



## John Roy Dutcher

February 2, 1932 - November 4, 2021

John Roy Dutcher, age 89, of Hessel, Michigan, died November 4, 2021, in St. Ignace, Michigan. He was born February 2, 1932, in Cedarville, Michigan, to George Luther and Pearl Margaret (Chenier) Dutcher.

John was a lifelong resident of the Cedarville/Hessel area. After elementary school, he started his work life with a team of horses he used logging. He married Frances Irene Kramen on May 1, 1950, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel. While raising their family, he worked as an industrial painter and then as a meat cutter at the Cedarville Red Owl before owning and operating a crib dock building business in Hessel for many years.

John was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel. He also volunteered as a firefighter and was a member of Knights of Columbus. He was Assistant Leader of the local Boy Scout Troop for a total of twenty-seven years while his sons and then his grandson were growing up.

John was a talented artist. He was a woodcarver who created many carved animals and a basket weaver who made special baskets for each family member. He also made wooden trunks for each of his children that included wood burned drawings of the animals or birds they requested.

John is survived by his children, John Roy (Karen) Dutcher Jr. of Hessel, Jerry

P. (Donna) Dutcher of Hessel, Cynthia Rose (Robert) Smith of Cedarville, Frank Allen Dutcher of Hessel, Rita Cheryl (Ray) Nettleton of Pickford, Michigan, David Gerard Dutcher of Hessel, and Jeffery Daniel (Kim) Dutcher of Brighton, Michigan; twenty grandchildren, Ian Roy (fiancé, Katlyn Frantz) Dutcher, Joseph Kramen Dutcher, Thomas James Dutcher, Kathryn Raye Dutcher, Kerrienne Rose Dutcher, Sheena Michelle Dutcher (Jeremy) Burnside , DeAnna Jean Dutcher (Rob) LaPonsie, Matthew John (Caryn) Smith, Jennifer Marie Smith (Brian) Hopkins, Jessica Michelle Smith (Ryan) Hudson, Amber Faye McGruther, Joseph Michael McGruther, Casandra Lynn McGruther, Ashley Marie McGruther (Aaron) Sherlund, Lance Michael Nettleton, Lisa Marie Nettleton, April Lynn Dutcher (Justin) Schilman, Ashley Ann Dutcher (Greg) Golden, Jeffery Daniel Dutcher II, and Angelique Nicole Dutcher; and five great grandchildren, Isabella Rose Hopkins, Shaelyn Irene Hopkins, David Heinz Hudson, Claire Julianna Hudson, Christopher Michael Haddox, Mackenzie Lynn Sherlund, Liberty Belle Sherlund, Briar Lynn Smith, Tristan Alexander Forgrave, Corbin Ezra Dutcher, Scarlet Beau Schilman, Brandon Schilman, Jacob Francis Golden, and Asher Michael McGruther; and one sister, Jeanne Mary Haynes of Indiana.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Frances; brothers, Edwin, George Jr, William, and Francis Dutcher; and sisters, Doris Callaghen, Helen Leach, and Dorothy Royer.

Mass of Christian Burial will celebrated at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel on November 9.

Burial is in Edgewood Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).



# Cemetery Details

## **Cedar Cemetery (aka Edgewood)**

Clark Township Office  
P.O. Box 367  
Cedarville, MI 49719

# Previous Events

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

NOV **9** (ET)

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church  
261 S Islandview Rd.  
Hessel, MI 49745

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Roy Dutcher*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *John Roy Dutcher*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *John Roy Dutcher*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I knew Roy when he was the Saturday night bartender at my parents place (Albany Bar also known as Ramies') for years, he was really really good at it, we all enjoyed working with him alot. Always joked around and had that little smile. Condolence to all.*

**Sharon Sherlund** - November 09, 2021 at 10:36 PM



“ *I met Roy while working at the Tribal center in Hessel. He was a ray of sunshine! My thoughts and prayers go out to Roy's family. RIP my friend.*

**Teresa Jedele** - November 09, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Roy Dutcher.*



November 08, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Roy Dutcher.*



November 07, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *We treasured memories we shared of Roy's caring and sharing of his treasurehouse of memories and talents. Rest in peace, my friend.*

**Gerry Adams** - November 07, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the extended Dutcher family. May all your fond memories comfort you now and in the future. Rest in Peace Roy. Fly high with the angels Roy, fly high. Helen and Fern Spencer.*

**Fern** - November 07, 2021 at 09:23 AM