

THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1943

Eunice AYERS Corp (2012 — 6/1/2012)
Norma BAXTER Marshall (2016 — 6/11/2016)
Doris BURNETT Goodsell (2002 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Robert B. Cain (2018 -- 7/22/2018)
William Carter (2007 — 5/18/2007)
Betty CHAPMAN Motcheck (2012 — 6/14/2012)
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James Edwards (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
George Feldpausch (2002 — 11/21/2002)
Lawrence "L.R." Gates (1999 — 5/2/1999)
Russell Gidley (2003 — 2/17/2003)
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Dorothy May HAMILTON Wesseler (2022 -- 5/17/2022)
Charlotte Marie HOUGH Clark (1958 — 2/9/1958)
Dorothy Howe (2014 — 1/20/2014)
Arthur L. Hunt (2009 — 5/25/2009)
Charles Imhoff (2004 — 1/31/2004)
Helen JONES Robison (2020 -- 1/16/2020)
Arch Kane (2001 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Dorothy Rose MATZ Skillings (2017 — 12/16/2017)
Raymond McConnell (2017 — 6/9/2017)
Patricia Jean MCLAUGHLIN Reed (2021 -- 3/1/2021)
Earl L. Miller (2023 -- 9/24/2023)
Viola J. MORSE Noble (2017 -- 10/26/2017)
Eleanor PETERS Baker (2013 — 7/9/2013)
Velma POTTER Kebler (2009 — 1/16/2009)
Lavida PRESTON Cundiff (2021 -- 4/11/2021)
Zella Edith PUTNEY Challender (2008 — 6/1/2008)
Richard Floyd Reed (2015 — 8/31/2015)
Charles W. Shane (2008 — 12/26/2008)
Florine A. SKIFFINGTON Wilson (2020 -- 4/25/2020)

Ronald Skinner (2017 — 11/26/2017)
Richard Smith (2001 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Joyce N. SNAVELY Burnett (2018 — 8/27/2018)
Sidney Edward Weir (2007 — 2/12/2007)
Dale Wheaton (2012 — 12/8/2012)
Virginia L. WICKERHAM Merrill (1978 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Shirley Jean WOODWORTH Towns (2013 — 8/31/2013)



Eunice Ayers Corp

Class of 1943

DATE OF PASSING: 6/1/2012

Eunice (Ayers) Corp of Cadillac died Friday, June 1, 2012 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. She was 86. She was born on February 26, 1926 in Paw Paw, Michigan to Orley and Martha (Wilcox) Ayers and they preceded her in death. She married Glen B. Corp on January 15, 1946 in Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Mrs. Corp graduated from Grand Ledge High School and attended Lansing Business College and graduated S.C. with a B.A. degree in Home Economics from MSU and also graduated from Harper Hospital School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse and received an M.A. degree of Science in Human Services from the University of Detroit. Eunice attended the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Tustin and was a member of the Cadillac Country Club, Cadillac Garden Club, Cadillac Women's Club, was a Founder and Life Member of the Sakura Bonsai Society of Traverse City, member of the Bonsai Clubs International, American Bonsai Society, Life member of the Ann Arbor Bonsai Society, Ikebana International Mizuwmi Chapter 165 of Traverse City, Cadillac Artist Association, NW Michigan Artist & Craftsman of Traverse City, and the Hawaii Water Color Society. She enjoyed traveling through Europe, Asia, and the United States including 23 winters in Hawaii. During these travels she was always finding special items which often resulted in new interests, such as old English bobbins with which she learned to make extra fine handmade lace. Eunice was an avid golfer, watercolorist and Bonsai Artist. Her Bonsai may be seen at the Frederick Meijer Botanical Gardens in Grand Rapids. She had received many honors and awards, among them a Mayors Award in 1994 for a water color titled "Just Fishing" which hangs in city hall, initiated success fully whereby the postal service issued the bonsai stamp which consisted of five different types of Bonsai tree styles in the year 2012. Her skills, tenacity and wisdom were well known by friends and associates.

Survivors include her husband, Coronel Glen B. Corp, U.S. Army Retired and retired superintendent of schools (Pinckney, MI); son, Chad; daughters in law, Sherry and Linda Corp; grandson, Peter; granddaughters: Amber, Ashley, Allison, and Analise; a sister, Arletta (Arthur) Stoney; many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her oldest sister, Laura Maria Atwell. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial was at the Wilsey Cemetery in Clinton County. Arrangements were made by the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.



Norma Baxter Marshall

Class of 1943

DATE OF PASSING: 6/11/2016

Norma June (Baxter) Marshall, 90, passed away May 31, 2016, at Brookdale Senior Living in Wilsonville, Oregon.

Norma was born June 11, 1925 in Roxand Twp., Eaton Co., MI, daughter to Lyle and Reva (Boyer) Baxter. Her family moved to Grand Ledge, MI, while she was in elementary school, and she resided there through early adulthood. She and her husband, Albert Marshall (also from Grand Ledge) were high school sweethearts prior to WWII. They married after the war, in December 1945, when

Albert returned from Navy service in Hawaii.

Both Norma and Al were naturally industrious, and held jobs at early ages. Norma began working in a bank during her teens. That career continued until age 87, in spite of many years spent moving state to state, since her husband's lumber sales job required frequent moves. They settled in Canby, Oregon in 1971, finally putting down roots. She was employed from that time until 2013 by 5 Oregon banks: U.S. Bank in Oregon City, then later in Canby: Guarantee Bank, Canby Union which became First Interstate, and, finally, Wells Fargo Bank. She loved serving the public, and enjoyed bantering with customers and hearing about their lives. It was her vocation rather than her job. Her Wells Fargo retirement was in 2013.

She was active in the Congregational church, during her youth in Grand Ledge. Her Christian baptism occurred in 1998, along with husband Albert, at Valley Christian Church, Wilsonville, Oregon, (where her son, Doug Marshall, is now pastor). Since moving to Wilsonville, she has worshiped with their congregation.

Her family and friends will remember Norma's spunky, fun-loving personality. She always seemed younger than her actual age, and put people at ease through laughter. She enjoyed bestowing gifts upon others, but had a harder time accepting them.

Surviving is one daughter, Pam (Nick) Napier of Meridian, Idaho, and one son, Douglas (Lisa) Marshall of Donald, Oregon; four grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Stanley Baxter and Larry Baxter, both of Grand Ledge, Michigan, one sister, Carolee (Gary) Hart, Grand Ledge, and a sister-in-law Harriet (Vaughn) Baxter, also of Grand Ledge, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her spouse, Albert O. Marshall, her parents, Lyle and Reva Baxter, a brother, Vaughn Baxter, and one great-grandchild, Figi Grace Marshall.

A family graveside service will be held at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, OR.



Doris Burnett Goodsell

Class of 1943

DATE OF PASSING: 2002

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Robert B. Cain

DATE OF PASSING: July 22, 2018 (Aged 93)

Robert B. Cain, 93, Sacramento California, Sunday July 22 Robert Cain was a long time resident of Kalamazoo and owner of Cain Associates Architects in the 1960's through the 1980's. He was born in Moline, Ill., and was raised in Grand Ledge, Michigan from the age of 4. Robert served in the armed forces from May 19, 1945 to September 19, 1946, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant. In 1951, he graduated from the University of Michigan School of Architecture. A prominent architect, Robert designed many municipal including the Barry County Jail, the Michigan Dunes Correctional Center, the Ingham County Jail, the Eaton County Social Services Building and the Cass County Jail, as well as several churches. In the late 1980s, Robert sold Cain Associates so that he and wife Anne could follow their dream to build a boat and sail around the world. After about 10 years of sailing, he and Anne built a house in the Colorado mountains. In 2008 they relocated to Carmichael, California to be closer to family. Preceded in death by father Robert, mother Ruth, brother David and grandson Robert Alexander Bryant. Survived by wife Anne, daughters Rachel Cain (Larry Mansfield), and Hester Klinesteker (Mark), son Gregory Cain (Maria Pittman), stepsons Tom, Joe, and James Wolff, stepdaughter Lisa Wolff, grandchildren Christopher Bryant, Sarah Davidson, Edward Folly, Benjamin Bryant, great grandson Jasper Baugh, and two nephews.



William Henry Carter

Class of 1943

Birth 3 Jan 1925
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 18 May 2007 (aged 82)
Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 5/18/2007



Betty Chapman Motcheck

Class of 1943

Betty Ruth Motcheck -- Grand Ledge

DATE OF PASSING: 6/14/2012

Betty Ruth Motcheck, Age 87, passed away June 14, 2012 at her home. She was born in Breckenridge, Michigan June 9, 1925. She graduated from Grand Ledge H.S. in 1943 and worked in food service at Greenwood School in her earlier years and recently at Fairview Adult Foster Care. She was a long time member of Emanuel 1st Lutheran Church in Lansing and Ladies Appleton Aid Society. She enjoyed snowmobiling and needlepoint. She is survived by son David (Beverly) of Lansing; daughter Karen McBride of Peru, Indiana; grandsons David, Eric, Donald, and Jason; 7 great grandchildren, brother Orace Chapman of Dimondale. She is preceded in death by husband Donald, 3 brothers and 4 sisters. A Funeral Service will be held Monday, June 18, 2012, 11:00 am at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge, Reverend Paul J. Lindloff officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday 2-4 & 6-8pm. Memorial contributions may be made directly to Betty's Family. Special thanks to Hospice of Lansing for their loving and compassionate care.





Thomas James "Tom" Clark

Class of 1943

Birth 1925
Death 2009 (aged 83-84)
Burial: Delta Center Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 9/23/2009



Thomas James "Tom" Clark -- Grand Ledge

Thomas James "Tom" Clark Grand Ledge Age 83, passed away September 23, 2009. He was born in Lansing, MI October 3, 1925 to the late Harry B. and Martha (Neumann) Clark. He graduated from Grand Ledge H.S. in 1943 where he was part of the undefeated football team in 1941. Tom was an MSU graduate. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the American Legion. He retired from the State of Michigan Dept. of Transportation as a systems analyst. He was past president of the Grand Ledge Rotary Club and was an avid card player. He is survived by his loving family: wife of 62 years, Joanne; son, Mark (Jaye) Clark of Holt; daughters, Tina (Rich) Martzke, Melissa (Tom) Carrow all of Grand Ledge, Tricia Johnson of Charlotte, and Amy (Nate) Foltz of Mulliken; 11 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; sisters, Marcia (Ken) Krueger of S.C., Marlene Hilton of FL; sister-in-law, Ursula Clark of Torch Lake,; several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by brother, Donald Clark and sister, Marguerite Clay. A funeral service will be held Monday, September 28, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Grand Ledge. Military graveside services and committal will follow at Delta Center Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday 4-7 p.m. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Co. Medical Care Facility or Trinity Episcopal Church. Online condolences at www.holihanatkin.com



Elizabeth Mae 'Betty' Clarke Potter

DATE OF PASSING: 12/15/2010

Class of 1943

Elizabeth Mae "Betty" Potter, 85, of Charlevoix, passed away Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

The funeral will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Chip Sauer will officiate. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Betty was born Jan. 14, 1925, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Harold A. and Dora (Birman) Clarke. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1943, and earned a bachelor in Bible studies from the Chicago Evangelistic Institute. She later earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from Central Michigan University, and a master's degree in library science from Western Michigan University. She taught at the Horton Bay, Marion Center and Ellsworth schools. In 1966, she began teaching at the Charlevoix Elementary School and retired in 1982.

Betty was a longtime member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

On June 3, 1950, Betty married Harry Potter in Charlevoix. Harry survives her as do her children, Rick L. Potter of Lansing, and Anita R. (Steve) Valdes of Fort Collins, Colo.; grandson, Adam Valdes; brothers, Robert (Gloria) Clarke of Houma, La., David (Sharon) Clarke of Jacksonville, Texas; sisters, Martha Oman of LaPorte, Ind., Janet (Bruce) Beattie of Cleveland, Ohio.

Betty was preceded in death by her sisters, Gayla I. Fisher, Anita Duerr and Joyce Wheeler; and her brother, Colonel Harold Clarke, who served as the highest ranking chaplain in the U.S. Army.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 921 W. Eleventh St. No. 1-West, Traverse City, Mich. 49684-3004.

Those wishing to share memories of Betty may do so at winchesterfuneralhome.com.



Cletis E. Dick

Class of 1943

Birth 30 Jun 1925
Michigan, USA
Death 21 Jun 2002 (aged 76)
Whitehall, Muskegon County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 6/21/2002



Joyce Downing Brisboe

Class of 1943

Our mother came into the world on January 4, 1926 and went to heaven on March 17, 2012. Our Mom was an accomplished violinist and played with the Lansing Symphonic Orchestra and the Jackson Symphonic Orchestra. Joyce worked for the State of Michigan for over 29 years doing accounting and grants in the Records Unit on North Logan Street. She is a charter member of Christ United Methodist Church. Mom was preceded in death by our Dad, George Roy Brisboe and her grandson, Jason Brisboe. She leaves behind her daughters, Patricia Burch of Grand Ledge, Jan (Charles) Seeger of Eagle; sons, Dale E (Sue) Brisboe of Holland, Donald G. (Martha) Brisboe of Durand and David L. (Shirley) Brisboe of Holt; 16 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Our mother's celebration will be held on Friday, March 23, 11:00 a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 517 W. Jolly Rd., Lansing. The family will receive friends Thursday from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 900 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. Our family would like to say a special thank you to Carra, Mom's nurse and the other staff at McLaren Visiting Nurses. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Joyce's name to McLaren Visiting Nurse and Hospice, 2316 S. Cedar St, Ste. 600, Lansing, MI 48910 or Alzheimer's Association, 310 N. Main, Ste. 100, Chelsea, MI 48118. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.grlansing.com

DATE OF PASSING: 3/17/2012



Yvonne Dunham

Class of 1943

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: 9/30/2008

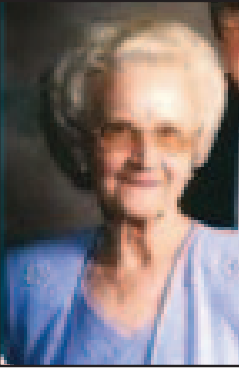


Trillis Eaton Boyer

DATE OF PASSING: 9/17/2016

Class of 1943

Boyer, Trillis M. and Donley W. A celebration of life is planned to remember Donley W. & Trillis M. (Eaton) Boyer on Saturday, October 29, 1:00 pm at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea. Visitation will be from Noon until 1:00 pm. Their grandson, Tim Bristle, is officiating. Private burial will be at Meadowbrook Cemetery in Mulliken, MI, immediately following the service. Don was born September 20, 1920 to Carl W. & Viola M. (DePew) Boyer. He lived in Mulliken, but graduated from Grand Ledge High School. He attended Western Michigan University for 2 years before World War II interrupted his studies. He spent 4 years in the Air Force during WWII. Don was a Conservation Officer for the State of Michigan in Washtenaw County for most of his career. In 1971, he accepted a promotion as District Law Supervisor of Pontiac Lake, supervising the officers of the 4 metro counties. He retired in 1980. Don passed away on October 15, 2007 at Bear Creek Assisted Living in Hudson, Florida. Trill was born on September 26, 1925 to Joseph E. & Mildred M. (McCully) Eaton. She lived in Owosso, Grand Ledge & Mulliken, graduating from Grand Ledge High School. She was a homemaker and a Dental Assistant at U of M, retiring in 1972. Trill passed away on September 17, 2016 at Golfside Hospice in Hudson, Florida. On November 9, 1943, Don & Trill were united in marriage at the Methodist Church of Mulliken. They lived in Colorado Springs during WWII, then moving to Chelsea, where they raised their 4 daughters, before moving to Milford, Michigan and retiring to Bayonet Point, Florida in 1980. Survivors include four daughters, Doni Doering of Bedford, IN, Penny (Norman) Hannewald of Plymouth, MI, Melody (James) Bristle of Chelsea, MI, and Terry Shoup of Riverview, MI. 8 grandchildren, Matthew (Amy) & Daniel (Brittany) Doering, Marcia, Gregory (Amy), & Mark Hannewald, Timothy (Anna) Bristle & Wendy (Scott) Carlson, Dawn Boyer-Shoup; 11 great-grandchildren, Cailey & Nicholas Doering, Branson Smoot, Natalie & Gabrielle Hannewald, Skylar & Karly Bristle, Trevor, Samantha, Matthew Carlson, Anthony Garbacz (guardian child); 3 step-grandchildren, Logan & Leslie Carlson, Stephanie (Ty) Robinson and 2 step-great-grandchildren, Maree and Merritt Robinson. Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Chelsea, MI 48118.



On November 9, 1943, Don & Trill were united in marriage at the Methodist Church of Mulliken. They lived in Colorado Springs during WWII, then moving to Chelsea, where they raised their 4 daughters, before moving to Milford, Michigan and retiring to Bayonet Point, Florida in 1980. Survivors include four daughters, Doni Doering of Bedford, IN, Penny (Norman) Hannewald of Plymouth, MI, Melody (James) Bristle of Chelsea, MI, and Terry Shoup of Riverview, MI. 8 grandchildren, Matthew (Amy) & Daniel (Brittany) Doering, Marcia, Gregory (Amy), & Mark Hannewald, Timothy (Anna) Bristle & Wendy (Scott) Carlson, Dawn Boyer-Shoup; 11 great-grandchildren, Cailey & Nicholas Doering, Branson Smoot, Natalie & Gabrielle Hannewald, Skylar & Karly Bristle, Trevor, Samantha, Matthew Carlson, Anthony Garbacz (guardian child); 3 step-grandchildren, Logan & Leslie Carlson, Stephanie (Ty) Robinson and 2 step-great-grandchildren, Maree and Merritt Robinson. Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Chelsea, MI 48118.



James Hurley Edgar

DATE OF PASSING: 12/16/2003

Class of 1943

Birth 29 Aug 1925
 Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
 Death 16 Dec 2003 (aged 78)
 Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
 Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
 Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA





James Edwards

Class of 1943

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

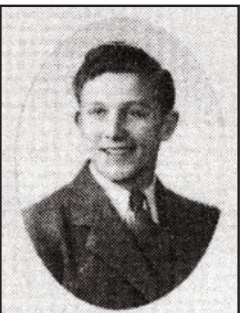


George Ernest Feldpausch

Class of 1943

Birth 10 Feb 1924
Riley, Clinton County, Michigan, USA
Death 21 Nov 2002 (aged 78)
Clinton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Wacousta Cemetery
Wacousta, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 11/21/2002



Lawrence "L.R." Gates

Class of 1943

DATE OF PASSING: 5/2/1999

Lawrence "L.R." Gates, 75, of Bellevue, died May 2, 1999 at Battle Creek Health System.

Mr. Gates was born April 4, 1924 in Grand Ledge, the son of Burton and Emma (Church) Gates. He was a 1943 graduate of Grand Ledge High School and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, serving in Okinawa and China. He was a Bellevue businessman from 1947-82 and a barber in Bellevue, operating Gates Barber Shop from 1955-82. He married Nancy Wilkinson Sept. 7, 1944. He was a member of the VFW Nashville Post, former member of the Bellevue

Lions Club, and former volunteer fireman. In high school he excelled in football and was proud to be a member of Grand Ledge's only undefeated football team. He enjoyed fishing, the Upper Peninsula, and gardening.

He is survived by one daughter, Gay Noble of Bellevue; one son, Craig Gates of Spring Hill, Fla.; four granddaughters, Marla Prestigiacombo of Spring Hill, Fla., LaNae Noble of Bellevue, Mandy McMullin of Gainesville, Fla., and Brandi Million of Kingsland, Ga.; two great-granddaughters; three sisters, Donna Leaske and Maxine Barker of Grand Ledge, and Francis Schaibly of Indianapolis; and many nieces and nephews.

A private family committal was held at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Arrangements were made by Shaw Funeral Home, Lehman Chapel, Bellevue.



Russell H. "Squirrelly" Gidley, Jr.

DATE OF PASSING: 2/17/2003

Class of 1943

Birth 25 Dec 1923
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 17 Feb 2003 (aged 79)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Mary Ginter Waters

DATE OF PASSING: 5/25/2015

Class of 1943

Mary Waters passed away May 25, 2015 at the young age of 89. She was born January 16, 1926, raised in Eagle Township and graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1943. She met her husband G.L. on a blind date while he was enrolled at Michigan State College and the two married in 1945. Mary and G.L. resided in many different states, including overseas in Japan and the Philippines during G.L.'s 20 year U.S. Air Force career. When they left the Air Force in 1965, they returned to the Grand Ledge area. Mary worked as a bus driver for the Grand Ledge School system, retiring after a 19 year career. They spent their retirement years in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, where they enjoyed the intercoastal area and surrounding military community. She was a resident of Independence Village, Grand Ledge, the last two years of her life. Mary was an avid bridge player and enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and gardening.



Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Leon and Muriel Ginter, sisters Barbara Caster and Jean Galvin, her beloved husband G.L., and son-in-law Rex Carter, Jr. She is survived by her children Fran Kempf (Robert), Terry Carter, Joe Waters (Michelle) and grandchildren Thomas MacLuckie (Tiffany), Julie Waters (Joanna Caps), Tracy Medina (Juan Carlos), Scott Waters, step grandchildren Nick Kempf, Karri Christie (Matt), Jennifer Carter-Cooley (Jessie), Scott Carter and great-grandchildren Sofia Medina, Laila, Riley and Jaydon Christie, Morgan McCarty and Aurelia Galjour.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at Grand Ledge City Hall in one of the community rooms between 2:30 and 4 PM. For those desiring, contributions may be made in memory of Mary to Hospice Angels Foundation, visit on line at www.hospiceangelsfoundation.org



Margaret Louise Green Wetzbar

DATE OF PASSING: 3/1/2016

Class of 1943

Margaret Louise (Green) Wetzbar -- Jackson



Margaret, "Peggy" Louise Wertzbar of Jackson went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Allegiance Health at the age of 91. Margaret was the daughter of Vern and Claire P. (Brazee) Green, born September 21, 1924 in Grand Ledge, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Howard T. Wetzbar; her parents; sister, Ann Selden; two brothers and sisters-in law, Jack (Joann) Green and Bert (Dorothy) Green. She is survived by two sons, Michael (Marcia) Wertzbar and Gary (Linda) Wertzbar; five grandchildren, Jeff (Julie) Wertzbar, Chris (Jeannie) Wertzbar, Michelle Wertzbar, Scott Wertzbar (Tim Philiphart), and Brian (Kathy) Wertzbar; nine great-grandchildren; brother, David Green; brother-in-law, Richard Selden. Margaret was a graduate from Grand Ledge High School. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who loved spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed playing bingo, many games, riding snowmobiles, and Northern Michigan. A celebration of her life will be held at Watson Funeral Chapel in Jackson, Wednesday, March 9, at 11:00 a.m., Reverend Edward Ross officiating, interment Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge, MI at 3:00 p.m. Memorial contributions in memory of Margaret may be made to the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00.



Malcolm A. Halbert

DATE OF PASSING: 7/4/2018

Class of 1943

In memory of Malcolm A. Halbert, class of 1943, who passed away at the age of 92.

Mac was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Gladys Halbert; and his siblings, John "Jack" Halbert, Barbara Curtis, Ruth Halbert and Margaret Halbert..

Mac was born and grew up in Grand Ledge, graduating from Grand Ledge High School in 1943. After graduation, he immediately enlisted and served his country as a marine in World War II, fighting in the Pacific and receiving the purple heart.

After the war, Mac married Peggy in September 1946. He spent most of his work life as an All-state insurance agent before retiring in 1987.

Mac loved living and boating on Lake Charlevoix and watching sports, including Michigan State football and basketball, the Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers.

Mac is survived by his wife, Peggy Halbert; his 3 sons, Craig Halbert, William Halbert and Todd Halbert; 7 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge.

Visitation will be from noon until 2:00 p.m. on in the Funeral Home on Tuesday prior to the service.



Class of 1943

Dorothy May Hamilton Wessler

December 13, 1925 — May 17, 2022 (Aged 96)

Dorothy Wessler of Wacousta, passed away May 17, 2022, at the age of 96. Dorothy was born in Grand Ledge, MI on December 13, 1925, the daughter of Loyal Hamilton and Mabel Ruff. She worked at the Grand Ledge Public Schools for over 20 years. Dorothy was a long time member of Wacousta Community United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She was a past Matron of the Wacousta Eastern Star #133, board member of Watertown Township Cemetery Board and 4H leader. Dorothy was a proud farmer's wife and helped deliver Meals on Wheels for 20 years.

Dorothy is survived by her sons James Wessler and Paul (Linda) Wessler, daughter Linda (Edward) Faivor; 5 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents Loyal Hamilton and Mabel (Russell) Trinkle, husband of 71 years, Forest, daughter-in-law Freida Burke and aunt Mary Lawrence.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, 9180 W. Herbison Rd., Eagle, MI 48822. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wacousta Community

United Methodist Church Memorial Fund or to the Salvation Army. Dorothy will be laid to rest in Wacousta Cemetery with her husband Forest. The family is being served by the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be placed on her tribute wall at, www.millsfuneral.com.



Charlotte Marie Hough Clark

DATE OF PASSING: 2/9/1958

Class of 1943

Birth 17 Aug 1925

Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Death 9 Feb 1958 (aged 32)

Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Dorothy Howe

Class of 1943

Birth 1 Jul 1925
 Death 20 Jan 2014 (aged 88)
 Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
 Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
 Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1/20/2014



Dorothey passed away January 20, 2014. She was the daughter of Anna and Lee Howe. Dorothey lived in Grand ledge most of her life. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1943 and worked for the State of Michigan until she retired.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews and was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Barbara Murphy, and her niece Bobby Jo Hendy.

She was an independent, artistic and adventurous soul who taught her many nieces and nephews to seek out their own fun and adventure. She was famous for playing games of all kinds and taught more people to play cards than anyone-ever!!

Her trips to Vegas and Mt. Pleasant with her niece Bobby Jo were among her most favorite memories.

She loved wildlife, cats, dogs and gardening and took in many stray animals over her lifetime. She was quirky-she was smart-she was fun-she was outspoken- she was loved. She is happy with the angels!! We will miss you Dort!!

Funeral service was February 1st at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Inurnment took place In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society.

Arthur Luman Hunt

Class of 1943

Birth 8 Sep 1925
 Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
 Death 25 May 2009 (aged 83)
 Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
 Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
 Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 5/25/2009



Arthur L. Hunt -- Charlotte

Arthur L. Hunt, formerly of Grand Ledge, age 83, born September 8, 1925 in Lansing, MI, passed away May 25, 2009. Arthur was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, class of 1943; retired truck driver for Farm Bureau Petroleum, Standish-BayCity, former employee of Pryor Bros. Concrete Co.; a former member of the Bethany Baptist Church in Lake, MI and was an avid hunter. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude; 3 daughters: Carol (Leif) Carlson of Lansing, Susan (Larry) Weismiller and Linda (Marion) Taylor all of Charlotte, son Jeffrey Hunt of Petersburg, MI; 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 5 stepchildren. Memorial services will be held Monday, June 1, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at the Oneida Gospel Church, 3048 Strange Hwy., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, with Pastor Larry Schrauger officiating. The family will begin to receive friends one hour prior to services time. For those desiring, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Eaton Community Hospice in memory of Arthur Hunt. Online condolences may be made at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com. The family is being served by the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

Charles Edwin Imhoff

Class of 1943

Birth 1 Mar 1922 (USA)
 Death 31 Jan 2004 (aged 81)
 Barry County, Michigan, USA
 Burial: Woodlawn Cemetery
 Vermontville, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1/31/2004





Helen Elizabeth JONES Robison

November 19, 1925 — January 16, 2020 (Aged 94)



Helen Elizabeth Robison, age 94, passed to the Kingdom of Heaven Thursday January 16th at her Abbey Park home surrounded by family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Ivan and Emily Jones of Grand Ledge and by the love of her life, husband of 68 years, Robert (Robbie) Robison; and her son Bradley. She leaves to mourn her passing and celebrate her well lived life, sons David (Peggy) of Northville, Mark of Virginia Beach, grandchildren Corey (Sue) of Dallas Texas, Ryan (Susie) of Flower Mound, Texas; Amanda (Rob) of Rochester Hills with great grandchildren Grant, Pierce, Alexa, Drew, Kaitlin, Tyler, Lauren and Maddie. Helen will also be mourned by sister Millie Heslip of Northville, brother Dick Jones (Ann) of Grand Ledge, Judy Robison, Clinton, many nieces and nephews, and a host of special friends: Pat Gooch, Rosie Gregory, Jo Anne Jacob, Phyllis Burfess, and Lorraine Wiltz. A proud graduate of Albion College, Helen taught in the Linden and Flint school systems for many years. A serious bridge player, world traveler, marvelous dancer (with Jerry and Marsha assisting), and mediocre golfer, she made friends often and easily. Helen was a member for 60 plus years of First Presbyterian Church of Flint, and a recent congregant of the First Congregational Church of Grand Blanc. She was a life member of the Flint Golf Club, Alpha X Delta, The Mayflower Society, Ambassador Club, Sara's Circle, and the 2nd Monday Book Club. Helen lived a wonderful life, filled with an abiding sense of gratitude and characterized by kindness and a constant optimism.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at Brown Funeral Home, 1480 E. Hill Road, Grand Blanc on Friday January 24th at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior. Reverend Paul Ytterock officiating. Helen's ashes will be inurned at the family plot in Clinton, Michigan in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please make any donation to the First Presbyterian Church or the charity of your choice. Special thanks to the Abbey Park family and the sweet angels of Abbey's Medical Team and Med Team Hospice.



Arch Kane

Class of 1943

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: 2001



Dorothy Rose Matz Skillings

DATE OF PASSING: 12/1

Class of 1943

Dorothy Rose Matz Skillings -- Willow Springs, Illinois

Dorothy was born in Willow Springs, Illinois on October 17, 1925. Soon after, her parents Henry and Amelia Matz, moved to a small family farm on Bauer Road, near Wacousta, Michigan. There, during the Great Depression, Dorothy grew up with her 3 siblings, Walter, Lucille and I. She attended a one-room schoolhouse and Kebler Elementary School.



At age 15, Dorothy left the farm to attend Grand Ledge High School, while living and working as a hired girl in local households. She also worked in the local brick and chair factory, and assisted in the war effort by working at the General Motors factory, at that time manufacturing airplane engines.

Dorothy graduated high school in 1943 and then went off to college. She was the first Grand Ledge High School recipient of a scholarship from the University of Michigan Alumni Association. She lived in Stockwell Hall and various rooming houses in Ann Arbor with roommates who became lifelong friends. Dorothy graduated with a bachelor of science in June 1947 with a degree in Geology

from the School of Natural Resources.

The newly graduated geologist took a job with Shell Oil in Shreveport, Louisiana. She made fast friends with her female coworkers. On a blind date Dorothy met Walter W. Skillings, who was working as a mechanic for the Air Force while serving in the Army. After a whirlwind romance, they were married on March 31, 1951 at Barksdale Air Force Base.

The married couple moved to Ann Arbor so that Walt could go to college. He studied while working as a college driver or occasionally as chauffeur for the university president. Walt and Dorothy had a son in 1953, Jerry. After Walt graduated with a degree in sociology and metallurgy, the married couple moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for employment.

Walt worked in the open hearth at J&L Steel Company in Pittsburgh and became a supervisor. Two girls were born: Carol in 1959 and Laura in 1962. At this time, Dorothy became a homemaker. They raised their young family in Baldwinsville, a Pittsburgh suburb. Dorothy became active in the PTA, scouting, and helped to launch a new Head Start preschool.

Walt died in 1970, and Dorothy moved the family back to Lansing, Michigan. Here, she worked as a groundwater geologist for the Michigan Geological Survey Division in the Department of Natural Resources. During her career, she was instrumental in a number of projects, including the mapping of lakeshore sand dunes, developing a statewide map of geological land formations, and supervising the first compliance and enforcement unit in the Survey. Before her retirement in 1995, Dorothy made a point of mentoring young women working in the sciences, and encouraged a number of women to advance to senior level positions. Dorothy's accomplishments were honored by the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

Dorothy enjoyed a long and relaxing retirement. She completed several volumes of family genealogies, hand-knitted exquisite sweaters and vests, visited friends and family, and became an avid reader. She most enjoyed the company of her children, their spouses, and her grandchild.

Dorothy was an independent and self-sufficient woman who would always draw from her experiences of living on the farm during the depression. Because of this, she was able to fulfill her dreams of becoming a geologist. And, as a result, she came to value education and the pursuit of learning. She imparted these same values to her children, and supported them unconditionally with love and encouragement to achieve their dreams just as she realized her own.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Jerry (Abby Spector) Skillings, Carol (Tom Stanton) Skillings, and Laura (Tom) Skillings, her grandchild, Anna Skillings, and her brother Harold Matz. She is preceded in death by her sister, Lucille Beecher, and her brother, Walter Matz.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made on behalf of Dorothy to WKAR TV at the MSU campus in East Lansing or to the Capital Area Humane Society.



Raymond H. McConnell

DATE OF PASSING: 6/9/2017

Class of 1943

Raymond McConnell -- Belleair, Florida

Raymond H. McConnell, 92, of Belleair, Florida peacefully passed away June 9th, 2017 at his home, surrounded with love by his immediate family after a year long illness.

He was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan, February 5, 1925 to Lyle McConnell and Leah Craun McConnell. He was the oldest of four children. Sister Joan Francisco is still living in Ellenton, FL; Sister Karen Kay McCrumb passed in 1998, and his brother Michael Lynn McConnell died a few weeks after his birth. Raymond's loving wife of 59 years, Joan (Rogers) McConnell preceded him in death April 23, 2006.

Raymond and his wife, Joan, graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1943. Raymond was very active in High School Band and in Theater. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and received an Honorable Discharge in 1946 and was a Pharmacist Mate 2nd Class. Raymond married Joan Rogers on May 3, 1947, at St. Michaels Church in Grand Ledge.



Raymond started working for American Bank & Trust in 1947 as a Teller and retired in 1976 as Vice President and Comptroller of Administrative Services. He went to The University of Wisconsin and graduated from the NARAC School for Bank Auditors and Comptrollers in 1956. He then went to work for Bank of America in 1978 as Vice President and retired again in 1980.

After retiring from banking, Ray and Joan moved to Florida to the Clearwater Beach area and enjoyed walking the beach, shelling, playing tennis and Bridge. After 10 years of active retirement he went back to work part time at Michaels Pharmacy, and later at Walgreens, until he retired one last time at 87 years of age.

Raymond always loved fine dining, a dry martini, and a glass of white Zinfandel. In his later years, he enjoyed traveling to Jamaica, Ireland, and Spain/Portugal with his children.

Surviving him are his sister Joan Francisco, son David McConnell, daughter Marsha McConnell, and her husband Gary Staubach, as well as daughter Marijo Dippo and her husband Jim Dippo.

Raymond and Joan were very active with their grandchildren: Leslie (McConnell) Burton, Lisa (McConnell) Chandler, Kyle McConnell, Stacy (Guggemos) Mellor and Tamara (Guggemos) Garris. Raymond and Joan were also blessed with ten great grandchildren: Megan Burkhardt, Buddy Purucker, Candice (Purucker) Anthes, Kayden Chandler, Samuel Mellor, Chloe Mellor, Cooper Mellor, Maddox Garris, Davis Garris and Emma Grace Garris.

The family appreciates the services of Suncoast Hospice which allowed us to care for him at home with dignity. He will be kept in all our loving hearts for eternity and deeply missed.



Patricia Jean McLaughlin Reed

February 9, 1926 — March 1, 2021 (Aged 95)

Patricia Jean Reed, age 95 of Hastings, Michigan, passed away on March 1, 2021. She was born on February 9, 1926 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the daughter of Pliny and Lilia (Strope) McLaughlin.

Patricia graduated from Grand Ledge High School and attended Albion College. On March 23, 1947 Patricia married Richard Floyd Reed, and they enjoyed 68 years together until his death in 2015. She worked for JC Penney of Hastings and was an Office Manager for Dr. Spindler and Dr. Hawkins from where she retired.

Patricia enjoyed square dancing and she and Dick were members of the Ringo Swingo Square Dance Club for many years. They enjoyed traveling in their Winnebago and wintering in Florida for 25 years. She liked crafting and was the painter for many of her husband's wood carvings. Patricia was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her parents-in-law Floyd and Dora (Thompson) Reed.



She is survived by her children Judy (Terry) Keller of Hastings, David (Marilyn) Reed of Coloma, Nancy (Jim) Lentz of Leroy; grandchildren Brian (Cherie) Reed of St. Joseph, Jeffrey Reed of Anchorage, AK, Amber Jackson of Big Rapids, Canaan (Rebekah) Lentz of Garner, NC; great-grandchildren Ava and Quinn Reed, Arielle and Rory Jackson, Naia Reed, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Spectrum Health Hospice, 25 Michigan NE, Suite 4100; Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Cards to the family can be mailed to: 5556 Jenny Ct. Coloma MI 49038

A celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Girrbach Funeral Home. To leave an online condolence, visit www.girrbachfuneralhome.net.



Class of 1943

Earl L. Miller

February 20, 1926 — September 24, 2023 (Aged 97)

Earl L. Miller, age 97 of Lansing, passed away on September 24, 2023. He was born in Lansing, Michigan to Evah (Jones) and Glenn Miller on February 20, 1926. Earl graduated from Grand Ledge High School. Shortly after, Earl joined the Army and served from June 1944 – June 1946. He returned to work on the family farm in DeWitt, Michigan.

Earl started working for General Motors, Oldsmobile Division in 1953 in the crank shaft department. He worked there for 35 years, retiring in 1988.

Earl was set up on a blind date with Nancy Marvin and they were married on February 22, 1958. They were married for 63 years and blessed with three sons. Earl built the home they lived in for most of their married life.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, Evah and Glenn Miller; his wife, Nancy Miller; sister, Dawn Stevens; brother-in-law, Harold Stevens; brother-in-law, Duane Miller; and son, Glenn Miller.

Surviving family of Earl is sister, Dixie Miller of Lansing; daughter-in-law Amy Miller of Haslett; son, Carl (Gloria) Miller of Lowell; son, Greg (Nury) Miller of Lansing; 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Earl was an avid sports fan, who enjoyed studying the rules of the game and was even known to carry the rule book with him when attending so he could reference plays. When their sons were little, Earl helped coach several of their teams. Once grandchildren started playing, Earl was there from little league all the way through collegiate contests. Earl could often be found after the games talking with the officials to understand calls that were made in the games.

Earl was quite handy and had lots of tools, so he was called often by family and friends to help. He was always willing to do so.

Earl will be remembered for his sweet tooth, especially candy. He had candy stashed in kitchen cabinets, bedroom drawers, tool boxes, the garage and anywhere else he hung out. The grandchildren loved finding the candy he had stashed.

He has left his family with many great memories, funny stories and will be deeply missed. Earl's last months were spent at Robinwood Landing Memory Care where their staff along with hospice of Lansing gave him great care. The family thanks each and everyone who took care of him.



Viola J. Morse Noble

July 7, 1925 — October 26, 2017 (Aged 92)

Viola J. Noble (nee Morse), 92, beloved wife of the late John A. Noble; dear mother of John (Bonnie), William (Sharon) and Edna Anderson (George); grandmother of Jeff (Michelle), David (Sherri), Jennifer (Mike), Erin, Geordie (Stephanie), John, and Brittany; great-grandmother of Breanna, Braydon, Christian, and Graham; sister of the late Doris Boomer and Robert Morse. Passed away Thursday, October 26, 2017.

Memorial donations are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, 4500 Rockside Rd, Independence, OH 44131. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 2, 11:00am, at Strongsville United Methodist Church, 13500 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136. Friends may call at the Busch-Babitt Funeral Home, 9350 Ridge Rd., North Royalton, from 2-4 and 6-8pm, Wednesday. Burial at West Park Cemetery. www.buschcares.com 440-237-4569





Eleanor (Jane) "Peters" Baker

Class of 1943

Birth 5 Sep 1925
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 9 Jul 2013 (aged 87)
Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 7/9/2013



Eleanor Jane (Peters) Baker, 87, of Lansing, retired registered nurse, died July 9, 2013.

Jane was born on September 5, 1925 to Leslie & Florence (Bates) Peters. She was married to the late Dr. Thomas Court Baker. Eleanor was a resident of Grand Ledge, Michigan at the time of her passing.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held August 11, 2013 at Grace United Methodist Church in Lansing. Arrangements by Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



Velma Potter Kebler

Class of 1943

Birth 1925
Death unknown
Burial
North Eagle Cemetery
Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1/16/2009



Velma Leone Kebler -- Grand Ledge

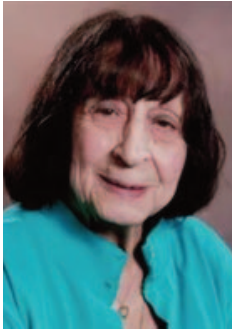
Velma L. Kebler, a very devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away Friday, January 16, 2009 in Lansing at the age of 83. Velma was predeceased by her husband, Donald, of 49 years, in 1992. She was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School Class of 1943 and attended the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Grand Ledge. After Velma's and Donald's retirement they enjoyed spending their summers at the Trails End in Gun Lake and wintering in Lakeland, Florida. She is survived by her 3 sons: Chuck (Bonnie) of St. Johns, Dave (Carol) and Steve, both of Grand Ledge; one daughter, Kathy Kebler of Coquille, OR; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; niece, Ann (Norm) Wightman of Dimondale; and nephew, Tom (Cindy) Potter of Charlotte. She was also predeceased by 2 brothers, Floyd (Alice) Potter, Mike (Dorothy) Potter, and her friend and companion, Gordon Dunn. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2009 - 2:00 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with the Rev. Troy Shaw officiating with interment will follow at the North Eagle Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday 2-4, 6-8 p.m. For those desiring, contributions may be made to the Hazel I. Findlay Nursing Home, 1101 S. Scott Road, St. Johns, Michigan 48879, in Memory of Velma L. Kebler. www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Lavidia A. Preston Cundiff

June 7, 1924 — April 11, 2021 (Aged 96)

Lavidia A. Preston Cundiff passed at her home April 11th surrounded by her loving family. Born June 7, 1924 in Grand Ledge to the late Joseph and Lucia (Belsito) Preston. Lavidia as the oldest living of 6 Preston children represents an end of an era for the Preston family. She was an icon to the city of Grand Ledge. For 96 years she loved this town, so many people knew her and were touched by her passion for life. Often people would be surprised that after only meeting her one time she would remember their name. She will be remembered for her wonderful positive attitude and great sense of humor. She lived life to the fullest, her energy and love for her family and friends was contagious.



She is survived by her son, Harold (Kimberly) Olds; step-daughter, Sheri (Ira) Weintraub; grandchildren, Matt (Karmin) Olds, Elizabeth (Josh) Grant and Tony (Maggie) Olds; great grandchildren, David, Jacob, Tommy, Kara, Charlie, Molly, Natalie, Gabe, Emma, Riley and Reagan; Lavidia was preceded in death by her husband, John in 2010, siblings, Anna Olds, Dorothy Sollid, Gina Simmons, Dilly Love and Victor Preston.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 11:00 am at St. Michael Catholic Church by The Reverend Father James Eisele. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 1-4:00 pm and 6-9:00 pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay

Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Covid protocols requiring masks, social distancing and capacity limitations will be observed at the funeral home and church. Memorial contributions in Lavidia's name may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906 .

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Zella Edith Putney Challender

Class of 1943

Birth 17 May 1925
Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 1 Jun 2008 (aged 83)
Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemeter
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 6/1/2008





Richard Floyd Reed

Class of 1943

Richard Floyd Reed -- Hastings

Richard Floyd Reed, age 89 of Hastings passed away Monday, August 31, 2015 at Pennock Hospital in Hastings. Dick was born November 12, 1925 in Grand Ledge, Michigan, the son of Floyd Owen and Dora Bothia (Thompson) Reed.

Dick attended Grand Ledge High School, graduating in 1943. He attained his BA in Dairy Management from Michigan State University.

Dick married Patricia McLaughlin on March 23, 1947 at the Methodist Church in Grand Ledge, Michigan. He honorably served in the U.S. Army from 1946 - 1948. In his earlier years Dick worked for the Farm Bureau Elevator in Hastings as manager, and later as an insurance salesman for Farm Bureau Insurance in Hastings until his retirement in 1985.

Dick served on the Barry County Fair Board for 12 years, both as president and treasurer. He was a long time member of the Hastings Kiwanis Club and served as president in 1976. Dick was also a member of the Ringo Swingo Square Dance Club and the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. Dick was an avid woodcarver and hunter and enjoyed traveling and wintering in Florida for the past 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents Floyd and Dora Reed, and brothers, Charles and Ronald Reed.

Dick is survived by his wife Patricia Reed of Hastings, children; Judy (Terry) Keller of Hastings, David (Marilyn) Reed of Coloma, MI, Nancy (James) Lentz of Leroy, MI, grandchildren: Brian (Cherie) Reed of Bluffton, SC, Jeffrey Reed of Seward, AK, Amber (Justin) Jackson of Paris, MI, Canaan (Rebekah) Lentz of Delray Beach, FL, great-grandchildren; Ava Reed, Quinn Reed, Arielle Jackson, and Rory Jackson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Commission on Aging in Hastings or a charity of ones choice.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 4, 2015 at 1:00 pm with a one hour visitation prior to service time (12:00 to 1:00) at the Girrback Funeral Home in Hastings. Dr. James Spindler will officiate the service.

DATE OF PASSING: 8/31/2015



Charles Willis Shane, Jr.

Class of 1943

Birth 25 Sep 1924
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 26 Dec 2008 (aged 84)
Cadillac, Wexford County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 12/26/2008



Charles Willis Shane, Jr. -- Cadillac, formerly of Grand Ledge

Charles Willis Shane Jr., Age 84, passed away Dec. 26, 2008. He was born Sept. 25, 1924 in Grand Ledge, MI to Charles and Edith (McConnell) Shane. He graduated from Grand Ledge H.S. and attended Olivet College and Elgin Watch Makers School. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Charles retired from American Bank & Trust and was formerly co-owner of L&S Jewelry in Lansing. Charles is survived by his loving family, Wife Fay (Dible), son Michael (Mary) of New Berlin, WI, daughter Debbie (Kevin) Dent of Cadillac, grandchildren, Lucas and Tana Dent, and Natalie Shane, brother Harold (Donna) Shane, brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by brother Gerald Shane. Funeral Services will be Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2008, 11:00am at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge, Dr. David Smith, Officiating, Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery Grand Ledge.

Visitation Monday 4-8pm. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association 30200 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 105 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or First Congregational United Church of Christ-Grand Ledge 210 W. Saginaw Hwy. Grand Ledge, MI 48837.



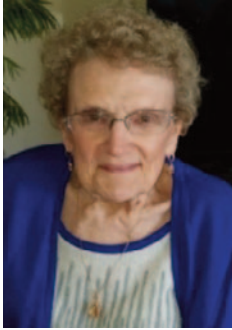
Florine A. Skiffington Wilson

December 28, 1925 -- April 25, 2020 (Aged 94)

Florine Alice Wilson passed away April 25, 2020 at the age of 94. Florine was born December 28, 1925 in Oakland, MI, daughter to Hugh and Florence (Rogers) Skiffington. She was retired from Ferndale Dairy and a member of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church. Florine was an avid reader; enjoyed traveling, and very much enjoyed spending time camping with her children.

Florine is survived by her children: David G. (Diane), Stephen J. (Jerilyn); Kevin M. (Robin), Kristin M. Maar, and Jonathon H. (Sheila), 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; brother, Ronald (Lilly) Skiffington; sister, Marilyn (Lee) Yates. She is predeceased by her parents; husband, George of 58 years; son-in-law, Alan Maar; daughter-in-law, Rene Wilson.

Out of respect and concern for public health and safety, the family has chosen to have a private funeral service on Thursday, April 30, 2020, 1:00 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Visitations from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 in memory of Florine Wilson. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Ronald Jean Skinner

Class of 1943

Birth 19 Aug 1925
Death 26 Nov 2017 (aged 92)
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Needmore Cemetery
Needmore, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 11/26/2017

Ronald Jean Skinner, age 92, passed away after a brief illness on November 26, 2017. Born August 19, 1925 on a farm in Roxand Township, he attended Watson School and graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1943. Ron worked as a farmer, Eaton County Sheriff's Department Deputy, realtor, and was also a Director for the Grand Ledge Produce Company. He enjoyed listening to the Detroit Tigers and Michigan State Spartans on the radio.

Ronald was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; sons, Gregory and Michael; parents, Lynn and Minnie (Hiesrodt); siblings, Marguerite, Ruth, Willard, Maxine, and Josephine. He is survived by sons, Tim (Maria) and Tom (Alisa); grandchildren, Allen (Teresa), Brook (Ross), Tyler, Chase (Autumn) and Andrea; great grandchildren, Zachary and Ellie; several nieces and nephews. Ronald was also especially fond of his little dog, Pee-wee.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, November 28, 2017 from 4:00-7:00 P.M. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, 406 N. Bridge Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Memorial contributions may be given to Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S Cochran Road, Charlotte, MI 48813 or Watson Restoration Project, Janet Merryfield, Treasurer, 10564 Boyer Road, Mulliken, Michigan 48861.



Richard C. Smith

Class of 1943

Birth 1925
Death 2001 (aged 75-76)
Burial
Wacousta Cemetery
Wacousta, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 2001





Joyce N. Snavely Burnett

Class of 1943

Joyce N. Burnett -- Marshall

DATE OF PASSING: 8/27/2018

Joyce N. Burnett, age 92, of Marshall, MI passed away Monday, August 27, 2018 at her home. She was born September 15, 1925 in Grand Ledge, MI the daughter of Ernest and Marjorie (Chaplin) Snavely. On January 11, 1946 Joyce married Howard Burnett and together had three children. They moved to Marshall in 1953 and resided there ever since. Joyce enjoyed knitting, puzzles, bingo, and bunco. Howard and Joyce enjoyed traveling. They square danced in Europe, traveled a couple times to Alaska, and went on several cruises. She is survived by, her loving husband, Howard of almost 73 years; children, Nancy (Robert) Swafford Willaert of Tekonsha, Alrene (Harry Lee Jr.) Predmore of Birmingham, AL, David (Diane) Burnett of Fostoria, OH; 10 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; half-sister, Linda Callahan. Joyce was preceded by her mother, Marjorie Snavely; brother, Ernest Snavely; and great-granddaughter, Maddie Lynn.

Family will receive friends at the Kempf Funeral & Cremation Services, Marshall on Friday, August 31, 2018 from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Funeral services will immediately follow at 2:00pm with Pastor Tom Townsend officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed to Talons Out Honor Flight. A private interment will be held at Fort Custer National Cemetery at a later date. Friends may send condolences or share a memory at kempffuneralhome.com.



Sidney Edward Weir

Class of 1943

Birth 26 Feb 1926
Elmdale, Ionia County, Michigan, USA
Death 12 Feb 2007 (aged 80)
Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 2/12/2007



Sidney Weir was born on February 26, 1926. He died on February 12, 2007 at 80 years old. We know that Sidney Weir had been residing in Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan.



Dale D. Wheaton

Class of 1943

Birth 7 Feb 1924
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 8 Dec 2012 (aged 88)
Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Wacousta Cemetery
Wacousta, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 12/8/2012



Dale D. Wheaton -- Eagle

Mr. Dale D. Wheaton, 88, born February 7, 1924 in Lansing, MI, passed away December 8, 2012 at his home. Dale was a retired dairy and crop farmer; veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Navy; graduate of Grand Ledge High School, class of 1943; a member of Farm Bureau, and enjoyed hunting. He is survived by his brother Garrett (Barbara) Wheaton of Mason, nephews James and Bruce Wheaton, niece Patricia Wheaton, nine great nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held Saturday, December 15, 2012 - 1:00 p.m. at the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, 9180 Herbison Rd., Eagle, MI 48822, with Rev Lyle Heaton officiating. The family invites friends and family back to the church for refreshments and a time of remembrance after inurnment at Wacousta Cemetery, Watertown Twp., Clinton Co. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the McLaren Hospice. Online condolences may be shared at www.peter-sandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Virginia Wickerham Merrill

Class of 1943

Birth 1926
Death 1978 (aged 51–52)
Burial
Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1978



Shirley Jean Woodworth Towns

Class of 1943

DATE OF PASSING: 8/31/2013

Shirley Jean Towns, age 88, of Holt and formerly of Eaton Rapids, died Saturday, August 31, 2013. Born in Benton Township on June 6, 1925, the daughter of Harold and Jennie (Hotaling) Woodworth. Shirley was a Grand Ledge High School graduate, class of 1943. She had retired as a clerk for the Barry County Extension office in Hastings. She lived and raised her family in Hastings until 1993, then moved to Eaton Rapids. In 2011, she moved to Great Lakes Christian Homes in Holt.

She enjoyed playing cards with her friends, traveling and spending time with her family. Preceding her in death in 2007 was her husband of 63 years, Robert Towns.

Surviving are her two children, Lynn (Sharon Plavnick) Towns of Holt and Marsha (Ken) Nicholas of Eaton Rapids; six grandchildren, Laura (Jeffrey) Spradlin of El Dorado, KS, Jason Towns of Ciudad Barrios, El Salvador, Joshua Towns of Woodway, TX, Arin Starr of Rochester Hills, Bethany (Ruben) Pena of Wyoming, Caryn (Ben) Hatler of St. Johns; eight great grandchildren, Benny Bowden of Emporia, KS, Katie (Steeler Simpson) Bowden of Belton, TX, Suzannah Bowden of Moody, TX, Emeline and Lila Pearl Spradlin of El Dorado, TX, Brandon, Henry and Cynthia Towns all of Ciudad Barrios, El Salvador; one great great grandchild, Easton Simpson of Belton, TX.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with Chaplin George Stehle of Great Lakes Christian Homes, officiating. Burial followed in the Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids.



For those desiring, memorial gifts may be made to the Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society. For online condolences go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com.