM

JB

“ I really don't know what to say or write that his family doesn't already know/heard. So I will write this to Ernie. ERNIE: I'm gonna miss you enormously, I already do. I am so saddened by your death. You were always so extremely sweet & respectable to me and everyone else that was blessed to know you. If all men could be one-fourth of the man you were, the world would all be a nicer place to live/be. Yeah, you were Da Man. Always so generous to the ones in your circle. Plus it was a huge circle. That's how special you were. My biggest memories of you is when we went fishing. We had so much fun. We were in our twenties; you Stella & I. We were at Black River off of Baseline next to the bridge sitting by the road on a drop-off ledge. I caught a huge fish. You were so excited and told me to reel em' in. I tried but the fish was so big & strong. It was dragging/pulling me in, down the steep ravine. I kept yelling: It's pulling me in, it's pulling me in!!! I know it made a huge impact on your memory also; cuz you spoke of it so often and relived that experience by telling others, and you always laughed so much about it. I was so afraid of being drug in that water, almost in tears. You said: Let it go, just let it go as it broke my line. You saw it and said it was a huge fish. I don't remember what kind it was. Stella might remember. We went fishing many times, but I never sat on that bank ever again. Us 3 together shared many memories together. We were referred to as the 3 Muskateer's. We were always together until 1999 when my whole world changed. I know we had plans to go out to eat breakfast at North Lake Inn when I was in that mva, coma and many injuries. You told me you saw the helicopter that was transporting me fly over your house. I'm very thankful I have those in my memory of you. I love you so much and I'm hurting so bad that I can no longer tell you that. But I will see you again. Till next time.....



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**Judy C Banaszak** - July 06, 2016 at 10:17 AM

MP

“ Ernest was a Great Father in law. We always picked on one another and sometimes it got out of hand. I miss ya old man .Love you so much...

Matt Shane Piper and Paige - July 06, 2016 at 07:36 AM

CH

“ Sorry for your loss. Ernie was a good man. He will be missed greatly.



Charlotte Harrison - July 06, 2016 at 07:28 AM

LW

“ Leslie Washegesic lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.



Leslie Washegesic - July 06, 2016 at 02:07 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr..



July 05, 2016 at 10:53 PM

JB

“ Judy C Banaszak purchased the Eagle Wings Framed for the family of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr..



Judy C Banaszak - July 05, 2016 at 10:05 PM

JB

“ Judy C Banaszak purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr..



Judy C Banaszak - July 05, 2016 at 09:18 PM

Tiffany Beisel

“ Tiffany Beisel sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.



Tiffany Beisel - July 05, 2016 at 09:12 PM

Tiffany Beisel

“ Tiffany Beisel lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.



Tiffany Beisel - July 05, 2016 at 09:07 PM



“ *Stella and family,  
I just wanted to pass on my deepest  
condolences. Wow, what an unexpected shock.  
RIP Ernie, it had been a number of years since  
our Cisco's days after work, Stella, if you need  
someone to talk to, I'm always here.*  
Love  
*Kim Roe-Kester*



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**Kim Roe-Kester** - July 05, 2016 at 08:53 PM

KE

“ *Kandice Easterly lit a candle in memory of  
Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Kandice Easterly** - July 05, 2016 at 08:53 PM

JB

“ *Judy C Banaszak sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Judy C Banaszak** - July 05, 2016 at 08:40 PM

AA

“ Ashley & Alaysia Allen lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.



Ashley & Alaysia Allen - July 05, 2016 at 08:28 PM

AP

“ Alisa Pearce & Dale Bradford III



Alisa Pearce - July 05, 2016 at 08:11 PM

MP

“ Matt Shane Piper And Paige lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.



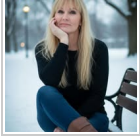
Matt Shane Piper and Paige - July 05, 2016 at 08:08 PM

JF

“ We are so sorry for you loss. you all will be in our prayers. Dave and Jean Foote



Jean Foote - July 05, 2016 at 07:17 PM



“ I will never forget him teasing me about eating armadillos because I'm from Texas. He was a sweet loving man and always made me feel like family. You all did. I love you all so much. My heart all nd prayers are with you.

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**Pamela Maples Banaszak** - July 05, 2016 at 07:05 PM

SB

“ I wish i could be there with my family i am send my love to you all i am think about all of ypu all thurew this. All times like we need to be thete for each other

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**Susan Riddell Banaszak** - July 05, 2016 at 06:35 PM

JB

“ Judy C Banaszak lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.



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**Judy C Banaszak** - July 05, 2016 at 06:16 PM

JG

“ I just want to send our Deepest Condolences to you and all the family Love the Garcia Family from McKinney, Tx

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**Jennifer Gavia** - July 05, 2016 at 06:09 PM

RJ

“ *Ruth (Banaszak) & John Jackola sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Ruth (Banaszak) & John Jackola** - July 05, 2016 at 06:00 PM

  
Reonna  
George

“ *Reonna George lit a candle in memory of Ernest Henry Banaszak, Jr.*



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**Reonna George** - July 05, 2016 at 05:53 PM