



## R.I.P Don – “enjoy the day”

BINGHAM TOWNSHIP – Donovan Raymond Kiessel, 71 of Bingham Township, passed away Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 at home surrounded by his loving family.

Donovan was born Aug. 22, 1946 in Suttons Bay at the family farm house on the corner of County Road 633 and Fort Road. He was the son of Frank Kiessel Sr. and Rita (Priest) Kiessel.

Don worked as a lineman at Consumers Energy for 35 years. He enjoyed seeing the smiles on people’s faces after he had helped turn their electricity back on. Even after he “retired” Don worked another 10 years for other line companies as a contractor. Don never complained about having to leave his family to go help others. He would leave for far off areas that were affected by a storm or a natural disaster to help restore the power to those communities.

Don was the founding member of the Rex Dobson Ruby Ellen Farm Foundation, his knowledge and wisdom guided the Ruby Ellen Farm Board of Trustees for 17 years.

Donovan is survived by his wife, Janet; his children, Donovan L., Edward J., Jody; and his significant extended family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Rex Dobson Ruby Ellen Farm Foundation, PO Box 492, Suttons Bay, MI 49682; Leelanau Conservancy, PO Box 1007, Leland, MI 49654 and/or Mass Intentions.

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One of Don’s often spoken greetings was ...  
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