



# Allen M. Hope

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## **Allen M. Hope**

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**P**aris - Allen M. Hope, 81, of Paris, passed away Monday, November 15, 2021, at his residence in Barton Township surrounded by his loving family. He was born June 2, 1940, in Barton Township, the son of Maynard and Edna (Romine) Hope, and graduated from Big Rapids High School in 1958. On October 18 of that same year, Allen married the love of his life, JoAnn Mitchell at age 18. Recently, Allen and JoAnn celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary. Allen was a farmer first and foremost, in many ways it was the central theme in all that he did in life. Even while in high school, Allen began driving a milk truck for Ralph Fuller, picking up milk from local farms; and later he purchased the route as his own. His second passion was truck driving, driving for Dean's Foods, Tiel Oil, Hyde Trucking and eventually as a bus driver for Ferris State University. Allen preferred a simple life; he loved people, the outdoors, working on the farm with his John Deere tractors, hunting and dancing. He and JoAnn could often be found dancing the night away wherever they could find a polka band, or square-dance; and if there wasn't a dance to attend, they would dance together at home. Allen was a hard worker and dedicated family man who had a zest for life and spending time with his family. Later in adulthood he developed a relationship with the Lord and became a member of the Reed City Seventh Day Adventist Church where he continued to grow his faith. He was also a member of Moose Lodge #705 in Reed City and a longtime Trustee for the Barton Township Board. Left behind to cherish Allen's memory is his wife JoAnn; their children, Linda (Dave) Golden of Grant Center, Mark Allen Hope of Paris, and Terri (Dave) Meier of Paris; grandchildren Heather (Rob) Dennis, Erin (Brian) Benjamin, Cody (Cheyenne) Hope, Kayte (Austin) Cayton, and Rachel Hope; great-grandchildren Lydia, Kallen, Evieann, Cylie Jo, Hunter, Levi, Colten, Westen, and Easton; a great-great-grandson Waylon; his sister Doris (Robert) Wells of Paris; a sister-in-law Sandra (Bob) Lackney of



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Ashton; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 22, 2021, at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with Pastor Garhett Morgan officiating. Burial will be in the Davenport Cemetery in Barton Township. Allen's family will greet friends at the funeral home from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, November 21, 2021, and beginning at 10 a.m. Monday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made for the Audiovisual Fund at his church. Share a memory or express condolences at [www.mohnkefuneralhome.com](http://www.mohnkefuneralhome.com).



## Tribute Wall

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SC

**Stephen And Jaclyn Conner** posted:

Our deepest sympathy for JoAnn, family, and friends. Till we meet in the cloud of glory. Praise God for His plan of salvation. The grieving needent be forever. Heavenly Father, we pray that You bestow Your loving comfort upon JoAnn and family. Streng

November 19 at 8:00 PM

SM

**Shawn Macfarlane** posted:

Heartfelt condolences

November 19 at 8:00 PM

SG

**Shelly Gostlin** lit a candle in honor of Allen.

I am so very sorry to hear about Allen. He and JoAnn were what my sister and I thought of as the perfect couple, fitting together like a hand in a glove. Such a nice man and always friendly. I know that he will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enou



November 18 at 8:00 PM

CW

**Claude And Nancy Ward** posted:

Sorry for your loss. Always loved watching him and Joanne dance. And joining in once in a while. Great Man, he will be missed!!

November 18 at 8:00 PM

DN

**Don And Betty Nelson** posted:

So sorry JoAnn our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rest In peace Allen you will be missed.

November 17 at 8:00 PM

PR

**Pam&Steve Rosendall** posted:

Mr. Hope you will be missed!!! New to township 9 yrs ago looking for hay we met you and your wonderful wife. You were a kind ,wonderful and helpful human being. Always fun to talk to.

November 17 at 8:00 PM



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PL

**Peggy Mitchell Larry** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss we love him. Love you all

November 17 at 8:00 PM

LB

**Laura Bell** lit a candle in honor of Allen.

AI reminded me of my husband: big, tall and strong with a gentle smile. He was a pillar of strength and faithfulness in his church. We will miss him! We will be praying for Joann, Linda and all the family!



November 17 at 8:00 PM

DJ

**Debbie Joiner** posted:

Rest in peace Allen! You will be missed!!! 👤👤👤❤️❤️❤️

November 17 at 8:00 PM

RB

**Ralph Battle** posted:

I'm so sorry! Many good memories of this good man. Prayers to the family.

November 17 at 8:00 PM

JH

**Jan Hodge** posted:

Dear JoAnn, Linda, Teri, Mark and all of Allen's beloved family: How heartbreaking to lose this dear man from our lives. Allen has been a part of my life and family for over 63 years. Hard to believe he's left us. Thankful to have so many happy

November 17 at 8:00 PM

DB

**Dawn Todd Brinker** posted:

Joann, Linda, Mark & Terri, Many fond memories between our families over the years, stories to tell, card games played, etc. Will be thinking of you.

November 17 at 8:00 PM



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**Betty Stager** posted:

Allen was always fun to talk to. My deepest sympathy.

November 16 at 8:00 PM



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

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



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