



## Reginald M. Akers

February 21, 1940 - December 26, 2019

Reginald Maurice Akers was born on February 21, 1940, to the union of John M. Akers, Sr. and Blanche V. Akers, in Des Moines, Iowa. He was the first of eleven children born to this union. They moved to New Haven, Michigan, when Reggie was very young. He attended New Haven Community Schools, and played all competitive sports and was a 4-letter man, in those sports. He attended the Greater New Hope Baptist Church, while growing up in New Haven.

“Reggie” as he was affectionately called, served in the United States Air Force for twelve years, earning an honorable discharge. While serving in the Air Force, he became a Major Communications Operator. His various tours included; Athens, Greece, and Tripoli, Africa. Reggie worked for General Motors, as a heavy duty press operator, at the General Motors Stamping Plant 15, in Pontiac, Michigan, for over 30 years, where he retired in 2006. Reggie loved to hunt wild game and fish from his personal boat, or on land, he loved the outdoors life.

Reggie departed this life on or around December 20, 2019, at his home in New Haven. Reggie leaves to cherish his memory as a dear son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend. He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Blanche Akers of Mt. Clemens, siblings; Nellie (Wendell) Hazely of Southfield, John M. Akers, Jr. of Los Angeles, California, Evelyn (Calvin) Green of Detroit, Martha (Link) Howard III of Macomb Twp, and Luke Akers of New Haven, his aunt, Loretta Dilbert of New Haven, and a host of nieces,

nephews, cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, John M. Akers, Sr., brother, Clifton Akers, and sisters; Katherine Gorham-Hrusha, Claudia Flaherty, and Loretta Akers.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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# Tribute Wall

NH

“ My fondest memories of my oldest brother Reggie whom I loved dearly were his charming quick smile, and wit which you had to catch immediately or you would miss it. He was one gentle and caring giant of a man. He had a passion for hunting and fishing, even hitting rocks down the track as a kid. He also enjoyed baseball, and football, which he excelled in during his high school years. Can you imagine Reggie catching cleaning fish and then cleaning up himself before eating. Conversation was rare, but when he did talk, take a seat. Reggie was my protector while we were in school I was never afraid, I will miss you my dear brother you were my best friend.

*Nellie Akers Hazely Sister*

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**Nellie Hazely** - January 04, 2020 at 11:45 PM

MH

“ Reggie was my oldest brother I will miss him and always remember how generous he was and how he loved to help and support his family. Rest my brother take your rest, Jesus loves you and so do I. 🕊



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**Martha Howard** - January 04, 2020 at 05:25 AM

RH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Reggie's passing. I knew him when I was a teenager, working as a waitress at a restaurant when he worked for the NHPD. He was such a kind, friendly mentor and I have fond memories. I was just thinking of him last week; perhaps it was his spirit saying goodbye. The world has lost a great man. ~ Robin Hewitt

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**Robin Hewitt** - January 02, 2020 at 08:15 AM

DB

“ We played softball together. I have some great memories of Reggie. A class act. He will be missed.

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**Dennis Brown** - January 02, 2020 at 06:14 AM

DB

“ Been in Florida since the late 80s but I have fond memories of Reggie. We had a lot of good times back in the 70s. We both played softball for the same team in the early 80s. Reggie was a class act and wished we would have stayed in touch. He will be missed.  
*Dennis Brown*

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**Dennis Brown** - January 01, 2020 at 01:06 PM