



# Ben Bayless Kinser

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## **Ben Bayless Kinser**

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**B**ig Rapids - Ben Bayless Kinser, 81, of Big Rapids, passed away peacefully at home with his beloved wife, Joyce, at his side on Monday, December 23, 2019. He was born June 23, 1938 in Maryville, TN, the son of Albert and Grace (Bayless) Kinser. Ben graduated from Maryville High School in 1956 and then attended UT in Knoxville. He served in the U.S. Navy for 3 years as an electronics technician. Ben's working years started with IBM in Grand Rapids, MI repairing typewriters and copiers. After 15 years he switched to an independent dealer and had a successful career in sales of office equipment before retiring in 1999.

In 1971, Ben married Joyce (Pettit) and they began their life together in Tennessee, living in Knoxville for 10 years and then 30 years in Chattanooga before moving back to Big Rapids in 2013.

Ben is survived by his wife Joyce; two daughters, Mimi Stalzer of Nunica and Kathy Gould of Spring Lake; one son Albert of Milledgeville, IL; his sister Mary Rymal of Spring Lake; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to Heartland Hospice, Bella Senior Care, Ace Home Health Care, and Carelinc for making it possible to care for Ben at home.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a family celebration of life at a later time. Care and arrangements are entrusted to the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids.



## Tribute Wall

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SK

**Sharon Klemm** posted:

Joyce, I was so sorry to hear about Ben. I remember him fondly and will keep you in my prayers.

December 28 at 8:00 PM

JD

**John And Lennis Du Ban** posted:

Joyce, We are sorry to hear of Ben's passing. We're thankful his obituary was in our newspaper so we would know. Praying for you and the family to have peace and strength. You are both such sweet and loving people. Remember that you are not

December 27 at 8:00 PM

DG

**Denny And Sue Gross** posted:

Joyce and family, Denny and I were so sorry to hear of Ben's passing. You are in our prayers and love you.

December 25 at 8:00 PM

SJ

**Sandra Laus (Sister To Joyce)** posted:

I will forever remember Bens wonderful smile... I prayers continue Sis. All my Love, Sandra

December 24 at 8:00 PM

JB

**Janet Bowman** lit a candle in honor of Ben.

Ben will be greatly missed. He was one of few, true southern gentlemen. Rest In Peace Ben ❤️

December 23 at 8:00 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ben by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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