



Mr. Ira W. Sommers

February 21, 1941 - March 10, 2016

Ira W. Sommers, 75, of Port Huron, passed away on March 10, 2016 in his home with his family by his side.

He was born on February 21, 1941 in Port Hope, son of the late Charles and Grace Sommers.

Ira married Nancy Jo Gaffke on June 4, 1960 in Port Hope.

He graduated from Port Hope High School in 1957. Ira retired after 27 years with Port Huron Police Department, he was also a former member of the F.O.P. He enjoyed softball, NASCAR and the Detroit Red Wings.

Ira is survived by his wife, Nancy Jo of Port Huron; daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda Sue (Fred) McTaggart of Port Huron; daughter, Melissa Jo Sommers of Fort Gratiot; two grandsons, Lee Alan (Alicia) Harrison II of Port Huron and Jon Ira Harrison of Virginia Beach, VA; great-grandson, Brady Lee Harrison of Port Huron; "Adopted Daughter", Pamela Harnden of Fort Gratiot; sister, Virginia Johnston of Sandusky; brother and sister-in-law, Charles (Pat) Sommers of Coopersville, MI; sister-in-law, Mabel Sommers of Marne, MI; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill and Betty Gaffke of Midland and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sisters: Beverly Zick, Leona Klein, Joyce Thoms and infant, Doris Sommers and a brother, Calvin Sommers.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday in Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Ave. at 17th Street, Port Huron. Rev. Max Amstutz will officiate. Burial will be in Kinney Cemetery.

Visiting hours will be held Sunday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Monday 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial tributes may be made to the McLaren Hospice.

A Luncheon will be held in the Jowett Funeral Home Reception Center.

To view obituary or share memories please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Kinney Cemetery

3345 Vincent Road
Clyde Township, MI 48049

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron
1634 Lapeer Ave.
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Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Nancy, I send condolences to you and your family. I came on the police force with Ira. He was one of the "Good Guys" as I saw it. I enjoyed working with him. He was a good friend.

Harry Arnold,
Tucson, AZ

Harry Arnold - March 14, 2016 at 09:48 PM

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“ what a policeman should be....

sgt william trout (retired) marysville - March 14, 2016 at 08:58 AM

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“ Ira and Nancy, Rhonda and Missy were all a wonderful part of our family. We loved them and had great memories of our times together. Ira was a police officer, a friend , and one of the kindest, caring , funny and loving persons I have ever known. Love from our family to yours. Peggy

Peggy Zick - March 13, 2016 at 06:13 PM



“ Renee and I would like to express our condolences to the family of Ira. I will always remember Ira's polite demeanor, and non stop smile. He was a good police officer, and even a better man. As a cadet I listened as Jim McGuigan dispatched Ira, Frank Kovach, and others to a man shooting a gun toward the playground of St. Joseph School. Their bravery and actions ended that call very quickly. I remember Ira bringing the shooter, who struggled with mental illness, in. He treated the man courteously, and professionally. I was inspired by this, and have often thought of Ira throughout my policing career. He was a tremendous role model.

Jim Jones - March 13, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ My condolences to the entire family, may peace be with you during this difficult time. Ira was a good man and a great police officer who had the ability to make angry people pleasant, and ease the situation. However when needed he always stood his ground and got the job done professionally. I will miss his smile.

Dale C. Mills - March 13, 2016 at 08:21 AM



“ Nancy and Family So very sorry to hear of Ira's passing, Joann and I are in Florida and got the message from my Brother Dan. Nancy and Jay are near us here so I'm going to let them know also. You and your Family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Ed and Joann Mainguy

Ed and Joann Mainguy - March 12, 2016 at 09:24 AM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



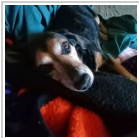
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“ *Rhonda, Fred, Lee and Jon ,
So sorry to hear about your loss ... May your beautiful memories
help heal you. Prayers*

Rhonda Zimmerman

Rhonda Zimmerman - March 11, 2016 at 07:05 AM



“ *Michelle Carey lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ira W. Sommers*



Michelle Carey - March 10, 2016 at 11:51 PM



“ *Wings of Gold Set was purchased for the family of Mr. Ira W. Sommers.*



March 10, 2016 at 06:47 PM



“ *Distinguished Service Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Ira W. Sommers.*



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