



# Neal Leonard Ensing

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**B**ig Rapids - Neal Leonard Ensing, 80, of Big Rapids passed away Monday, December 19, 2022, at Altercare of Big Rapids.

He was born June 21, 1942, in Big Rapids, the son of Gilbert "Skid" and Carol (Williams) Ensing, and attended Big Rapids Public Schools.

In 1959, Neal married the "love of his life" Sandra Mae Thebo. A butcher by trade, he also owned Neal's Refuse Service for many years, and most recently owned Neal's Sandy Sweep. Together, they opened their home to numerous foster children over the years.

Neal was an avid hunter and fisherman. In his spare time, you could find him in the woods deer hunting or in Ontario, Canada trolling for walleye.

He is survived by his children, Kurt (Nancy) of Wyoming, Kelly Ross of White Cloud, Kam (Robin) of Big Rapids, Kip of White Cloud, and Ron Huey (Tina) of Morley; 15 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; his sisters, Eloise (Tom) Fairman, Connie Thompson, and Josie (Dave) Conley; his brothers, Richard (Marian) Ensing, Mike (Pat) Ensing, and Howard (Linda) Ensing; in-laws, Evelyn Ensing, Sharyn (Scott) Vanderkolk, Diane Thebo, and Mary Thebo; and several nieces and nephews. Neal was preceded in death by his wife Sandy in 2017, son-in-law Sam Ross, grandson Kyle Ensing, brother Pete Ensing, and sister JoAnne Maguire.

Private family services will be held at the Goodwell Township Cemetery where Neal will be laid to rest next to Sandy. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Evergreen Terrace Activities Department. Care and arrangements are entrusted to the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids. Share a memory or express condolences at [mohnkefuneralhome.com](http://mohnkefuneralhome.com).



## Tribute Wall

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CB

**Charmaine Boughner** posted:

Kam, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. I will be thinking of you, I know how much the loss of a parent hurts .

December 20 at 8:00 PM

RC

**Rhonda Couillard** posted:

May God be with you all he will always be with us all in our hearts. Neal was a very sweet and loving person I loved being a caregiver to him at Evergreen and at Altercare as well. You all are are a great family to know always remember the great times. L

December 19 at 8:00 PM

PH

**Pamela Hammond** posted:

Love n Sympathy to Neals Family. Many Prayers from a distant cousin.

December 19 at 8:00 PM

SV

**Sharyn And Scott Vanderkolk** posted:

RIP brother of my heart. You are now with Sandy again and holding babies up there. You always loved every baby you came in contact with. We loved you like you'd been in the family since day 1.

December 19 at 8:00 PM

SP

**Shannon Platz** lit a candle in honor of Neal.

He had a big heart and a contagious smile. He was always willing help anyone in need. He spoke of his one and only love, the love of his life, Sandy. He had away of spreading joy to all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

December 19 at 8:00 PM



RO

**Roni** lit a candle in honor of Neal.

Rest in peace, sweet uncle.

December 19 at 8:00 PM





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