



Ivan Eugene Giese

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Ivan Eugene Giese, 92, of LeRoy, passed away Thursday, September 25, 2025.

He was born July 1, 1933, at home on the farm near Reed City, MI, the son of William P.H. and Esther S. (Lundborg) Giese. He graduated from Reed City High School in 1951 after attending Trinity Lutheran School. He was drafted into the Army in 1952 and was a Drill Instructor, but trained in Signal Supply, which was a critical MOS that kept him stateside because there were only 6 division Signal Supply Sergeants in the U.S.A.

Ivan married Bonnie J. Minier in July 1955 and transferred to the Army Guard in 1958. In 1968, he joined the Air National Guard as a military pay supervisor, responsible for a \$6.5 million payroll. At one point, Ivan was appointed temporary base commander for two weeks while the base commander was gone. He retired as a Master Sargent with 36 ½ years of military service.

During civilian life, Ivan was active in scouting for 20 years, managed and played on a softball team for 15 years with a .750% winning percentage. He enjoyed hunting many species of big and small game. Ivan was active after retirement as a county commissioner, church board member and president, township election team, and board of review.

He is survived by his children, Michael (Carole McNamara) Giese, Samuel (Ronda) Giese, and Michelle (Tammy Tortorelli) Giese; sisters, Serene and Janet; brother Edgar; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Ivan was preceded in death by his wife Bonnie J. Giese, son Joseph E. Giese, his parents, and six siblings: Dennis, Amaryllis, David, Geraldine, Elmer, and Sylvia.

Ivan was respected for serving his country, church, county, township, and for loving his family. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reed City, MI, with Pastor Paul Tonn officiating. Ivan's family will greet friends beginning at 10 a.m., Wednesday at the church.



Obituary

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Ivan will be laid to rest next to Bonnie in Ashton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church and or School.






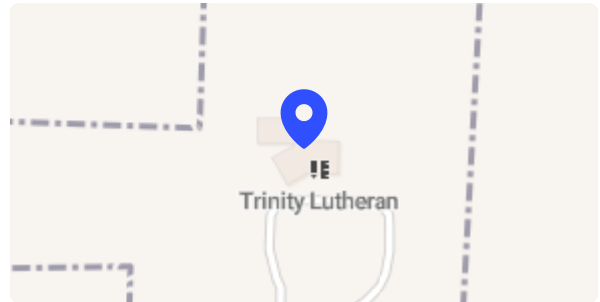
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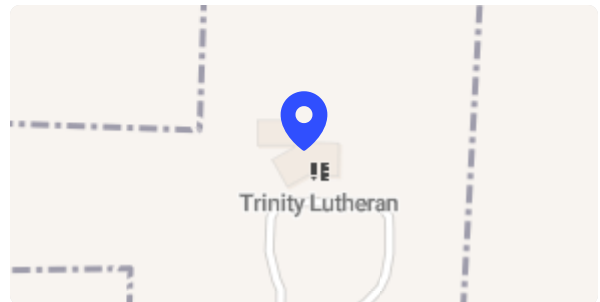
Visitation

-  **Wednesday**, October 1, 2025
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **Trinity Lutheran Church**
19778 US-10, Reed City MI 49677



Funeral Service

-  **Wednesday**, October 1, 2025
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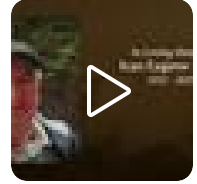
Tribute Wall

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Janowicz Family Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



September 30 at 3:32 PM



Jackie Bone-Brooks lit a candle in honor of Ivan.

Our sincere condolences to the Giese family, our continued prayers sent to the family. Brooks Family, Louisville, Ky.



September 29 at 9:07 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ivan.



September 29 at 8:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Giese family.



September 29 at 8:13 AM



Benjamin Wilson posted:

Ivan (I) was the manager of our softball team (QuickPower). Our team was a mix of characters who Ivan brought together to make a really good team. He showed us warmth and toughness when needed. He expected our team to have integrity, win or lose, and most of all never quit. I believe Ivan showed those qualities through his 92 years of life. Ivan was great man and coach. Love You I Scott Wilson

September 27 at 12:18 PM



Tribute Wall

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AH

Amanda Hammock posted:

There was never a time that Ivan didn't have a beaming smile on his face. Of course, I saw him at the baseball fields, and the corn roasts, so what wasn't there to smile about. He and Bonnie ALWAYS looked at each other with such love in their eyes. I absolutely loved summers when I knew I would get to see him at the ballpark, even though I was usually the one that everyone picked on :). It was a pleasure knowing him, if even just for summer fun. He always made me feel special. I am so sorry for your loss, but glad he is back with Bonnie. Sending lots of prayers for you all.

September 26 at 9:40 PM

LN

Lynn N. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ivan.



September 26 at 8:15 PM

DR

Drew Robinson posted:

Ivan is my Step-Grandpa. I will never forget spending a day at the National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning Ga with Ivan. He was there for his grandson (my step-brother) Ben's Graduation from Basic Training and I was the defacto tour guide since I was stationed there in the Army. He was so proud of Ben and his patriotism was through the roof. It was great seeing the museum through his eyes since half the equipment in there was what he used in his service! He was a great story teller and me and Sam (my step-dad) were just rolling with laughter and joy at how pumped up he was. It was beautiful weather and just one of those perfect days that stays with you. I loved playing cards with him and Bonnie and my family (you best bring your A game to any Giese event where the score is kept). He always made me feel like a son, and he loved my family. I'll miss my Christmas card from him this year and will always keep the memory of him in that veteran hat, he was a young man again that day.

September 26 at 5:33 PM

BM

Bryan M. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Ivan.



September 26 at 3:43 PM



Media

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September 30 at 3:32 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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