



# THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1963

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## **Roger Lee Aungst**

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Roger Lee Aungst  
(5/15/1945 -- 9/30/2013)

**DATE OF PASSING: 9/30/2013**

Roger Lee Aungst, 68, loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, passed away September 30, 2013. He was born May 15, 1945 in Lansing, MI, son of Bona and Elizabeth (Moes) Aungst. Roger was retired after 35 years of service with General Motors, and worked part-time for Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Survived by his wife, Margo and their daughters Marcy L. (Aaron) Baker and Marnee L. (Tim) McClung, and grandchildren Raegan and Merritt Baker, Gerald and Tessa McClung.

A Memorial service will be held Monday, October 7, 2013 - 11:00 a.m. at the Grand Ledge Baptist Church, 1120 W. Willow, Grand Ledge. The family will receive family and friends Sunday, October 6th from 4-8 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, 301 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge.



## **Wayne A. Beech**

**February 2, 1945 -- April 19, 2000 (Aged 55)**

Wayne A. Beech, 55, of Grand Ledge died April 19, 2000, at Lansing.

He was born in Lansing February 2, 1945, son of Vernon H. and Eudora (Parsons) Beech. Mr. Beech was a retired employee of Fisher Body Company, having worked 30 years. He was a member of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, a car collector, and he enjoyed fishing and gardening.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, Penny Sue; son, Kevin Wayne (Marsha) Beech of Grand Ledge; grandson, Kyle Wayne Beech; brother Rodney (Katherine) Beech of Bath; sisters, Janet (Marland) Preston of Nokomis, FL, and Marlene (J.R.) Lodholtz of Grand Ledge; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held April 24, 2000 at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge, with Rev. W.J. "Bill" Amundsen of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church officiating. Internment followed at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge.

Contributions were made to the Michigan Heart Association.



## **Richard L. Boyer**

**March 5, 1944 -- October 10, 2009 (Aged 65)**

Richard L. Boyer, age 65, born March 5, 1944 in South Haven, MI, passed away at his home on October 10, 2009. Dick was a retired employee of General Motors and worked at Ledge Meadows. He was very active with AA; was an avid fisherman, golfer, and enjoyed the outdoors. Survivors include his daughters: Michelle L. (Darryl) Boyer-Matthews of Lansing, Christine A. (Andrew) Spagnuolo of Lansing and Lisa L. Boyer of Muskegon; 5 grandchildren, brother David L.

(Kathy) Boyer of St. Johns and sister, Melissa J. Doten of Mason. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Mary (Ross) Boyer and brother John "Jack" Boyer. Memorial services will be held Thursday, October 15, 2009 - 2:00 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

The family will begin to receive friends one hour prior to service time. For those desiring, contributions made to the Alcoholics Anonymous will be greatly appreciated. Online condolences were made at [www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com).



## **Theodore A. Buehler**

**DATE OF PASSING: 1/11/2012**

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Theodore A. Buehler  
(10/ 8/1945 -- 1/11/2012)

Theodore “Ted” A. Buehler, age 66, peacefully passed away January 11, 2012 in Eaton Township, Eaton County, Michigan following a brief, courageous battle with cancer. He was born October 8, 1945 in Lansing, MI, son of Theodore “Lester” and Vera (West) Buehler. Ted was a retired electrician of IBEW 665 and a life long Grand Ledge farmer who raised Black Angus cattle and cherished his Allis-Chalmers tractors. Prior to joining the IBEW, he also enjoyed a successful career with Newmann Communications and City Animation. Theodore A. Buehler (10/ 8/1945 -- 1/11/2012)

In addition to his devoted love for his family, an extensive network of friends, neighbors and co-workers will always remember Ted for his selfless generosity in lending a hand whenever needed, amazing woodworking craftsmanship, fun-filled storytelling, gentle teasing and the twinkle in his eye and mischievous smile he had whenever he was pulling someone’s leg. He will be greatly missed and he is survived by his daughter Debra J. (Richard) Auge-Pochert of Grand Ledge; son Theodore M. (Jennifer) Buehler of Mesa, AZ; fiancé Sue Deer-Hall of Grand Ledge; 5 grandchildren (Aaron, Ethan, Lauren, Luke and Drew), 2 step-grandchildren (Conner and Alejandra); mother-in-law Shirley Ellsworth of Lansing; sisters-in-law Shirley (Duane) Hall of Mason and Marcia (Larry) Hicks of Florida. He is predeceased by his loving wife of over 40 years, Pamela, parents, and sister Marilyn Buehler. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m. at Oneida Gospel Church, 3048 Strange Highway, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Prior to the memorial service, a visitation will be held at Peters and Murray Funeral Home <http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com> in Grand Ledge on Wednesday, January 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be given to the Eaton Community Hospice or Oneida Gospel Church.



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## **William Arthur Burcham**

**November 24, 1944 — March 20, 2024 (Aged 79)**

William A. Burcham, age 79, passed away Wednesday afternoon, March 20, 2024, surrounded by his family. He is resting in peace now, no more suffering. Bill graduated from Grand Ledge High School class of 1963. He was the son of the late Harold and Nellie (Meshinsky) Burcham.

Bill is survived by his partner, Susan (Green) Sasse; son, Derek (Erin) Burcham; daughter, Stacy (Nate) Parker; grandchildren: Killian, Tyler, Erin, and Cierra Burcham; Sean, Adam, Ethan, and Casie Parker; step-grandchildren: Madison and Alexandria McLain; brother, Robert Burcham; sister, Donna Holdridge; many nieces and nephews.

Bill excelled in baseball, throwing two no hitters back to back when he was a sophomore in high school. He was very proud to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Bill was in the car sales business for over 50 years and received many awards for his excellence.

He loved his grandchildren and enjoyed watching them play sports. He also loved to travel and enjoyed going to the casino.

Bill will be greatly missed by family and friends, especially by Bella and Lizzy the family pups.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, 301 E. Jefferson St, Grand Ledge, MI from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. with the Rosary prayer at 3:30 p.m. with Rev. Fr. James Eisele. Interment will follow at Danby Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in loving memory of Bill Burcham to the Grand Ledge Baseball Club, P.O. BOX 15 Grand Ledge, MI 48837. For online condolences please visit [www.millsfuneral.com](http://www.millsfuneral.com)



## Susan Ruth BUTLER Brandt

**January 22, 1945 -- January 20, 2012 (Aged 66)**

Susan Ruth Brandt, 66, of Potterville, passed away January 20, 2012. Sue was born January 22, 1945, in Lansing, MI, the daughter of Cecil and Agnes (Davidson) Butler.

Sue graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1963 and worked for A.E. Hoover in Charlotte for 16 years. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene of Potterville and had been actively involved with Friends of the Library in Potterville for many years.

Sue spent many hours volunteering her time and service to the community and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, John Brandt; her two sons, John (Melissa) Brandt Jr. of Portland and Tony (Tina) Brandt of Charlotte; grandchildren Brianna, Auston and Haydin Brandt; and brother David Butler of Charlotte. She is preceded in death by her brother Allen Butler, sister Eileen Stevens, and her mother Agnes Butler. The family will receive guests on Monday, January 23, 2012, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte.

Memorial donations may be made to Eaton Community Hospice House. Online condolences may be made at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com).



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## Daniel Neal Cline

**July 6, 1943 — December 18, 2022 (Aged 79)**

Daniel Neal Cline of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away December 18, 2022 at the age of 79. Dan was born in Lansing on July 6, 1943, son of Chester and Barbara (Abel) Cline. Dan was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School class of 1963, where he was a standout student athlete in both the wrestling and football programs who set local and state records that endured for many years. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, completing three tours of duty during the Vietnam War.

After returning home, Dan spent 26 years at Grand Ledge Tire, rising swiftly to become the company's top mechanic, highly regarded in the community for his repair skills and straightforward trustworthiness. His career there concluded when Dan contended with the autoimmune disorder Dermatomyositis, though he ultimately became a literal textbook example of successfully living with and managing the condition. Remaining a fixture in the Grand Ledge community, he spent the past two decades as a parts truck driver for Sundance Chevrolet. Dan also enjoyed many decades as semi-professional, competitive fisherman, amassing a wall full of tournament trophies across the



Midwest.

Dan is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Nancy (Richard) Cline; son, Scott (Cynthia) Huver; sisters, Judy Haueter and Nancy O'Brien. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Janet (Robert) Haueter; brothers-in-law, Larry Haueter and "Butch" Bruce Dickerson.

No services will be held at this time. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in loving memory of Daniel to the Capital Area Humane Society. The family has entrusted arrangements to Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be placed at [www.millsfuneral.com](http://www.millsfuneral.com).



## **Joseph E. Cody**

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**DATE OF PASSING: 8/14/2014**

Joe Cody  
(2/12/1945 – 8/14/2014)

Joseph E. Cody, (69), passed away suddenly August 14, 2014 in Lansing, MI. He was born February 12, 1945, in Lansing, son of Edward and Ursal (Wilcox) Cody. Joe was retired from Cameron Tool & Die; a member of Beginning Experience, and avid MSU and Grand Ledge Sports fan, and reader. His absolute joy was his grandchildren, watching them play their sports.

Survivors include his mother, Ursal, daughters Mitzie (Mike) Ward and Veronica "Vicki" (Kenneth) Macsay; four grand children: Jacob and Travis Ward, Emmery and Lauren Macsay; two sisters Marian (Charles) Hershelman and Lorrene Cody; brother Jerold (Sherrill) Cody; sisters-in-law, Sonnie Cody and Betty Cody; Aunt Margaret Warder, Uncle Harold Cody, many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, two brothers, James and Lawrence, and brother-in-law James Garner. A memorial Service was held Monday, August 18, 2014 at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge, with Reverend Julie Cribley officiating.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Muscular Dystrophy Association or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Online condolences may be shared at [www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com).



## **Richard "Marc" Cory**

**February 13, 1945 — March 8, 2021 (Aged 76)**

Lansing - Richard "Marc" Cory, 76, died March 8, 2021 at Sparrow Hospital from pneumonia and kidney failure following many years of health complications. He was born in Los Angeles, CA on February 13, 1945. The family moved to Wacousta, MI in 1947. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1963.

Marc began his lifelong love for education, politics, poetry, and philosophy at Lansing Community College, transferring to Shimer College and earning his Bachelor's in Social Science in 1967. He enlisted in the Teacher Corps in 1967 and was sent to Sumpter, SC where he taught preschool, 4th Grade, and some college courses. He completed his Master's Degree in Education at South Carolina State College in 1969. During that time he became very involved in the civil rights movement and participated in numerous protests and marches, including the march with Rev. Abernathy in Charleston, SC in the spring of 1968.

He returned to Michigan and began his 30 year career with the Lansing School District. Marc was the director of ESEA Title 1, an Associate Superintendent, Principal of Allen Street School, and retired as a Central Office Administrator in 2000. He met so many amazing fellow educators and lifelong friends during his time with the district. He impacted the lives of countless students and is remembered for his smile, laugh, terrible jokes, great dance moves, and fierce advocacy of

the "underdog".

Marc is survived by the love of his life, wife Avis, daughter Jesse (Ed) Besonen, sister Margo Cory, step-daughter Carrie (Todd) Watts, nephew Patrick Huhn (Michie Sebree), niece Kristin (Charles) Vaillant, nephew Joe (Vanessa) Huhn, two granddaughters, two step grandsons, 6 great nieces and nephews, and many close friends he considered an extension of his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, Vercil and Lois Cory.

A celebration of Marc's life will be held at a later date. Donations honoring his legacy can be made to the Allen Street Community Center - [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=FKC3N8UZKK8BS](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=FKC3N8UZKK8BS) and/or The Southern Poverty Law Center - <https://donate.splcenter.org/>

The family would like to thank the staff at Sparrow Hospital for their compassionate care throughout this difficult time. Special thanks to Dr. David Neff who was both his doctor and friend, and his nurse and partner in crime, Shirley.





## **Barry Cushing**

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Barry Cushing  
(7/6/1945 – 3/1/2005)

**DATE OF PASSING: 3/1/2005**

Our loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed from this life to the next on March 1, 2005 after a courageous 4 year battle with cancer. He lived life to the fullest with no regrets. Born July 6, 1945 in Lansing, Michigan to William and Abigail Cushing. Barry graduated with honors from Grand Ledge High School. He attended Michigan State University, obtaining his Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Accounting with high honors in 1966, and his Ph.D. In Accounting in 1969. He married Cherry Lee Barker, on June 25, 1966. Barry celebrated his life by traveling around the world with his family. He showed his passion for being a Professor by authoring numerous textbooks and research articles: Barry received various national and University Awards recognizing the excellence of his research and teaching contributions. Preceded in death by his parents. Survived by wife Cherry Lee, children Dennis (Kristin), Becky, Christy, Andy, grandchildren Travis, Kady, and Camden. Also survived by his brothers Eldon (Maxine) and William (Marion).



## **Ellen M. DAVIS Smith**

**October 12, 1944 -- May 31, 1999 (Aged 54)**

Ellen M. Smith, 54, of Mulliken, died Monday morning, May 31, 1999 at a Lansing hospital following a long illness.

Mrs. Smith was born October 12, 1944 in Charlotte, a daughter of Warren W. and Esther T. (McCormack) Davis. She was a volunteer at Sparrow Hospital, neo-natal unit for 13 years, active in 4-H and a great supporter of Grand Ledge High School Band functions.

Surviving are her husband, Larry, two sons, Ryan of Mulliken and Wade and his fiancée, Brie Minshall of West Lafayette, Indiana, one brother, Marvin Davis of Mulliken and a half-brother, Don Branberg of Higgins Lake.

Services were held at Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken, with Pastor Don Woolum of the Mulliken United Methodist Church officiating. Internment was in Meadowbrook Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Foster, Milton Foster, Jr., Rodger Foster, David Hollister, John McCormack and Andrew Wallace.



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## **William James Elliott**

**August 31, 1945 — September 15, 2023 (Aged 78)**

William James Elliott lifelong Grand Ledge resident passed away September 15, 2023. Bill was born August 31, 1945 in Grand Ledge to the late Wayne and Cornelia (Belen) Elliott. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in the Class of 1963 and went on to serve in the Michigan Army National Guard. Bill attended Lansing Community College and received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from MSU. He worked for several companies in the Lansing area including, Franchino Mold and Engineering in Grand Ledge. Bill loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Yvonne "Bonnie" (Muniz); sons, Shawn (Amy) Elliott and Scott (Gina) Elliott; grandchildren, Gavin, Conner, Ethan, Makayla (Juan) Gussoni and Jacob; great granddaughter, Kaitlyn. Bill was preceded in death by his sister, Joyce Reese.

A service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers or contributions, plant a tree in memory of Bill. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home,

Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)





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## **Vivian Lee Eschtruth Buschbacher**

**July 4, 1945 — May 28, 2023 (Aged 77)**



Vivian Lee Buschbacher (Eschtruth), 77, of Roscommon, MI, went home to the Lord on Sunday, May 28, 2023. She was born on July 4, 1945, in Lansing, MI, daughter of the late Frank and Miriam (Forman) Eschtruth. Vivian married Michael on August 3, 1968, and together they raised a beautiful family together. She worked as a Special Education Teacher for over 40 years at Tuscola Intermediate School District, was a member of the Fairgrove United Methodist Church, and their women's group. Her hobbies included reading, puzzles, playing games, baking her delicious pies, and spending time with family. Vivian also supported students in the Special Olympics.

Vivian had a deep belief in her Christian faith, and how her work and life were a constant testimonial of serving others with Christian love. Her life gives us all an example of living in Christ. As Wesley said "I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England".

She will be remembered for her loving generosity, selflessness, and always helping others. She lived by the motto of "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can".

Vivian was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt, she is survived by her husband, Michael Buschbacher; her two sons, Matthew (Mary Jo) and Mark (Amanda); grandchildren: Sadie (Danny), Jolene, Aidan, Simeon, Leo, Johanna, Elessa, Robert (Asayo), and Zach (Ki Lee); great grandchildren: Xotchil, Ami, and Ana; sister, Dr. Paula Eschtruth of Salem, OR and brother, Walt Eschtruth of Grand Ledge, MI. She is preceded in death by her parents, sister-in-law Ann Eschtruth, and brother-in-law John Finney.

A Funeral Service will be held, Wednesday, May 31, 2023 11:00 a.m. at the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., Grand Ledge MI 4887 with a visitation one hour prior to the service; interment to be at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge, MI. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in loving memory of Vivian to the Doctors Without Borders, 40 Rector St., 16th Floor, New York, NY 10006. The family is being served by the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be placed at [www.millsfuneral.com](http://www.millsfuneral.com).





## **Carole Ann FINSTROM Vanetten**

**April 29, 1945 -- May 31, 2019 (Aged 74)**

Carole Ann Vanetten of Grand Ledge passed away May 31, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Carole was a devoted mom, grandmother, sister and friend that will be missed by the many lives she touched. She was born April 29, 1945 in Riverside, California to the late Hartley C. and Delphine L. (Englehardt) Finstrom. She was a Grand Ledge High School graduate Class of 1963 and retired as an Administrative Assistant for the Michigan Catholic Conference. Carole was creative and enjoyed crafts and crocheting. She also enjoyed taking casino trips, bowling, golfing and babysitting her grandkids as they were growing up.

She is survived by daughters, Tammy (Darren) Musolff and Sabrina (Riadh) Belaid; grandchildren, Michael, Ranold, Donovan, Caden, Amir, Fares, Yassine and Rayen; sister, Hilda Finstrom along with niece Mikjell Shaw and nephew, Scott Houseman. She was preceded in death by sister, Linda Houseman and brother, Hartley Finstrom.



A funeral service will be held Thursday, June 6, 2019, 12:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Pastor Lori O'Dea of Grand Ledge New Life Assembly of God, officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be given to Sisters of Mercy, West Midwest, 7262 Mercy Road, Omaha, Nebraska 68124 ( <https://www.sistersofmercy.org/west-midwest/donate/>) or the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906 [www.palmerbush.com](http://www.palmerbush.com).



# Carol FRIEDMAN Lichtenberg

**September 16, 1945 -- March 16, 1993 (Aged 47)**

Hello classmates, my name is Elliott H. Lichtenberg and I am or was Carol Sue Friedman Lichtenberg's husband. Prior to 1967 I know very little of her life except that whenever she left Grand Ledge she moved to Chicago and lived with her sister, Joann (Joey), worked, and went to school. At some point she moved to Los Angeles and lived for a while with her mother's brother, Uncle Ray and Aunt Sydel. Then in August 1967 she met me and everything changed for both of us forever. Carol Sue lived in LA and I was stationed, I was in the Navy, aboard a submarine repair ship in San Diego; therefore, I would drive up to LA as many weekends as I could get off to see her. By New Years I had orders to Guam and another ship and I did not want to go alone. So I asked her to marry me.

Nothing with us was ever normal. We gave our parents four weeks to prepare a wedding. Following the wedding, February 11, 1968, I went to Guam and Carol went home while we waited the six months it took for base housing on Guam. During that time Carol was either with her family in Grand Ledge or with my family in Indianapolis. Once I got housing, Carol made the long trip to Guam and that's where we started our life together. Being that far from home is a great way to start a marriage. You cannot run home to mommy, you cannot just pick up the phone and call mommy (not at \$4.00 per minute), it's the kind of place that would either strengthen or break a new marriage. We survived an 18 month tour on Guam, by the way Guam is only 30 miles long and 7 miles wide for a total of 205 square miles. It took 3 hours to drive around the perimeter of the island at 35 miles hour. We were there from 1968 thru 1970.

From Guam I was transferred to Instructor Duty at the Navy's Guided Missile School. Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Carol was a stay at home as a housewife until 1971 when she became pregnant. In May 1972 our son David was born. Our tour in Virginia Beach ended in the spring of 1974. During those four years in Virginia Beach Carol ran our home and raised our son, David. From Virginia Beach we were transferred to the Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tenn for training as a management trainer and consultant prior to transfer to the Philippines. Again Carol played housewife. From Memphis, we were off to Human Resource Management Detachment, Subic Bay Naval Base, Republic of the Philippines. This time housing was available almost immediately. The interesting thing about being station in Subic was the hiring of help. Carol hired a housekeeper (a maid), who did everything from cleaning the house, cooking the food, washing the clothing, and caring for our son. She also hired a seamstress, who makes Carol's clothing (our machine and material); and I hired a gardener (a yard boy), who took care of all of the landscaping. Salaries: maid - \$30.00/month plus room and board, the gardener - \$3.00/day plus lunch, and the seamstress - \$3.00/day plus lunch. Our two year tour was extended to four years in total. During that time Carol worked for the Navy Exchange Retail System in the Security Department. We also had time to take several trip. We traveled twice to Korea and once to Taiwan. These trips were not sightseeing, they were shopping trips. The best statement for any tour to that part of the world "I went broke saving money". This statement is designed to explain the concept of shopping overseas. You see something in the foreign country, you like it, but you really don't have the money, and then you realize how much it would cost you back in the real world (USA) and the next thing you know your buying it.

When my tour was finally up we were transferred back to Virginia Beach, Virginia with a short two month stop in Gulfport, Miss for school first. This time I was changing career, I was becoming a Chaplains Assistant or a church administrator. Once we got to Virginia Beach, I was assigned to the Fleet Chaplain's Office, the most senior chaplain on the entire east coast and within the entire atlantic fleet. By chain of command. Any chaplain going up the chain its the Fleet Chaplain, the Chief of Chaplains, and the God. Anyway, Carol found work with a temporary employment agency as an agent. She was very good at finding people temporary jobs. She continued to do that work until I decided to retire from the Navy, 20 years was enough. There comes a morning when you wake up and say to yourself I've had it and its time to get out. You will also notice that we had only one child, our son David. Early on, we made the decision that we would have only one child if that was all we could afford. We had seen to many friends, in the Navy, that one or two days before payday were eating catsup sandwiches because that was all they could afford. June 30, 1983 ended my Navy career and Carol, David and I packed up and drove to San Diego.

While we were living in the Philippines, Carol's parents retired, sold Rudy's and moved to Palm Springs, CA. Unfortunately, Kay did not do well in Palm Springs in the summer, the triple digits did not work. So every summer she and Dad would move to LA or San Diego for the summer. Before long they decided to sell the house in Palm Springs and move to San Diego. They bought a condo in a high rise on Coronado in San Diego in the same building as Orville Redenbacher, the popcorn man.

Carol wanted to live near her parents, as we had never been stationed anywhere near them during the past 15 years. So why not! So off to San Diego we went. Carol's parents purchased a house which we rented for several years and then purchased. During our first years in San Diego Carol stayed home and spent time with our son, David. They went to the San Diego Zoo and San Diego Sea World, both places having season passes affording them multiple visits. Since David was enrolled in our Temple's day school Carol would pick him up each day and then many a day they would head over to the Zoo or Sea World for a field trip. Either park was less then 15 minutes from David's school. After awhile Carol decided to go to work and she found a job at our Temple. Carol became the Admin Assistant to the Associate Rabbi. The Rabbi was a woman which Carol thought was great, sort of fit her feminist attitude. Besides being the admin assistant, Carol was also the Bar Mitzvah Coordinator for the Temple. It was her job to schedule all Bar Mitzvah's for temple members and to ensure that each child was enrolled in a training program for their Bar Mitzvah. Carol held those positions until 1982, when the Rabbi left the Temple and Carol's position was eliminated.

Carol stayed home while deciding what to do next when it happened. It was March 16, 1993 and we had just finished dinner when Carol said her back hurt and she was going upstairs to lay down. As she walk up the stairs, she collapsed, holding in my arms, David called 911, and I saw her eyes glaze over and her lips turn blue. When the paramedics arrived they had a heartbeat but no pulse. While no one said it, I think she ruptured a artery. I think she died in my arms at home although officially she died at the hospital.

In conclusion Carol Sue Friedman Lichtenberg; born 16 Sept, 1945; died 16 Mar 1993; Born in Grand Ledge, Mich; Died in San Diego, CA; survived by husband: Elli.

Provided by Elliott H. Lichtenberg



## **Barry Garlock**

### **Class of 1963**

Barry Garlock  
(5/16/1945 – 1/4/1993)

**DATE OF PASSING: 1/4/1993**

Age 47, passed away January 4, 1993 at a Lansing hospital. He was an employee of the Motor Wheel Corporation with 30 years of service; graduate of the Grand Ledge High School class of 1963; and pit crew member for his nephew, Chip Garlock, driver of racing car #28. Survivors include his wife, Janeen; 2 sons and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey Kurt and Ronda Garlock of St. Johns, Mark Wayne Garlock of Grand Ledge; 1 step-daughter, Heather Reeg of DeWitt; 1 grandson, Cody Lee Garlock; 3 brothers and sisters-in-law, Lester B. and Sue Garlock and Lloyd B. and Barbara Garlock, all of DeWitt, Clark and Betty Garlock of Gunnison, UT; mother-in-law, Mrs. Eugenia Sadler of Holly, MI; 1 niece, Tanya Garlock, 1 nephew, Chip Garlock. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Bonnie Garlock. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 7, 1993 at Peters and Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge. Contributions were made to the American Heart Association.



## **David R. Gilbert**

**November 28, 1945 -- April 11, 2002 (Aged 56)**

David R. Gilbert, 56, of Pleasanton, California, died April 11, 2002 after having open heart surgery in California.

He was born November 28, 1945 to Ashley and Dorrene (Bills) Gilbert in Lansing, Michigan. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School and attended Michigan Technological University before transferring to Michigan State University where he received his BA in Nuclear Physics.

After graduation Dave went to the Brookhaven National Laboratory for High Energy Nuclear Physics in Long Island, New York. Dave continued his education by receiving his MA from the University of Iowa and went on to teach there for a year. Dave received his PhD. from Virginia Tech at Blacksburg and followed up with post doctoral work at the University of Toronto.

Dave worked in the nuclear physics field for Lockheed Aerospace in California and Washington DC on various government projects. Dave's last job was setting up a new division of Lockheed at Scottsdale, Arizona where he was the Senior Engineer Manager and Leader of the Reconnaissance Ground Station that supports the U.T. Stations. Dave is survived by his wife Linda (Fox) Gilbert and two sons in Scottsdale, Arizona. Brother, Rick (Sandy) Gilbert of Grand Ledge; and Mother Dorrene Gilbert of Grand Ledge. He was preceded in death by his father.

A celebration of life was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2002 in Pleasanton, California and a grave side service on Saturday, April 20, 2002 at Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge with family and friends in attendance.



## **John Hugh Goff**

**August 31, 1945 — May 16, 2005 (Aged 59)**

John Hugh Goff, 59, of Bellevue, died May 16, 2005 at home at Tri-Lakes Campground, Marshall. He was born August 31, 1945 to George and Betty (Brainard) Goff in Charlotte. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School and received a B.A. in Engineering from Ferris State University.

John worked at Kellogg's as a mechanical engineer for 23 years, retiring in 1998. John married Carolyn Fox on March 13, 1965 in Eaton Rapids. She survives. Also are sons, Michael (Renee) Goff of Vienna, Virginia and Timothy (Mary Beth) Goff of Battle Creek; four grandchildren; brother, Thomas (Renee) Goff of Jackson; sisters, Peggy (Clare) Roth of Eagle, Michigan, Sue Goff of Portland, and Kathleen (Michael) Shafer of Dudley, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents.

John was a member of the Bellevue Lions Club and a former member of Harper Creek Optimists. He was an avid golfer and a history buff, especially World War II.



# **Thomas "Mike" Michael Green**

**DATE OF PASSING: 9/25/2018**

## **Class of 1963**

Thomas "Mike" M. Green, age 73 of Lake, passed away Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at the North Woods Nursing Center in Farwell. Mike was born the son of Glenn and Shirley (Thomas) Green on December 22, 1944 in Lansing. He faced many health challenges in his early days and continued that fight to the very end of his life, delaying the inevitable as long as he could. In his youth his family spent many summer weekends at the old cabin located near Lake George. On August 5, 1972 he married Nancy Snyder, who predeceased him on December 8, 2009. Mike then was united in marriage to Sue E. Walters on January 4, 2014.

He had worked for MDOT first as a Technician before transitioning over to the Real Estate Division. During the middle of his MDOT career he was instrumental in the establishment of a union to assist his fellow coworkers in their efforts to have better working conditions and more consistent rules. The skills that Mike learned while working for the MDOT Real Estate Division would help him realize his passion for the Real Estate business. Mike moved full time from the Charlotte/Lansing area in 1996. He became a partner and co-owner of Fairchild and Green Real Estate in Lake George that same year; having recently sold his business in December of 2017.

Mike had a competitive spirit and strived to be the best at any of his endeavors, whether working, hunting, fishing, playing softball, golfing or just plain playing. He loved playing cards, especially Euchre and Cribbage. He enjoyed the hunting excursions usually at the family's property near Lake George with his late cousin Roger and his cousin Dave, brother James and everyone else that wanted to tag along. During one of those excursions while helping his father to his shanty, Mike's dad Glenn was stricken with a massive heart attack. Although Mike tried desperately to save him, Glenn was beyond help according to the Doctors. Following his father's passing Mike was solidly devoted to his mother. He would call her almost every day and frequently stop in to check on her to see if she needed anything.

Mike was very civic minded and gave of his time and talents to the Lincoln Twp. Fire Department. He served on the Fire Department for 2000 to 2010, having risen in the department to become a Lieutenant and Training Officer. Mike enjoyed traveling; he and Sue enjoyed visiting Florida as often as they could. Mike will be remembered most for his never give up attitude.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; son Douglas (Jenny) Green of Battle Creek; his mother Shirley Green of Charlotte; a brother James (Susan Anderson) Green of Grand Ledge; his grandchildren Brendan and Kailin. Also surviving are Douglas' mother, Sherry Ritchie Green of Bellevue; Sue's daughter Kelly (Eric) Cotton and their sons Avery and Evan of Clare and a step nephew Jacob (Sarah) Walters of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Visitation and services will be held at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 P.M. Visitation will also be held from 10 A.M. until the time of service at 11 A.M. on Friday, September 28, 2018; services will be led by Pastor Jeremiah Ketchum. Burial will take place in the Freeman Twp. Cemetery with a luncheon to follow at the Lake George Boosters Club where Mike was a member. Memorials are suggested to the Lake George Boosters Club or to the Activities Fund at the North Woods Nursing Center. On-line condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)





**Class of 1963**

**Thomas Scott Harmon**

**February 15, 1945 — June 4, 2022 (aged 77)**

Thomas Scott Harmon, 77, of Dewitt, MI passed away on June 4, 2022. He was born in Lansing, MI on February 15, 1945, son of Bernard and Wanda (Scott) Harmon. Tom was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School class of 1963, and worked for the Lansing School District as a bus driver. He enjoyed fishing, and bowling.

Tom is survived by his siblings, Susan (Monte) Wells of Dewitt and John (Kathy) Harmon of Clifford Lake; several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, and brother Craig Harmon.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 5:00 – 8:00 pm, June 9, 2022 at 10235 Wacousta Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in loving memory of Tom to the American Cancer Society or Sparrow Hospice. The family is being served by the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be placed at [www.millsfuneral.com](http://www.millsfuneral.com).



**Gerald Havens**

**Class of 1963**

Gerald Havens  
(9/22/1945 – 2/4/2000)

**DATE OF PASSING: 2/4/2000**

Age 54, passed away Friday morning February 4, 2000. He was born September 22, 1945 in Lansing, the son of Clare and Margaret Stobert Havens. He worked as a millwright for General Motors for 33 years. He enjoyed his family, fishing, hunting and nature. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Constance “Connie” Havens of Lansing, son, Timothy (Soni) Havens of St. Johns. 4 step-sons, Chuck (Sheila) Beckman of Seattle, WA, David (Denise) Beckman of Austin, TX, Bryan (Kathy) Beckman of Lindenhurst, IL, and Kevin (Carol) Beckman of Boca Raton, FL; brothers, Wayne (Marsha) Havens of Gregory, MI, and Robert (Kathy) Havens of Wacousta, MI, step-sister, Sharon (Mike) Wess of Orlando, FL, step-mother, Margaret Havens of Wacousta, MI, 8 grandchildren and 2 nieces and 2 nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 daughters. The funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at Tiffany Funeral Home in Lansing with Rev. David F. Colman officiating with internment at the Wacousta Cemetery. Donations were made to the American Diabetes Association.



**Joann Elaine HOY Attleberger**

**1944 -- February 23, 2000 (Aged 55)**

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery  
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Joann Elaine Hoy Attleberger, age 55, passed away February 23, 2000 in Lansing. She is survived by son, Mark (Beth) Middaugh of Leslie; 2 daughters, Mary (Dave) Burgan of Lansing, Pamela Attleberger of Lake Odessa; 3 sisters, Anna (Lowell) Emmons of Lake Odessa, Polly (Fred) Kellogg of Woodland, Joyce Morris of Lansing; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Cecil and Augusta (Jones) Hoy and 2 sisters, Jean Curtis and Maxine Misner.

Funeral Services were held Friday, February 25, 11:00 a.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home with Pastor Nicolas Martin of the All Saints Lutheran Church, Mason, officiating. Contributions were made to the Hospice House of Mid-Michigan or Huntington’s Disease Society of America, Mid-Michigan Chapter.



## **Carol J. HUGHES Catey**

**September 28, 1944 -- November 13, 2011 (Aged 67)**

Carole J. Catey, age 67, passed away on November 13, 2011 in Lansing, MI. She was born on September 28, 1944 in Lansing, MI, daughter to Cecil and Virginia (Maguire) Hughes. Carole was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School (1963); member of Oneida Gospel Church; very active with her husband on the family farm and was devoted mother and grandmother. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Samuel, son Kirk (Elizabeth) Catey of Grand Ledge, daughters Beth (James) Lee of Grand Ledge and Kerry (Michael) Mestemake of Wheeling, IL; 6 grandchildren: Kirtis, Karson, Katlyn and Kallie Catey, Jim and Emma Lee; great grandson Keegan Catey; her mother Virginia Hughes of Lansing; brother Gerald (Kathy) Hughes of Mulliken, aunts, uncles and several cousins. She is predeceased by her father.

Funeral services will be held Monday, November 21, 2011 - 2:00 P.M. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with Pastor Jeffrey Nunham officiating. Interment will follow at Strange Cemetery, Oneida Twp., Eaton Co., MI. Visitations will be held at the funeral home on Sunday 2-5 p.m. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Oneida Gospel Church in memory of Carole Catey. Online condolences may be made at [www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com).



## **Maralyn Hyde**

**DATE OF PASSING: November 26, 2021 (Aged 76)**

Maralyn Hyde passed away November 26, 2021. Cremation has taken place and no other service is planned.

(NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)



## **James E. Ingalls**

**Class of 1963**

James E. Ingalls  
(11/27/1944 – 3/6/2011)

**DATE OF PASSING: 3/6/2011**



Mr. James E. Ingalls, age 66, born November 27, 1944 in Lansing, MI, passed away March 6, 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer and his loving family at his side. Jim worked for several engineering firms; was a Plat Examiner, and retired as a Licensed Professional Surveyor from the State of Michigan. He was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School (1963); member of the Grand Ledge Planning Commission; Chairman of the Grand Ledge Zoning Board and a former member of the Michigan National Guard. He was also an avid philatelist/stamp collector since the age of 16; an active member of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church and a lover of nature. Survivors include his loving wife, Christine and their children, Peter J. (Bobi) Ingalls and Bethany Marie (Jody) McKean; grandchildren Connor and Maeva; father and mother-in-law Carleton and Betty Babb, sister-in-law Kathy Ingalls; brothers-in-law: Carl (Linda), Curtis (Paula), Craig (Corine) and Casey (Sue) Babb, many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents Charles and Margaret (Earl) Ingalls, son Marty, and brother Michael A. Ingalls. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 9, 11:00 a.m. at the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., with Rev. Molly Turner officiating. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends Tuesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and one hour prior to Wednesday's service at the church. For those desiring, contributions made to the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church (F.U.M.C.) for the Missions Endowment Fund will be greatly appreciated. Online condolences may be made at [www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com).



## Linda L. IRWIN Paul

**July 15, 1945 -- April 20, 2011 (Aged 65)**

Linda L. Paul Grand Ledge Age 65, died April 20, 2011 surrounded by her family. Linda was born July 15, 1945 in Portland, a daughter of Herbert and Adabelle (Franks) Irwin. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Portland. Surviving are her husband, Douglas; her children, Rick (Diana) Paul and Amy (Josh) Barrett, both of Mulliken; five grandchildren; her mother, Adabelle Irwin of Grand Ledge. She was preceded in death by an infant son, James; father, Herbert G. Irwin; brother, Herbert O. Irwin.

Services 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church of Portland with Pastor Bruce Sabados officiating. Interment will be in Meadowbrook Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Portland.



## Carol IVEY Boss

**February 23, 1945 -- December 15, 2008 (Aged 63)**

Carol was born on February 23, 1945 in Lansing, MI, the second of five children of Arthur and Henrietta (DeVries) Ivey. She was a lifelong resident of Michigan, where she graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1963. She worked for the State of Michigan, went on to become a dairy farmer, a restaurant owner, and discovered her greatest role and success as mother of three daughters. She expressed herself through her artwork, poetry, and music. She found her fulfillment and joy by her willingness to serve and help others, often taking on the role of cook, caterer, event planner, or just lending a listening ear. However her greatest happiness and love were always reserved for family, especially her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur in 1986; her mother, Henrietta in 2004; and her youngest brother, Allen Ivey in 1977. Carol is survived by two sisters, Donna Gale and Helen (Bill) McCandless; one brother, William Ivey; three daughters, Deborah (Timothy) Kline of Perry, Rebecca Rangel-Gonzales of Lansing and Amy Boss of Sarasota, Florida; nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and former husband and lifelong friend, Roger Boss. For her love, her kindness, and her boundless generosity, Carol will always be remembered and missed.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 22, 2008 at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel, with Pastor Melvin Rhodes presiding. Interment followed in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. The family received friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions were made to the American Cancer Society and the Lansing City Rescue Mission.



## Donald Kleinfelt

**Class of 1963**

Donald Kleinfelt  
(7/11/1944 -- 7/31/1993)

**DATE OF PASSING: 7/31/1993**

Age 49, passed away July 31, 1993. He was a retired employee of the State of Michigan, Assistant Facilities Manager, with 21 years of service; and an avid hunter and fisherman. Survivors include his wife, Betty; 2 sons; Michael K. and Mark of Eaton Rapids; 2 daughters, Deborah (David) Homrick, Kimberly (Cary) Walker; both of Lansing; 4 grandchildren and 2 brothers. Funeral services were held, August 3, 1993 at Shelly-Odell Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids, interment followed at Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. Contributions were made to the Sparrow Dialysis Unit.



## **Russell Albert Lang**

**DATE OF PASSING: 4/15/2007**

### **Class of 1963**

Russell Albert Lang  
(12/4/1944 – 4/15/2007)

Age 62, passed away April 15, 2007 in Bunker Hill Township, Ingham County, MI. He was born December 4, 1944 in Lansing, MI, son of Albert and Dorothy June (VanConent) Lang. Russell was a retired employee of General Motors, Local 652 with 32 years of service and was an avid Detroit Lions fan. After retiring to Boulder City, Nevada, Russell, along with his wife, Penny, returned to Michigan for health reasons. He will be dearly missed by all of his family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Penny S.; three sons, Russell A. of Phoenix, AZ, Lance L. (Veronica) of Hastings and Dallas C. of East Lansing; one daughter, Julie R. (Mitch) Kintigh of Leslie; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Mary (Kenneth) Zischke of Lansing and Claudia (Gene) Clark of Eagle; mother, Dorothy June Lang of Lansing; and was preceded in death by his father.



## **Jo Ellen LEVALL Clements**

**July 30, 1945 -- August 14, 2010 (Aged 65)**

Jo Ellen Clements, 65, of St. Marys, GA, passed away Saturday, August 14, 2010 at her residence. Mrs. Clements was born July 30, 1945 in Traverse City, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Joseph and Ferne Levall, and a sister, Yvonne Stanwick. She grew up in Grand Ledge, MI, and was a long time resident of St. Joseph, MI. She received her Bachelors of Science degree from Michigan State University and her Masters from Western Michigan University, and was a retired Register Nurse with 40 years of service.



Mrs. Clements had resided in Camden County since 2001, was a member of King of Peace Episcopal Church, and Daughter of the King and associate in the Order of St. Julian of Norwich. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. from the King of Peace Episcopal Church in Kingsland with Rev. Frank Logue officiating. The family received friends on Tuesday, August 17th at Allison Memorial Chapel in St. Marys from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Memorial services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in St. Joseph, MI, on September 18, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. An Inurnment will be held September 19th in Lyons, MI. Survivors include her husband, Condell Clements of St. Marys; three daughters, Julie Thomas (Brook) of Garland, TX, Laura Ball of Savannah, GA, and Sarah Acosta (Oscar) of St. Marys; sister, Susan Sackett of Grand Ledge, MI; three grandchildren, Griffin Ball, Abigail Acosta and Amelia Acosta.

The family requests Memorial contributions in memory of Mrs. Jo Ellen Clements be made to Hospice of the Golden Isles, 1692 Glynco Pkwy., Brunswick, GA 31525 or Hospice House of Savannah, P.O. Box 13190, Savannah, GA 31416. Allison Memorial Chapel of St. Marys, GA, is in charge of arrangements.



## **Donny R. Marks**

**DATE OF PASSING: 11/30/1978**

### **Class of 1963**

(2/22/1945 – 11/30/1978)

Donny R. Marks, 32, of 228 Bates Street, Grand Ledge, died November 30, 1978 at his home.

A resident of Grand Ledge the past 19 years, he was a supervisory aircraft pilot for the Michigan National Guard, Department of Military Affairs.

Mr. Marks was a member of the Michigan National Guard Association of the U.S. Warrant Office Association of Michigan and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; a son, Michael and two daughters, Elizabeth and Sara, all at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Marks of Grand Ledge; a brother, Edward of Minnesota and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Ellis of Baha-ma, N.C.





## **Karen MCONNELL McCrumb**

**November 17, 1944 -- November 10, 1998 (Aged 53)**

Karen McConnell McCrumb, age 53, formerly of Portage, passed away peacefully Tuesday, November 10, 1998, at Theda Clark Medical Center. She was born November 17, 1944, in Lansing, Michigan, the daughter of the late Lyle and Leah (Craun) McConnell. Karen married William "Mac" McCrumb on October 17, 1964, in Grand Ledge, Michigan.

She worked as a Floral Arranger and Merchandiser for different craft stores in the Fox Valley. Karen took care of her mother for 22 years.

She was very active in crafts and was always making things for other family members. Her pride and joy were her children and grandchildren. Survivors include a daughter, Kelly (Don) Garrigan, Portage; a son SFC Bryan (Lisa) McCrumb, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia; seven grandchildren: Kyra, Dustan, Kaisey and Keagan Garrigan; Melissa, Jacob and Allison McCrumb; a sister Joan (Bernard) Francisco, Ellenton, Florida; a brother, Raymond (Joan) McConnell, Clearwater Beach, Florida; and many other relatives. Karen was preceded in death by an infant brother Michael.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, November 17, 1998, at Westgor Funeral Home, Neenah, Wisconsin. Memorials were directed to the American Cancer Society.



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## **George Warren McCrumb**

**January 24, 1945 — September 21, 2023 (Aged 78)**

George Warren McCrumb, age 78, passed away on September 21, 2023 at Sparrow Hospital surrounded by family.

Born in Lansing, Michigan on January 24, 1945 to Doris (Maier) and Lawrence McCrumb. He married Sandra Arbour on August 24, 1963 at the Wacousta Methodist Church. Together, they had 3 children Tracey, Vicky and Troy.

George attended Ironworkers Apprentice program and became a Journeyman Ironworker with Local 25 in December 1966. He was a member of the International Ironworkers Union for 60 years, just recently receiving recognition for his time. George served on the board of directors of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association for many years and along with his wife, Sandy, was inducted into the Hall of Fame for that organization in 2016. He enjoyed judging 4-H and open horse shows and trained and showed Quarter Horses for over 50 years. In 2013, he won Reserve Champion Aged Mares (Limited) in the AQHA Senior World Championship.

George was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing. He loved sports, especially those played by his grandkids. He was always their biggest cheerleader. He was a one-of-a-kind type of person and told the best stories and gave the warmest hugs. He had three short stories published in Farm and Ranch Living and was a huge reader. He was always willing to help anyone in need. He lived most of his life in the DeWitt area.

George is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sandra; daughters, Tracey McCafferty (John) and Vicky Morgan (Bill); son, Troy McCrumb (Keali); grandkids, Daniel Dominguez (Carolyn), Travis Dominguez (Danielle), Liz Morgan, Brad Morgan (Kristen), Owen McCrumb, Reese McCrumb; great-grandsons, Collin, Kole and Jesper; brother, Walt McCrumb (Diane); sister, Kate Brokob; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He is predeceased by his parents, Doris and Lawrence McCrumb; brother, Gail McCrumb; and grandson, Ricardo Dominguez, brother-in-law Roger Brokob.

A celebration of life for George will be held on Friday, September 29, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes DeWitt Chapel, 205 E Washington St., DeWitt, MI 48820.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.grdewitt.com](http://www.grdewitt.com) for George's family.





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## **Philip Randall McKinney**

**April 1, 1946 — October 18, 2022 (Aged 76)**

Philip Randall McKinney age 76, of Port Huron, Michigan passed away on October 18, 2022. Phil was born April 1, 1946, in Lansing to Elmer Bryan and Marjorie Ann (Albers) McKinney.

He was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, Class of 1963, and a graduate of Michigan State University. Philip also served in the U.S. Air Force during the Viet Nam War. Phil was predeceased by his brother Bryan in 1997.



## **Maxwell R. McPeck**

**Class of 1963**

Maxwell R. McPeck  
(7/20/1945 – 9/4/2017)

**DATE OF PASSING: 9/4/2017**

Max McPeck, 72, of Grand Ledge, passed away September 4, 2017. Max was preceded in death by his parents, Don McPeck and Evelyn McPeck Olin. He is survived by his son Michael and former wife Carol; sisters-in-law Pat (Jack) Schmalzried of Boyne City, MI, and Barbara Torbert of Orlando, FL; many nephews and nieces; special friends Jeff and Karen Nunham; and life-long friend Tom Hlinka. Max was a life-time resident of Grand Ledge and graduated with the class of 1963. He grew up spending summers at the family cottage on Gun Lake.

Max worked as a Legislative Aide in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate. He also worked for Michigan United Conservation Club and as a Grand Ledge Realtor. He was an avid hunter and fly fisherman and he belonged to the National Rifle Assn, Life Member, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, Michigan Bow Hunters Assn B.A.S.S. Anglers Sportsmen's Society, American Power Boat Assn, and North American Hunting Club. But his true passion was boat racing, achieving the following awards: National Marathon Champion, 3 years; National High Point Marathon Champion, 7 years; Recipient Mid-America Cup Series, 3 years, and Michigan High Point Champion.



The family wishes to thank the staff at Hospice House of Mid-Michigan for the kindness, excellent care and compassion they provided.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, 1210 W. Saginaw St., Lansing, MI 48915, or the charity of your choice. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com)



## **Phillip Herbert Merrifield**

**Class of 1963**

**DATE OF PASSING: 10/18/2018**

Phillip "Phil" Herbert Merrifield, a man who enjoyed his morning coffee and, in the evening, an Old Milwaukee, died unexpectedly on Thursday, October 18, 2018. Phil, 73, was born February 17, 1945 in Grand Rapids, MI to Herbert and Evelyn (Windquest) Merrifield. Phil enjoyed being outdoors, he took a strong pride in his yard and his garden. He loved having cookers in his backyard and having the entire family over. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. Phil loved cruising the backroads in his black streaker van. He always told his children "if you're kicking up dust you're going too fast". Phil had a strong passion for singing, every Thursday he could be found singing to the patients at the Eaton County Health & Rehabilitation Services. His love for singing was passed down to his children. Above all Phillip adored his family, he never forgot a family member's birthday and always treated you to a cake on your special day.

Phil is survived by his loving family, first wife, Jane Merrifield-Gidner; children, Martha (Terry) Bryant, John Merrifield, Jack (Benita) Merrifield; grandchildren, Steven Bryant, Michael Bryant, Hunter Merrifield, Angel Merrifield, Arianna, and their mother, Tara Ankney; siblings, Roger (Marilyn) Merrifield, Rick (Linda) Merrifield; foster children, Tara Siler, Sean Brady, and Troy Brady. Phil was predeceased by his parents, and grandson, Joshua Bryant.

Friends are encouraged to support Phillip's family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. Visitation will be held from 3-4:00 p.m. just prior to the funeral. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Eaton County Health & Rehabilitation Services Activity Fund. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Phillip on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.



## **John David Mowery**

**Class of 1963**

**DATE OF PASSING: 3/30/1963**

John David Mowery (5/12/1945 – 3/30/1963)  
"An article from the Grand Ledge Independent April 4, 1963"

A Grand Ledge High School senior was killed and three passengers injured in a one car accident Sunday night when their car struck a tree on Barnum Road near Woodland. John D. Mowery, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. John D. Mowery, Sr., died at the scene of a skull fracture and a broken neck.

Two passengers, Roger Love, 19, and Allen Durham, 21, both of Grand Ledge were taken to Pennock Hospital, Hastings. Love was treated and released and Durham was reported in good condition. He was released Monday. A third passenger, Anthony Sciambi, 20, escaped injury.

Mowery, a senior at the Grand Ledge high school was a member of the Grand Ledge Golden Gloves Club and the wrestling team.

He was born in Lewiston, MO. Survivors besides his parents are one brother, Michael William and two sisters, Patricia Ann and Pamela Lea; a maternal grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Bentley of Triplett, MO.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. for members of the senior class and at 1:00 p.m. The Rev. Harold Jacobs officiated from the Peters Funeral Home and interment was at Oakwood Cemetery.



## **Judy Irene Parker**

**Class of 1963**

**DATE OF PASSING: 1/7/2010**

Judy Irene Parker  
(3/26/1945 -- 1/7/2010)

Age 64, passed away Jan. 7, 2010. She was born March 26, 1945 in Mason, MI to the late Robert and Margaret (Annisson) Parker. She had worked at Allstar Lanes and Bob Evans Restaurants. Judy had a kind and generous heart. She enjoyed having and preparing impromptu dinners for friends and family. She is survived by niece Shannon Homer, aunts Edith Penzein and Betty Webb, many cousins and her dog Vincent. She is preceded in death by sisters Barbara, Sandra and brother Donald. The song is gone but the memories linger on. A memorial gathering will be held later. Contributions may be made to Capital Area Humane Society 7095 W. Grand River Ave. Lansing, Mi 48916.



## **Michael R. Pearson**

### **Class of 1963**

Michael R. Pearson  
(8/20/1943 -- 5/19/2012)

**DATE OF PASSING: 5/19/2012**



Mr. Michael R. Pearson, 68, passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2012 while doing what he enjoyed, kayaking. He was born August 20, 1943 in Lansing, MI, son of William and Doris (Maitland) Pearson. Mike was a retired master electrician; served in the National Guard, loved to kayak and spend time outdoors. He lived his life trying to touch as many people as possible in a positive way; if you needed something and Mike had it, it was yours. Survivors include his mother Doris of Lansing, brother Dan (Diane) of Lansing; 4 sisters: Judy Green of TN, Elizabeth Cole of Lansing, Margaret Oberdank of Lansing, and Diana (Walt) Wells of Ludington, cousins, nieces, nephews, and his very dear friends Raymond (Stephanie) Hatcher of Charlotte. He had many friends around the country that shared his love of nature and life. He is preceded in death by his father, William and nephew Brent Oberdank. A Funeral service will be held Thursday, May 24, 2012 - 4:20 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with Rev. Lyle Heaton of the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church officiating. The family will receive friends and family at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions given to the Lansing City Rescue Mission or Capitol Area Humane Society will be greatly appreciated. Online condolences may be shared at [www.petersandmurray-funeralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurray-funeralhome.com).



## **Donald B. Ries**

### **Class of 1963**

Donald B. Ries  
(9/20/1943 – 9/9/2011)

**DATE OF PASSING: 9/9/2011**

Donald B. Ries, 67, of Echo Township, died Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, at his home. He was born Sept. 20, 1943, in Grand Ledge, the son of Ernest and Dorothy (Bridges) Ries. On July 25, 1986, he married Nelda Barrow in East Jordan. They made their home in Ellsworth and moved to Echo Township in 1989. Don was a veteran of the Vietnam war, serving with the U.S. Marine Corps for 11 years. He was a member of VFW Post No. 6985 in Central Lake. He worked at Morweld Steel in Ellsworth, De-Sta-Co in Central Lake, and at Leximar in



## **Alice RODRIGUEZ Sandoval**

### **February 23, 1944 -- September 18, 1999 (Aged 55)**

Alice Rodriguez Sandoval, a 55-year-old Lansing woman was killed early Saturday in a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 27 about 10 miles South of Ithaca, Gratiot County Sheriff's deputies said.

Deputies said a Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Karen MacPhee, 26, of Portland struck the rear of a Plymouth Voyager driven by Mari Ann Hernandez, 32, of Lansing, causing both vehicles to leave the highway at South County Line Road. The Hernandez vehicle struck a pole. Passenger Alice

Sandoval, 62, of Lansing was pronounced dead at the scene."

She was employed by C.A.C.S Head Start as a teacher for the past 12 years and was currently working on her bachelor's degree. Alice is survived by her husband of 34 years, Mariano; her 3 children, MariAnn, Javier and Cecilla; 1 grandson, Marcos; 4 sisters, Rose Rodriguez, Maria (Carlos) Abrigo, Anita (Doug) Proper, and Linda (Fred) Ortiz; 4 brothers, Albert, Jr., Roberto, Ricardo, and Jose (Cheryl) Rodriguez; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. The Funeral Mass was held Friday, September 24 at Cristo Rey Catholic Church with Rev. Frederick L.Thelen officiating. The Rite of committal followed at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Lansing.

*(An excerpt from the Lansing State Journal September 20, 1999.)*



## **Jack L. Rogers**

**Class of 1963**

Jack L. Rogers  
(12/29/1944 – 1/24/2006)

Age 61, passed away January 24, 2006 at his home. He was born December 29, 1944 in Lansing, MI, son of Bernard E. and Agnes G. (Kyle) Rogers. Jack was a retired employee of the State of Michigan after 32 years service, former owner of Jack's Septic and a board member of the North Eagle Cemetery Society. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Martha; 3 sons, Jack B. (Angela) of Grand Ledge, Tim L. (Tina) of Pleasant Lake, Todd A. of Eagle; 1 daughter, Kristin K. Hoppes of Lyons; 7 grandchildren; 2 brothers, Larry L. (Sheila) of Manton, Jerry L. (Judy) of Holland; and step-mom, Arlene Rogers of Grand Ledge. He was preceded in death by his parents.

**DATE OF PASSING: 1/24/2006**



## **Karen ROSS Larder**

**August 17, 1945 -- February 7, 1996 (Aged 50)**

Karen Ross Larder, age 50, died Wednesday, February 7, 1996 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Mrs. Larder was born August 17, 1945 in Lansing, the daughter of Clayton and Helen (Anderson) Ross. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School. Mrs. Larder worked at Wendy's in Charlotte. She is survived by her husband, James; 2 sons, James (Lorraine Gemalsky) II of Eaton Rapids, and David (Emmeleyn) of San Diego, CA; 1 grandson, Joseph; a sister, Sandi Gilbert of Grand Ledge; her mother, Helen Emmerling of Grand Ledge; and her father-in-law, Thomas (Marie) Larder of Charlotte; 2 step-sisters, Ann Emmerling and Carol Emmerling; 4 step-brothers, Kurt Emmerling, John Emmerling, Donald Emmerling, and Barry Emmerling.

Funeral Services were held at the Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Leicester Longden officiating. Internment was at Deepdale Cemetery in Lansing. Memorial contributions were made to the American Heart Association.



## **David Edward Schulert**

**Class of 1963**

David Schulert  
(12/19/1944 – 7/22/2003)

David Edward Schulert, 58, of Grand Ledge passed away July 22. He was born in Ypsilanti December 19, 1944 the son of David H. and Violet Schulert. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1963 where he played football. He owned and operated Schulert Plumbing and Heating for more than 30 years.

He had a strong love for his family and respect and appreciation for his friends and employees. His productive spirit and passion for helping others was reflected in the many projects that he embraced.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Dorothy Durst, and Judy Thoresen.

He is survived by his loving family; wife, Anne; son, David M. (Dawn) of Grand Ledge; daughter, Jennifer Schulert of East Lansing; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Rebecca, and David; brothers, Paul (Jill) Schulert of Delta Township, Bruce (Bonnie) Schulert of Grand Ledge; sisters, Norma (Larry) Pryor of Grand Ledge, Joy (Tom) Ruby of New Hudson, and Violet Schulert of Lansing; many loving nieces and nephews.

Services were held July 25, 2003 at Oneida Gospel Church with Pastor Larry Schrauger officiating. Internment followed at Pioneer Cemetery. Contributions were made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Michigan Chapter, or Oneida Gospel Church.

**DATE OF PASSING: 7/22/2003**



## **Katherine Marie “Kathy” SLEE Gill**

**July 4, 1944 -- May 26, 2019 (Aged 74)**

Katherine Marie Gill, Kathy, age 74, of Cedarville, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on May 26th, 2019 while attending a family member’s wedding in Virginia. She was born into a loving family on July 4th, 1944 to Albert Enoch and Marie Helen (Sibley) Slee in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Kathy was the youngest of three children.

Kathy grew up in Grand Ledge and graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1963. Following her grandmother’s footsteps and her love for style, she attended Murphy School of Cosmetology in Lansing, graduating in 1963. Her professional career started in Carmen Neair’s beauty salon in Lower Michigan. A skiing trip to Cedarville changed her path; she met the love of her life, James R. Gill.

Kathy and Jim married August 21st, 1971 at Grand Ledge Methodist Church. They built a life together in Cedarville, MI and had two beautiful children, Rick and Tammy. Professionally she continued her career at Country Curl beauty salon, where she then took ownership, placing her style in the business. Her personal life was also very rich, juggling motherhood with her love for wood carving, painting, knitting, gardening, boating and air-sledding.

In the year 2000, Kathy and Jim made the decision to retire. This gave them the opportunity to have all the time in the world to enjoy many fun and exciting activities they loved. Air-sledding was a regular in the winter, gliding on ice through the Les Cheneaux Islands as far reaching as Ontario, Canada. She belonged to the Les Cheneaux Air Sled Club.

In the summer, boating was their other passion. Boat trips were a routine. They cruised up and down the lakes, from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron and in between. They also enjoyed the Caribbean. First traveling there with friends, exploring many islands. Later visiting Puerto Rico, where they found a second home base, together with their son Rick and his wife, and their two children. In Puerto Rico, Kathy and Jim spent their winters, enjoying the hot sun, the warm sea and beachcombing for sea-glass and shells.

Kathy was a fun person, enjoyed dressing-up for Pirate Day, but also loved the quiet walks and spending time with her friends at Lady’s Lunch. She also belonged to VFW Women’s Auxiliary.

Kathy is survived by her husband, James Gill; son, Rick (Valeria Ciccone) Gill of Naguabo, Puerto Rico; daughter, Tammy (Hobie) Kirsch of Topinabee, Michigan; granddaughters, Joelyanis and Joelys; sister Sue (Stanley) Kimmel of Bellaire, Michigan.

Kathy is preceded in death by her parents Marie and Albert Slee; and brother, Jerry Slee.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Friday, June 7th, 2019 from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan. Memorial Service will follow at 11:30 A.M.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Chippewa Animal Shelter or Mackinac Animal Shelter



### **Class of 1956**

## **Edwin Ion Simpson**

**October 21, 1944 — July 7, 1996 (Aged 51)**

Edwin Ion Simpson, age 51, died July 7, 1996. Mr. Simpson was born October 21, 1944 in Hastings, Michigan, the son of Ion and Lulu (Seavolt) Simpson. He was a member of the United Pentecostal Church, Grand Ledge. Edwin was a brother to plants, animals and tenderly touched every person. His power as a dreamer, magician and visual healer was limitless. As a spiritual warrior, he lived on the edge of discovery and his compassionate love was given no more perfectly than in devotion to his children. Though we bury his body, his ever-present spirit cannot be missed. Surviving are his daughters, Denise Simpson of Sunfield, Katheryn and Sky Mitchell-Simpson, both of Ann Arbor; 3 grandchildren; mother, Lulu Gregg of Grand Ledge; sister Brita (Garry) Cline of Mulliken; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Services 11:00 am Wednesday at Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken, with Pastor Douglas Stephens officiating. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Monday and 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the children’s education fund; envelopes are available at the funeral home.





## **Dana SMITH Reed**

**June 10, 1944 -- September 17, 2011 (Aged 67)**

Dana Reed of Lansing passed away September 17, 2011. Dana was born June 10, 1944 in Kentucky to the late Roy Hansford and Lilly (Combs) Smith. Dana graduated from Farthing Beauty Academy and worked as a hairdresser and cosmetologist . Beloved wife of the late Tommie A. Reed who passed away January 7, 2011. She is survived by her son, Kevin (Jane) Reed of Traverse City; grandson, Colin Reed; sisters, Elois (Jim) Combs, Audrey (Pearl) Cornett and Zelma (Paul) Pelfrey all of Grand Ledge; brother-in-law Robert Reeves of Kentucky and many nieces and nephews. Dana was preceded in death by her sister Carol Reeves. There will be a graveside service held Friday, September 23, 2011, 1:00 PM at East Lawn Memory Gardens, Okemos. Memorial contributions may be given to the Greater Lansing Area Meals-on-Wheels, Tri-County Office on Aging, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan 48911. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online guest book entries may be made at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)



**Class of 1963**

## **Marlene Kay Smith Saum**

**April 13, 1945 — February 26, 2024 (Aged 78)**

Marlene Kay Saum, age 78, of Bradenton, Florida, formerly of Williamston, Michigan, passed away on February 26, 2024. She was born on April 13, 1945 in Lansing, Michigan; graduated from Grand Ledge High School and then from Michigan State University.

She was predeceased in death by parents, Glen and Thursa Smith; twin sisters, Donna and Bonna Smith, and brother, Glenn Smith Jr. Survivors include her beloved husband of nearly 55 years, John E. Saum; sons, Eric (Erica) Saum of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Adam (Erica Joy) of Farmington Hills, Michigan; 5 granddaughters, Gracey and Zoe Saum of Massachusetts, and Elizabeth, Addison and Emily Saum of Michigan; sister, Mary Ann (Donald) Garlock of Grand Ledge, Michigan/Apache Junction, Arizona; sister-in-law, Norma Oakley-Smith of Petoskey, Michigan; and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.



Marlene was an active member of Living Lord Lutheran Church, having chaired the Altar Guild, and was a member of the Michigan State University Alumni Association.

She had a warm loving kindness within her and was continuously building friendships with others. She always had friends around her to play golf, Bridge or Mah Jongg. She truly enjoyed being with friends for fun activities at Peridia, and taking trips with longtime friends from around the country. She also had a love of reading and enjoyed spending time at the beach. Yet even with all of this, family was most important to her. When Marlene was with her children and beautiful granddaughters experiencing new activities and making memories, it was a great day indeed. She genuinely did not care what the family was doing when they were together, whether it was playing cards, relaxing at the pool, experiencing a new adventure, or enjoying a meal, being in the presence of each other was all that she desired. A smile was guaranteed, and her eyes would sparkle, as her granddaughters' shared stories of their activities and life happenings. Distance may have been kept in miles, but her love for her family knew no boundary.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Living Lord Lutheran Church Memorials in Marlene's name, or to a charity of your choice in her name.

Services will be held at Living Lord Lutheran Church, 11107 Palmbrush Trail, Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202 on April 20, 2024 at 10:30 AM (Rte 70 at Lakewood Ranch Blvd.). Luncheon to follow at Peridia Golf and Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd. E, Bradenton..



## **Robert Lynn Starkweather**

**DATE OF PASSING: 7/8/2016**

### **Class of 1963**

Robert Lynn Starkweather  
(9/30/1944 – 7/8/2016)

Robert Lynn Starkweather of Delta Township passed away July 8, 2016 surrounded by his family. Lynn was a father, grandfather, brother and friend who will be greatly missed. He was born September 30, 1944 in Lansing to the late Robert A. and Meta M. (Dalius) Starkweather. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1963, went on to serve in the US Army and retired from GM as a press operator.

Lynn enjoyed bowling, golfing on a VFW League at Prairie Creek and meeting his “coffee club” friends at McDonald’s. His focus and source of joy came from spending time with his family, especially his grandkids.

He is survived by children, Shannon Dickinson (Starkweather) and Matt (Carmen)Starkweather; step-children, Greg (Lori) Crawford, Laura (John) Meredith-Crawford and Andrea (Scott) Harris; 10 grandchildren; siblings, Don and Donna (Richard) Mills. Lynn was preceded in death by wife, Brenda.

A funeral service with military honors will be held Thursday, July 14, 2016, 11AM at the Holi-han-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Vicar Aaron Hauser of Our Savior Lutheran Church, officiating.



Visitation Wednesday from 5-8:00pm at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, 2140 University Park, Suite 210, Okemos, Michigan 48864 or McLaren Hospice, 1515 Cal Drive, Davison, Michigan 48423.



## **Sue Ann STEVENS Kirkby**

**1944 -- July 2, 2010**

Sue Ann Kirkby died July 2, 2010 at Presbyterian Hospice as a result of a very recent recurrence of cancer, a disease which she had battled for many years.

She was born in 1944 in Grand Ledge, Michigan. In 1967, she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Michigan, the hospital for which she served as a registered nurse for more than 30 years, rising to head nurse and then nursing administrator and educator. She and husband, Wayne Kirkby, took early retirement in 2000 when they moved to Corrales where they have lived on Ranchitos Road. She was a volunteer at the Corrales Library for a decade, as well as with Friends of the Corrales Library for which she served as secretary.

Sue Ann Kirkby was also an active horsewoman specializing in dressage. At the time of her death, she served as secretary of the N.M. Dressage Association. Other activities she enjoyed were participation in a local book club, cross-country skiing and gardening. “She was always happy with the decision we made to live in Corrales,” her husband said, “despite the fact that we knew virtually no one when we moved here.”

A celebration of her life will be held at some future time; no specific charity is being designated for memorial contributions.





## **Janet STONEY Kelly Mitchell**

**December 6, 1935 -- July 16, 1997 (Aged 61)**

Mrs. Mitchell, age 61, passed away July 16, 1997 in Lansing. She has been a life time area resident of Grand Ledge; a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, class of 1963, and a former school bus driver for the Grand Ledge Public Schools. She was a member of and the former church pianist of the Oneida Gospel Church and she greatly enjoyed painting. Survivors include one son, Michael C. Kelly of Grand Ledge; father and stepmother, Arthur and Arletta Stoney of Grand Ledge; one brother, Robert (Janice) Stoney; one niece, Jennifer (Matt) O'Connell and one nephew, David (Karen) Stoney all of Midland, and was predeceased by her Mother Helen Stoney in 1974. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 18, 11:00 am at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Reverend Jeffery Nunham of Oneida Gospel Church officiating. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge.



## **Katherine "Kathy" VerDuyn TACK Cunningham**

**October 16, 1944 — October 13, 2016**

Katherine (Kathy) VerDuyn Tack Cunningham of Windsor, Colorado, born October 16, 1944, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the age of 71, three days shy of her 72nd birthday.

Kathy graduated from Grand Ledge High School; received her BA in French from Alma College, Alma Michigan; and her Master's degree in Library Science (MLS) from the University of Michigan where she worked as a librarian from 1968-1974.

Kathy met her soulmate, Raymond W. Cunningham Jr., in 1966 at the University of Michigan. They were married in Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 31, 1968 and resided there through 1974.

She and Ray moved to Fort Collins and then Littleton, Colorado, where she volunteered as a librarian in the Littleton Library System.

She and her husband moved to Arlington Heights, Illinois in 1980, and then to Elgin, Illinois in 2007. While in Illinois, Kathy spent 30 years working as a consultant for a national computer library consulting firm, from which she retired in 2012. In 2014, she and Ray retired to Windsor, Colorado.

Throughout her life, Kathy was an avid reader and a lover of words. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, playing Scrabble, Sudoku and assembling challenging puzzles. She also shared her many skills and talents by volunteering at the Windsor library and the Larimer County Food Bank.

In April, 2015, Kathy was diagnosed with neuroendocrine carcinoma. She was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Betty Tack, and is survived by her husband of 48 years and her brother Steven Tack. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law Cyndie Warbelow Tack and Marion Cunningham; nephew Barry Cunningham (Michelle) and children Barry, Mylee and Rylee; niece Cynthia (Cunningham) Montgomery (Chiumbo) and their children Tiana and Kendall; niece Kaarin Willy-Lou Tack (Sam Morris); and nephew Brett Tack (Lindsay).

Memorial services for Kathy will be held at her house in Windsor and at the Winnetka Covenant Church in Winnetka, IL, at later dates.

Donations or gifts can be made to The Larimer County Food Bank, 1301 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins Colorado 80524 and/or The American Cancer Society.

Online memorials may be made at [www.marksfuneralservice.com](http://www.marksfuneralservice.com).





## **Jack Russell Vrooman**

### **Class of 1963**

Jack Russell Vrooman  
(4/19/1944 -- 5/22/2012)

Jack Vrooman, Age 68, of Crystal, passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2012 as the result of an automobile accident.

Jack was born April 19, 1944 in Lake Odessa to Russell and Irma (Davis) Vrooman. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School, the class of 1963. He married his high school sweet heart Kay Lyon on June 19, 1965 in Grand Ledge. Jack retired from Fisher Body in Lansing on October 1, 1999, after 36 1/2 years. He was a member of the UAW Local 602, Crystal Masonic Lodge and the Great Lakes Seniors Golf Assoc. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, racing slot cars and showing off his 63' Chevy Impala SS at car shows.

He is survived by his wife Kay of Crystal, daughters Marcia Reagan of Fenwick, Nancy Vrooman of Grand Rapids, grandchildren Amanda (Andrew) Durham of Knoxville, TN., Cordell Reagan of Fenwick and great grandchildren Kayden and Liam Durham. Also siblings Spencer (Joan) Vrooman of Grand Ledge, Brad (Louann) Vrooman of Charlotte, Barb Levering of Grand Ledge, Debbie Simpson of Lansing and many nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial services will be held Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 12 pm at the Lux and Schnepf Funeral Home, Crystal with Pastor Ried Martin officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 am until time of service on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Heart Assoc. or the Diabetes Foundation.

**DATE OF PASSING: 5/22/2012**



## **Ronald Warner**

### **Class of 1963**

Ron Warner  
(8/19/945 – 2/21/2001)  
Provided by Sandra Thomas-Warner

Ron was a 31 1/2 year employee of General Motors. He loved his work and all the opportunities for change and learning it provided. His last position was as a Senior Consultant in Organizational Employee Development (OED) with the Metal Fabricating Division in Troy. His Credo exemplifies his simple but strong feelings about life and what was truly important. Ron's wonderful warmth and infectious sense of humor was a gift he gave to his family, friends and colleagues.

Grand Ledge held a special place in Ron's heart. He told funny, touching stories of growing up in a rural setting with both farm and suburban experiences. Hard work ethic, being results focused, and the law of the harvest were all learned first hand. He loved his high school years, lessons learned, sports and extra-curricular activities, memorable teachers and lasting friendships. He felt these were the events and people that nurtured the qualities in himself that would make him a success in his career and in his personal relationships.

Ron believed in giving back to his community in any way possible. He served as a Lansing Area Junior Achievement Advisor, volunteered as a director and coach with the Capital Area Soccer Club, served on several area Credit Union Board of Directors and was a literacy tutor through the Macomb Literacy Project of Macomb County.

His spirit was one to be envied and emulated and many came away richer for having contact with him. He lives in the hearts of many and they carry part of him with them forever.

Ron is survived by his wife Sandra Thomas-Warner, Ed.D., retired educator and school administrator; his son, Dr. Ryan Warner, a graduate of NYU Dental School and practicing dentist in Largo, Florida; his brother, Roger, sister-in-law, Sandy of Grand Ledge; niece Kalli, and nephew, Shey of Waverly. His brother Ralph is a resident of the Howe Home in Holt, MI.

**DATE OF PASSING: 2/21/2001**



**Class of 1963**

## **Rebecca Lyn Watts Brown**

**April 14, 1945 — April 18, 2022 (Aged 77)**

Rebecca Lyn Brown, 77, of Fennville, MI passed away Monday, April 18, 2022, at her home with her family at her side. Born April 14, 1945 in Lansing, she was the daughter of the late Donald and Margaret (Smith) Watts and was the wife of the late Arthur Dale Brown. Mrs. Brown preferred to spend her time surrounded by those she loved. Whether she was out and about visiting, or friends and family came to her, she was happiest in the company of others. To relax during quiet times, Mrs. Brown enjoyed knitting.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Anthony Brown and Mellissa Loveless; grandchildren, Jackie Tripp, Michael Tripp, Skylar Roe, Ashley Lasenby, AJ Brown, Abby Brown and Alaina Brown; and her great-granddaughter, Serena Tait.

The family will receive friends at Chappell Funeral Home on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Centrica Care Navigators, formerly Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, 7100 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.



**Class of 1963**

## **Freida Leona Willis Schneebarger**

**August 19, 1945 — December 20, 2022 (Aged 77)**

Freida Leona Schneebarger passed away December 20th, 2022. Freida was born August 19th, 1945 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Kenneth and Nellie (Dickenson) Willis. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1963, finishing as class Valedictorian, and continued on to receive a Master's Degree from Michigan State University.

She met her husband John as a sophomore in high school, whom she married on June 10th, 1967. Following graduation, Freida became a teacher at Holbrook Elementary in Grand Ledge. After her daughter (Amy) and son (Dru) were born, Freida was a stay-at-home mom. Upon raising two wonderful children, Freida continued her education and became an Independent Registered Investment Advisor with TransAmerica Financial Services, building an established business, receiving numerous certifications.

She was a lifetime servant as a faithful member of the Grand Ledge First Congregational United Church of Christ where she was active in various committees, including the Choir, Koinonia, and Endowment Board. She served her community as a volunteer with various charities, namely Meals-On-Wheels for over 40 years.



Freida was a woman of unwavering faith who loved her family profoundly. She and John traveled to Europe, the entire Caribbean, and all of the 50 states including Alaska and Hawaii. She never missed an opportunity to read a book, do a crossword puzzle, or enjoy a good cup of coffee. To sum Freida up, she loved her Church, Family, Education and Travel.

She was fortunate to have her family with her at the time of her passing. She is survived by her loving husband, John, sharing life together 62 years, in marriage for 55. Her Daughter Amy (Jim) Nevius, grandson Gage Baldwin; Son Dru (Lorie) Schneebarger, grandchildren, Ava and Jackson Schneebarger.

A Funeral service will be held Friday, December 30, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home in Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Thursday from 4:00-6:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions in Freida's name may be given to the Grand Ledge First Congregation UCC, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)



## **Jerold "Jerry" Zaikowski**

**DATE OF PASSING: 6/24/2017**

### **Class of 1963**

Jerold Ziakowski  
(12/24/1944 – 6/24/2017)

In memory of Jerold "Jerry" Zaikowski, class of 1963, who passed away at the age of 72.

Husband, father and grandfather, passed away after a long illness. Age 72 years. Jerold was an Air Force veteran and retired from the State of Michigan. Using his technical computer skills, Jerold helped to develop many records for the Find a Grave website and was an avid genealogist. He loved photography and capturing the lives of his family.



On October 2, 1965, he was united in marriage to Vicki Smith who survives him. A dedicated family man he is also survived by his 3 daughters, with their husbands, and 7 grandchildren: Dawn (Matthew) Kennedy and their sons, Jacob, Thomas, and Isaac; Debra (Dion) Jones and their daughters, Katelyn (Duncan Flannery) and Jessica; Deanne (Thomas) Kelleher and their children, Thomas and Julia.

He is also survived by 4 sisters, Donis (George) Whitaker, Doris (John) George, Janice (Jerry) Parkhurst, and Kathy (Gary) Thompson, and a brother-in-law, Ron Krebs. He was predeceased by his parents, Leo and Rosetta (Munn) Zaikowski, a brother, Duane Zaikowski, and a sister, Darlene Krebs.

Private burial will be held in Delta Center Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Red Cross, the Greater Lansing Food Bank, or the Sparrow Foundation, Hospice House of Mid-Michigan in memory of Jerry.



## **Dorothy Ellen Zischke Lamb**

**April 25, 1945 — September 9, 2004 (Aged 59)**

Dorothy Ellen Zischke Lamb, 59, passed away Thursday, September 9, 2004 at Rex Hospital. She was born April 25, 1945 in Lansing, MI. She was raised in Grand Ledge, MI and moved to Poughkeepsie, NY in 1967 and then to Raleigh, NC with her husband in 1963.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Helen and Don Zischke and is survived by her husband, Carl S. Lamb of Raleigh; son, David E. Lamb of Poughkeepsie, NY; sister, Jean Nelson of Eaton Rapids, MI; brother, Marv Zischke of Williamston, MI.

A funeral service and burial will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 in Poughkeepsie, NY.

The family will receive friends at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, Millbrook Road, Raleigh from 7-9 on Saturday, September 11, 2004.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Wake County, 1300 Saint Mary's Street, Raleigh, NC 27605.