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Edward Ross Aris, 74, of Big Rapids, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2026, at his home.

He was born on the family farm in Big Rapids, the son of David and Lucille (Connors) Aris. Ed spent his entire life on the land where he was raised, a place that shaped his character, values, and lifelong love of the outdoors. Following his graduation from high school, he proudly served his country in the United States Army. Upon returning home, he dedicated himself to the family farm, where he specialized in dairy cattle and took great pride in his work.

Ed found joy in the simple things in life. He loved cutting firewood, following local sports, and cheering on his favorite teams, including the Cardinals, the Ferris Bulldogs, and Michigan sports teams. More than anything, he cherished time spent outdoors and with his family.

He will be remembered as a down-to-earth and humble man, always positive in his outlook. Ed was dedicated, ambitious, and resilient, with a willingness to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Above all, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother who deeply valued his family. His love and commitment to his wife, Venus, were especially evident throughout their years together.

Ed's legacy of hard work, kindness, and devotion to family will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him.

Ed is survived by his loving wife, Venus; his sons, Andrew Aris (Christian), Gary Aris, and Anthony Aris; grandchildren, Adelyn, Asher, Ayla, and Eliza; his brothers, Dave (Cheryl) Aris and Roger (Towna) Aris; his sisters, Jan (Palumbo) and Jeanne (Phil) Bigler; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.



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The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to his sister-in-law, Linda, for the care, compassion, and support she provided over the past several years.

A graveside service for Edward will be held Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the South Grant Township Cemetery on 160th Avenue, followed by a luncheon at the Grant Township Hall.

Memorial contributions in Edward's name may be made to Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministries (<https://jailministry.org>) or the Alzheimer's Association.



Events


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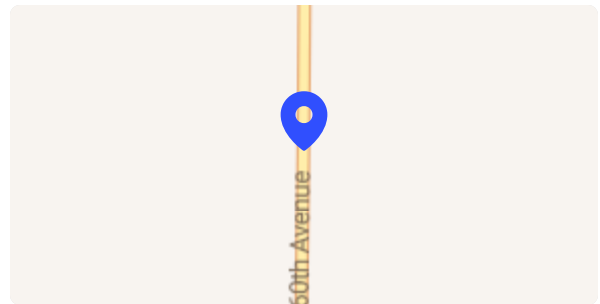
Graveside Service

 **Wednesday**, April 22, 2026

 11:00 AM ET

 **Grant Center Cemetery**
20000-20498 160th Ave, Big Rapids MI 49307

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Tribute Wall

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Frank & Kim D'angelo sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Aris family.



April 21 at 8:14 AM



Marie Hoolihan posted:

My condolences to the Aris Family ♥

April 9 at 2:09 PM



Carol Baumann posted:

Ed was one of my favorite farmers when I worked in Big Rapids! My caring thoughts to ALL who loved him!!

April 8 at 9:25 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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