



## John S. Girbach

March 8, 1921 - November 2, 2020

John Stanley Girbach of Saline, Michigan passed away peacefully on Monday, November 2, 2020, with his family at his side. Born on March 8, 1921, at the family farm in Bridgewater Township, Michigan, to John and Katherine (Lamparter) Girbach, John graduated from Clinton High School in 1939. Prior to serving in WWII, John worked for the Clinton Woolen Mill. During the war he served with the 40th Engineer Combat Regiment in Europe and North Africa from 1942-1945. Following the war, John worked for Tecumseh Products, retiring in 1986. John married Carol B. Uphaus on October 7, 1950, in Saline. She preceded him in death in 2003. John is survived by his sons Dean B. and Brian R., daughter-in-law Donna and two grandchildren, Mitchell and Stacey, sister-in-law Shirley (Uphaus) Crespo and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Marie (Alwin Finkbeiner) and four brothers, Edward, Clarence (Martha), Harold (Eileen), Robert (Dorothy) and one son, Keith J. (Donna). Dad greatly enjoyed helping Mom with their rental properties, working on many projects with his sons, toiling in his yard and garden, visiting with extended family, chatting with neighbors and sharing wonderful stories of the old days. In his later years, Dad held a special place in his heart for his son Brian and the care he provided to both he and Mom. We wish to extend our gratitude and many thanks to Arbor Hospice and especially to Linden Square Staff for their dedicated care and compassion. A graveside service for immediate family will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in respect of COVID concerns. Memorial

contributions may be made to the Saline Area Historical Society or St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti. To leave a memory you have of John, to sign his guestbook or for more information please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Oakwood Cemetery**

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Tribute Wall



“ *John S. Girbach*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Brian,  
I extend my condolences to you and your family. May God uphold  
during this sad time.*

*Christine Warren*

**Christine Warren** - November 08, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *Starbucks Coffee Condolences was purchased  
for the family of John S. Girbach.*



November 08, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ *Dear Dean and family,  
We are sending our deepest sympathies during your time of loss.  
We know that your father meant so much to you and yours!  
Please reach out.  
Love,  
Brian Kobylarz and Marvin Wilson.*

**Brian Kobylarz** - November 08, 2020 at 12:05 PM

SM

“ Dear Brian, Dean, Donna, Mitch and Stacey,  
Our hearts and prayers go out to you in the loss of Johnny, the last  
of the Lewis Street longtimers. He was a good man and always had  
kind words when I spoke to him. So many memories growing up  
with your family and caring for Mitch and Stacey in their first years.  
God bless you and love to you all.

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**Susan M Mulka** - November 06, 2020 at 09:01 AM

MH

“ Mary Hess lit a candle in memory of John S.  
Girbach



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**Mary Hess** - November 03, 2020 at 06:38 PM

JL

Dean & Family, Hold onto your memories and let them comfort you  
during this time of sadness.  
Condolences, Jackie Lindimore

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**Jacquelyn Lindimore** - November 04, 2020 at 09:11 AM

NM

So proud of his veteran banner on Michigan Ave.  
I still have some of the letters he wrote to Mom when his was in WWI.  
Did you know he let her drive his car to school when he was overseas!  
She picked up others in the neighborhood on the way to Clinton.

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**Nancy A Miller** - November 04, 2020 at 10:53 PM

SR

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Stephen Robison** - November 03, 2020 at 03:59 PM