



THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1940

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Ella Mae Ambrook Wilson

DATE OF PASSING: 2001

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NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Dean B. Armstrong

DATE OF PASSING: 9/4/2009

Class of 1940

Dean B. Armstrong Lansing Age 87, born March 17, 1922, passed away September 4, 2009. Dean was a retired employee for the State of Michigan, Dept. of Natural Resources and a WWII veteran having served in the U.S. Army. He was a 1940 graduate of Grand Ledge High School and attended Michigan State University. Dean enjoyed building exquisite models; loved classical music and reading, and doted on his grandchildren. In later life he became an avid coin collector. Survivors include his son, Vahn R. (Amanda) of Norfolk; 2 grandchildren, Byron and Blake Armstrong; sister, Judy (Ralph) Molitor of N.C. He was predeceased by his sister, Virginia Rounds. In honor of Dean's wishes there will be no services held. Online condolences may be made at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Vernal Louise Atwell Workman

DATE OF PASSING: 4/18/2015

Class of 1940

Birth 15 Jan 1923
Portland, Ionia County, Michigan, USA
Death 18 Apr 2015 (aged 92)
Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Vernal, 92, of Charlotte, MI, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Eaton Community Palliative Care with her loving family at her side. Mrs. Workman was the daughter of William and Sarah (Reynolds) Atwell and had been a Charlotte resident since 1963 coming from Grand Ledge, MI.

She was a Graduate of Grand Ledge High School, was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church of Charlotte and was a member of the Tri-County Iris Club.

She had been employed as a Clerk/Typist for the Secretary Of State retiring in 1986 after 17 years of Service.

Surviving are two sons, James M. (Kim) Workman of Eaton Rapids and Roger H. (Marci Yoder) Workman of Lake Odessa; two daughters, Mary Joyce Workman of Charlotte and Cheryl (Robert) White of Coldwater; 7 grandchildren; 28 great grand children; 2 great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: husbands, Charles A. Richardson and James H. Workman; daughter, Anita Warren; grandson, Douglas Workman; granddaughter, Sara Warren; great grandson, Christopher Warren; 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor David Keller officiating.

Memorial contributions may go to the Crippled Children's Fund or Eaton Community Palliative Care.



Roger Lawrence Austin

DATE OF PASSING: 1987

Class of 1940

Birth 1922
Death 1987 (aged 64-65)
Burial
Meadowbrook Cemetery
Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Alvin Lee Barclay

Class of 1940

Birth 10 Aug 1922
Death 15 Dec 1999 (aged 77)
Burial: Union Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 12/15/1999



Carl Dale Beagle

Class of 1940

Birth 9 Jul 1918
Death 16 Jul 2004 (aged 86)
Burial
Deepdale Memorial Park
Delta Township, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 7/16/2004



Earl E. Beagle

Class of 1940

Birth 15 Mar 1920
Dakota County, Minnesota, USA
Death 15 Sep 1997 (aged 77)
Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Wacousta Cemetery
Wacousta, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 9/15/1997



Dorrene Bills Gilbert

Class of 1940

Birth 28 Jul 1922
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 16 Jan 2016 (aged 93)
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1/16/2016



Dorrene Gilbert, 93, passed away January 16, 2016 in Grand Ledge, MI. She was born July 28, 1922 in Grand Ledge, daughter of Jay and Cora Bills. Dorrene loved Grand Ledge, and was always promoting it. She worked for the Chamber of Commerce and Ledge Craft Lane; member of the Historical Society, Garden Club, and enjoyed being a tour guide for visiting tour buses. She also wrote Chips Off The Ledges for the Grand Ledge Independent and received Volunteer of the Year Award for the State of Michigan.

Dorrene is survived by her son Rick (Sandi) Gilbert of Grand Ledge, four grandchildren: Brad, Mallory, Jeffrey, and Grayson, and great grandchild Hunter. She was predeceased by her husband Ashley "Ash" Gilbert and her son David Gilbert.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with interment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitations will be held Tuesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Gordon William "Bud" Briggs

Class of 1940

Birth 23 May 1922
Waco, McLennan County, Texas, USA
Death 11 May 2007 (aged 84)
Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 5/11/2007



Floyd Ellsworth Challender, Jr.

Class of 1940

Birth 6 Nov 1922
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 16 Sep 1990 (aged 67)
Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 9/16/1990



Mildred Chamberlin McDonough

Class of 1940

Birth 1923
Death 2003 (aged 79-80)
Burial
Wacousta Cemetery
Wacousta, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 2003



Marcia Clark Krueger

DATE OF PASSING: 11/15/2018

Class of 1940

Funeral services for Marcia Clark Krueger will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Bill Oldland will officiate with entombment in the prayer garden. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

Marcia Clark Krueger passed away peacefully on Thursday the 15th of November in her home on Hinnant Lane. She was surrounded by many people she loved and cherished. Along with her son, her niece Tina Clark Martzke and her nephew Richard Martzke were there to lovingly see her into the final chapter of her life. Caregivers past and present were ministering and attending to her final needs. There were also many friends who came by to wish her farewell.

Marcia Clark Krueger was born on April the 26, 1923, to the late Martha Neuman Clark and Harry B. Clark in Lansing, Michigan. She is survived by her son Kenneth W. Krueger Jr. and her sister Marlene Clark Hilton, as well as many nieces and nephews, all of whom she cherished greatly. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth W. Krueger M.D., sister Marguerite Clark Clay, and brothers, Donald Clark and Thomas Clark.



Mrs. Krueger graduated from Grand Ledge High School in Michigan in 1940 and then earned a nursing degree from Harper Hospital in Detroit. There she met her future husband Kenneth Krueger. After Dr. Krueger finished his commitment to the US Army, they married in 1947. In 1949, they moved to Hartsville, where Dr. Krueger established a practice. Mrs. Krueger worked as a nurse in his practice as well as being an efficient homemaker. But she also found many ways to serve her church and the Hartsville community. She helped form the Byerly Hospital Woman's Auxiliary; she served on the Byerly and Carolina Pines Hospital boards and on the Coker College Board of Visitors.

Marcia was an accomplished artist and worked in several mediums, but her preferred medium was oil paints. She enrolled at Coker College at age 40, graduating with a BA in Fine Arts. After she completed her degree, she taught in the Coker College Art Department for a short period. She became connected with her students and, often would tutor them in other subjects they were having problems with.

As accomplished as she was in intellectual, artistic, and business matters of life, her greatest gift was that of being a committed Christian. She was active in several churches in Hartsville in her lifetime and loved her fellow members in Christ. She was given to random acts of kindness and helped any who were strangers on the road, like the stranger served by the Good Samaritan.

It is impossible to convey completely someone's life in a few short paragraphs and sentences. We all touch each other in some way and hopefully, we support each other in good times and in hard times. For this reason, Mrs. Krueger's family would like those touched by her life to donate to charitable organizations, or perform random acts of kindness, in memory of her. Because Marcia believed that the arts helped children, and indeed others, to develop the creative skills needed for a successful life, organizations devoted to children's arts education were especially dear to her.

The family would like to thank the many people who helped and supported Marcia later in life. They are too numerous to mention all here but rest assured their grace and patience were instrumental in her well-being. The family especially thanks to the dedicated workers at Hospice of South Carolina who loved and nurtured her through her final days.

God Bless Marcia on her trip to eternity and God Bless us all, as we finish our life's story.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to the Hartsville High School Chorus Fund, Hartsville Interfaith Ministries, Black Creek Arts Council, The Dementia Society of America, or to the St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



Elaine Congdon Pryor

Class of 1940

DATE OF PASSING: 6/22/2011

Elaine V. Pryor of Grand Ledge, age 90, went to be with the Lord on June 22, 2011, surrounded by her loving family. She was born November 10, 1920 in Gaylord, MI, daughter to Glenn and Hazel Congdon, who owned Congdon Bakery in Grand Ledge. Elaine had a lifelong passion for learning about numerous subjects including nutrition, religion and history. She traveled throughout the world and loved meeting new people. She hosted foreign exchange students from 1963-1972. Elaine loved creating through knitting, cooking, sewing and weaving. She also played in the High School Orchestra and continued her love of music throughout her life. Survivors include her children: Charlene Pryor of Jackson, Cheryl Sturgis of Portland, Carol and Caren Pryor both of Ann Arbor, Colleen (John) Hamill of Spokane, WA, Bryon Pryor and Charisse (Bill) Mullins both of Grand Ledge; 10 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 1 great great-grandchild. She is predeceased by her husband of 42 years, Luther; granddaughter Rose Mullins and great grandson Joshua Lundquist. "Don't cry I'll see Jesus before you do." A Graveside Service will be held Saturday, June 25th - 10:00 a.m. at the Oakwood Cemetery, Morley St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The family has entrusted services with the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be made at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Shirley I. Davis Briggs

Class of 1940

Birth 1923
Michigan, USA
Death 10 Jul 1996 (aged 72-73)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 7/10/1996



Mary Dixon Pridgeon

Class of 1940

DATE OF PASSING: 1/18/2017



Mary "Dixon" Pridgeon, age 94, passed away Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at Oakview Terrace. She was born in Grand Ledge, MI on July 5, 1922, the last of six children of Clayton and Elenora (Sanders) Dixon. At age 11, both parents died, but Mary Louise persevered and graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1940. She attended Parsons Business School in Kalamazoo and was Vice President of the local chapter of the Alpha Iota Sorority. Her first job after graduation was secretary at the Centerville Sanitarium in Centerville, MI. At that time, Mary met her future husband, Warren Troyer Pridgeon. They married on August 15, 1942, settling in Kalamazoo, and they were married for 73 years, until his death in 2015. For many years Mary Louise worked at the Brown Company in Kalamazoo. Over the years, Warren and Mary Louise attended Simpson United Methodist Church, Westwood United Methodist, Kalamazoo Wesleyan and Westwood Church of God (now Grace Harbor Church). Mary Louise's passion in life was to serve the Lord Jesus in raising her children and serving the community. In the early 1960's, she was Chairman of the Women's Division of the Kalamazoo Safety Council and, beginning in the early 1970's, served as a volunteer mentor for mothers receiving assistance under the Aid to Dependent Children program. She also started Bible clubs for children at Patwood, a low income housing project in Kalamazoo. For many years, she and Warren made work trips to the Southwest Indian School in Arizona. Mary Louise also made a short term mission trip to Ecuador. She served as president of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. She started many small prayer groups and was a prayer counselor in many evangelistic crusades that came through Kalamazoo. Toward the end of her life, she led Bible studies and craft activities at various nursing homes. Mary Louise is survived by her children, Nancy (Mike) Chase and Jim (Joy) Pridgeon; and grandchildren, Tim (Caroline), Andrew, Marie and Joanna Chase, Matthew, Emily and Michael Pridgeon.

A memorial service to celebrate Mary Louise's life was held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Grace Harbor Church. Visitation was held at Joldersma & Klein Funeral Home on Friday, January 27, 2017. Burial took place at Mt. Ever-Rest Memorial Park.



Robert Felzke

DATE OF PASSING: 7/13/2013

Class of 1940

Robert Harold Felzke Age 84, peacefully passed away on Saturday, July 13, 2013 surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters, Sue Felzke of Arlington, VA, and Kathy Terryah and husband Tim of Granbury, TX; three grandchildren, Shawn Terryah and his wife Emma, Melissa Terryah, and Jaclynn Shively and her husband Zach. A Memorial Service will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, in Granbury, on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in Robert's memory be made to Acton Nature Center or to the MDS Foundation.



Martha Jane Hough Hemingway

DATE OF PASSING: 3/7/2007

Class of 1940

Birth 30 Apr 1923
Potterville, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 7 Mar 2007 (aged 83)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Wacousta Cemetery
Wacousta, Clinton County, Michigan, USA



Marjorie Marion Lawrence Darbon

DATE OF PASSING: 6/10/2010

Class of 1940

Marjorie Darbon of Haslett, MI was born November 21, 1921 to the Late Orvil and Flo Lawrence.

Marjorie died June 10, 2010, at the age of 88. She grew up in Grand Ledge, Michigan. During WWII and she worked as "Rosie the Riveter" at the Diamond REO factory in Lansing. After the war, she worked at Knapps and Jacobsons. Marjorie took great pride in her home; inside and out.

She also loved spending time with family and friends on Drummond Island. There were countless days spent fishing or exploring the island and most evenings ended with a campfire. Rain or shine, there was always laughter at the Darbon camp! Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband Neil M. Darbon; and sisters Edie Lawrence and Bonnie Webb. She is survived by her daughter Pamela (Bill) Porterfield; son Greg (Susie) Darbon; grandchildren Melisa Porterfield, Amanda (Eric-Sean) Gotcher, and Elizabeth Darbon; great-grandchildren Colter Sutton, Halen, Karley and EJ Gotcher; brother Keith Lawrence, and sister Jane Lawrence.

A Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 955 Alton Rd., East Lansing with the Rev. Mark Inglot officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the, Michigan Great Lakes Chapter, 310 N. Main, Suite 100, Chelsea, MI 48118 in memory of Marjorie.



Edwin A. Maier

Class of 1940

Birth 23 Feb 1922
Clinton County, Michigan, USA
Death 26 Jan 1974 (aged 51)
Clinton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1/26/1974



Earl R. Martzke

Class of 1940

Birth 1 Apr 1923
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 28 Mar 2012 (aged 88)
Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 3/28/2012



Earl R. Martzke Grand Rapids Formerly of Grand Ledge Mr. Earl R. Martzke of Grand Rapids, MI, formerly of Grand Ledge, MI passed away on March 28, 2012 at the age of 88. He was born April 1, 1923 in Grand Ledge, son of Theodore and Flora (Post) Martzke. Earl was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, Class of 1940; a retired accountant for the John Bean Company and a Veteran of WWII, serving with the U.S. Army 6th U.S. Calvary. He was an Elder at the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Grand Ledge and Bethel Lutheran Church of Grandville; a charter member and life member of the Grand Ledge VFW Post 3293; member of the Cole-Briggs American Legion Post 48, Grand Ledge; an active member and past president of the Grand Ledge High School Band Boosters; former member of Grand Ledge Jaycees, and enjoyed woodworking and gardening. He is survived by his sons Dr. Rich (Tina) Martzke of Grand Ledge and Dr. Gary (Laura) Martzke of

Grandville, MI; grandchildren: Justin, Adam (Sarah), Nathan (Angelie), Andrew (Heather), Jason (Michele), Ian Martzke, and Caitlin (Justin) Groeneveld; 1 great grandchild, Jacob Martzke, 1 niece and 1 nephew. He is predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Jean and brother Edward Martzke. A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, March 31, 2012 - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge, with Pastor Dawn Donato of the Immanuel Lutheran Church officiating. Military Graveside services will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitations will be held on Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Earl Martzke. Online condolences may be made to www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Eileen McIntyre Frantz

DATE OF PASSING: 2/25/2009

Class of 1940

Eileen Sarah Frantz of Hastings, beloved wife and mother passed away on February 25, 2009 after a brief illness. Eileen was born August 3, 1923 in Mulliken, MI, the daughter of Leo and Clara (Ramsey) McIntyre. She was a 1940 graduate of Grand Ledge High School and attended Lansing Secretarial School. She worked at General Motors after her graduation. In 1942, Eileen married Leland Philip Frantz (married 60 years), where they lived on a farm near Sunfield for 37 years, until they retired and moved to Podunk Lake in Hastings. With the birth of her children, Eileen became a full-time mother and homemaker. She enjoyed sewing, was a wonderful cook, loved to bake and was a passionate reader. Eileen was preceded in death by her husband, Leland, in 2002, brother Leo, her parents, and son-in-law Thomas Robel. She leaves behind daughters Diana (James) Mullen of Fairfax, Virginia, Darlene Robel of Tampa, Florida, and son Randy (Lois) Frantz of Hastings. She had 6 grandchildren, Craig, Kevin and Michelle Robel, Matthew Mullen, Sarah and Nicole Frantz; 1 great-grandchild, Jake Robel; sisters, Ruah (Kendall) Dow, Margaret (Edward) Kuhns; brother, Norbert McIntyre; and many nieces and nephews. Eileen will be laid to rest in the Sunfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the SPY's of Sunfield, or the Sunfield Library, c/o RFH, P.O. Box 36, Sunfield, MI 48890. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m., Monday March 2, 2009 at the Rosier Funeral Home, Mapes-Fisher Chapel, Sunfield, MI. Visitation will be 3-5 p.m. Sunday March 1, 2009 at the funeral home. Obituary and online guest book at www.legacy.com



Murle B. McNutt

DATE OF PASSING: 8/27/2010

Class of 1940

Birth 6 Sep 1921
Michigan, USA
Death 27 Aug 2010 (aged 88)
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Murle, 88, of Grand Ledge, MI. the patriarch of our family, met our Lord and Savior peacefully on Saturday. He was a lifelong resident of Grand Ledge born to William and Ada (Jacobs) McNutt, the youngest of six children. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1940 and served honorably in the U.S. Army during WWII as a mechanic in the Aleutian Islands and Anchorage, Alaska. He married Lucille Durham on July 24th, 1945 and they were together for over 61 years until her death in 2007. Murle, along with his brother, Ed, owned and operated the M & M Gas Station Service in downtown Grand Ledge. He worked at Oldsmobile and U.S. Truck Company, was a school bus driver for Grand Ledge and retired from Tri-County Beverage Company in 1983. He was also a car porter for Grand Ledge Ford and Paradise Motors.

Murle was very active in his community and a model citizen. He joined the Grand Ledge Volunteer Fire Department in 1949 and is the city's longest serving fireman with over 61 years of service which has been a great source of pride for him and his family. His children, grandchildren and great-grand children all have fond memories of riding in the "big red fire trucks" with him during the city's many parades. He had the honor of being King of Yankee Doodle Days in 1995 and he was a former member of GLEAP. Murle sold tickets at various high school athletic events for over 18 years and was known by all as Grandpa. Murle loved stock car racing, camping, fishing, traveling, and attending his family's extracurricular events. He was a member of Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene and will always be remembered as a staunch Christian and devoted family man. Many will fondly remember his famous "handlebar mustache". He was preceded in death by his wife, son Murle (Butch), grandson, Darrell Jr. (D.J.), brother, Harvey, sisters, Wilma Baker, Bernice Mills, and Magdalena West. He is survived by son Darrell (Patricia) and daughter Rita (Thomas) Baker of Grand Ledge, daughter-in-law Jeanne of Riverdale, MI, brother, Edward of Okemos, brother-in-law George (Bobbye) Durham of Gilmer, Texas, 7 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their gratitude and thanks to the kind and compassionate staffs of Clare Bridge of Delta and In-House Hospice Services for taking such wonderful and tender care of our beloved dad.

A funeral service was held Thursday, September 2, 2010, at the Church of the Nazarene Grand Ledge, MI with Reverend Richard Hand and Reverend Ray Duck, officiating. Interment will follow with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grand Ledge Fire Department, GLEAP or Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene.



Floyd Elmont Merritt, Jr.

DATE OF PASSING: 7/30/1962

Class of 1940

Birth 14 Jul 1922
Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan, USA
Death 30 Jul 1962 (aged 40)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Keith A. Merryfield

DATE OF PASSING: 2/10/2011

Class of 1940

Birth 1922
Death 2011 (aged 88–89)
Burial
Meadowbrook Cemetery
Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Keith Alton Merryfield, 88, died Feb. 10, 2011, at Treasure Coast Hospice. He was born in Mulliken, Mich., and lived in Hobe Sound for two years, coming from Sunfield, Mich. He was a farmer much of his adult life but also built houses in Fort Lauderdale in the 1970s. He was a member of Nazarene Church of Portland, Mich. Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Reva Jane Merryfield of Hobe Sound; daughters, Diane Capps of Port St. Lucie and Sharon Ackerson of Sunfield; sons, Kenneth Merryfield of Sunfield and Keith D. Merryfield of Lyons, Mich.; stepsons, Douglas King of Austin, Texas, and Kevin King of Hollister, Mo.; stepdaughter, Gina Martin of Austin; sister, Leta Collier of Sunfield; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and six great-step-grandchildren.. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kitty Arneson; sister, Alta May Jones; and brother, Kenneth George Merryfield. Memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 S.E. Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997. Services: Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. March 4 at Forest Hills Young & Prill Chapel in Stuart. A guestbook is available at www.youngandprill.com.



Dale John Meyers

DATE OF PASSING: 5/3/2011

Class of 1940

Birth 1921
Death 3 May 2011 (aged 89–90)
Burial
Maple Hill Cemetery
Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Dale John Meyers, age 89, of Logan, Ohio, passed away, Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the Hocking Valley Community Hospital, Logan, Ohio.

Born December 29, 1921 in Charlotte, Michigan, he was the son of the late Orvis and Lunetta (Cobb) Meyers.

Mr. Meyers was an engineer for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and also a 15-year volunteer for the Logan Fire Department, in his retirement, he enjoyed volunteering at Hocking Valley Community Hospital, Logan, Ohio.

He is survived by one son, Perry J. (Rogina) Meyers of Canal Winchester, Ohio; one daughter, Sandra Lee (Anthony) Agosta of Akron, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Jenna Elaine and Simon J. Meyers, both of Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of sixty-five years, Elaine Marie Meyers (2009).

Funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2011, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 258 West Hunter Street, Logan, Ohio with Reverend Mark J. Daniels officiating.

Friends may call Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., at Roberts Funeral Home, Logan, Ohio, and Saturday from 9 a.m. until time of service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dale's memory to the St. Matthew Radio Broadcast Fund, c/o St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 258 East Hunter Street, Logan, Ohio 43138.

Letters of condolence may be left at www.robertsfuneralhometlogan.com.



Donald Rexford Parsons

DATE OF PASSING: 1/15/1992

Class of 1940

Birth 4 Apr 1922
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 15 Jan 1992 (aged 69)
De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: East Lawn Memory Gardens
Okemos, Ingham County, Michigan, USA



D. Lynn Pennington

DATE OF PASSING: 8/31/2003

Class of 1940

Birth 1922
Death 2003 (aged 80-81)
Burial
North Eagle Cemetery
Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

D. Lynn Pennington, 81, a resident of Carmel for 30 years, died on Aug. 31, 2003. He was born on Feb. 23, 1922, in Lansing, MI to Roy and Ida Pennington, and grew up in Grand Ledge, MI. He served overseas as a bombardier in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He retired from AMAX Corporation in 1984, where he served as Corporate Director of Industrial Relations. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Aliene; one son Ron (Michele) Pennington of Costa Mesa, CA; one daughter, Ann (Tom) Bell of Albuquerque; and 6 grandchildren. Services will be held on Sat., Sept. 6 at Holihan Atkins Funeral Home in Grand Ledge and he will be interred in North Eagle Cemetery in Eagle, MI. Memorial contributions may be given to The Salvation Army or Wheeler Mission Ministries.

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Richard C. Rosier

DATE OF PASSING: 12/19/2016

Class of 1940

Richard C. Rosier, 94, passed away at home on December 19, 2016. He was born January 28, 1922 in Westphalia Twp., Clinton Co., MI, son of Louis and Cora (Bentley) Rosier. Richard was a lifetime area farmer and retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He was a member of Wacousta Community United Methodist Church; past master and life member of Wacousta-Dewitt Lodge #359 F. & A.M., past patron and life member of Wacousta Chapter #133 O.E.S., 332nd Degree Mason, and member of the Shriners.

Survivors include his loving wife of 72 years, Elizabeth 'Betty' (Rowland), son Russell Rosier (Barbara Ryden), daughters, Carolyn (Don) Jones and Marjorie (Mark) Gober; 8 grandchildren: Andy (D'rtania) Rosier, Jason Preidis, Angela Frazier, Gabriel (Emily) White, Megan (Ryan) Keast, Chad Gober, Corri (Matt) Mooney, and Caleb Gober; 12 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Earl and Neil, sisters Helen Larson and Mildred Morris.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 23, 2016 - 11:00 a.m. at Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, 9180 Herbison Road, Eagle (Watertown Twp.). Interment at Wacousta Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with Masonic Services beginning 7:30 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be made to Wacousta Community United Methodist Church or Sparrow Hospice.





Beverly J. Rouse Becker

DATE OF PASSING: 9/27/2019

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Beverly J. Becker, age 97 of Grand Ledge went home to be with her Lord on September 27, 2019. Beverly was born on September 5, 1922. As an infant, Beverly was adopted by her parents Charles Alan and Florence Christabella (Bucklin) Rouse. Beverly was predeceased by her parents, brothers, Bill and Wilbur Rouse and granddaughter-in-law, Felicia Becker. Beverly graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1940. She married Harry Becker in 1946; they were married over 51 years when he preceded her in death in 1998. Beverly was employed by Parsons Chemicals of Grand Ledge for 10 years before she was employed for 34 ½ years at Oldsmobile of Lansing, retiring as the Executive Secretary to the General Sales Manager. Bev was a longtime active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Ledge serving on various committees and the church council.



Beverly is survived by her son, Terry (Kathryn) Becker; grandchildren, David and Scott (Amber) Becker; great grandchildren, Scott (Tessa), Samantha (Harley), Sydnee and Spencer Becker, Cardin Lloyd, Bailey Lloyd and Riley Weishaupt; one great great grandson, Oliver Lee Becker along with nieces, nephews and cousins. Bev also leaves behind her Immanuel Lutheran

Church family and will especially be missed by her Immanuel care giving team who assisted her in the later chapters of her life. A memorial service celebrating Bev's life will be held Monday, October 14, 2019, 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Chuck Foerster and Pastor Richard McKenzie, officiating. Visitation will be at the church one hour prior to the service. Inurnment will follow in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Memorial Garden. In memory of Bev, memorial gifts may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 517 S. Clinton Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



Elizabeth Marie Rowland Rosier

DATE OF PASSING: 8/3/2019

Class of 1940

Elizabeth "Betty" Marie Rosier, 95, born August 16, 1923 in Watertown Twp., Clinton Co., MI, daughter to A. Earle and Mabel (Wessler) Rowland, passed away on August 3, 2019. Betty attended Wacousta School and then graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1940. She attended Lansing Secretarial School and then worked in the Oldsmobile office for 4 years. She married Richard Rosier in 1944 and to this union three children were born: Russell, Carolyn and Marjorie.

Betty was a secretary at Wacousta Elementary School from 1965 to 1985. She and Richard enjoyed their cottage at Chrystal Lake and later at Middle Lake near Hastings. They liked traveling in the States and also out of the country (England, Germany, Greece, Turkey, China, etc.). It was a pleasure doing activities with their family and friends, such as boating, playing games, euchre and bridge, and also enjoyed square dancing.

She was a member of Wacousta Community United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women; past matron and life member of the Wacousta Chapter #133 O.E.S.; member of Whirl-A-Way Square Dance Club; 21 year Meals on Wheels volunteer; also Red Cross Donor and volunteer.



Betty is survived by her son Russell Rosier (Barbara Ryden), daughters, Carolyn (Don) Jones and Marjorie (Mark) Gober; 8 grandchildren: Andy (D'rtania) Rosier, Jason Preidis, Angela Frazier, Gabriel (Emily) White, Megan (Ryan) Keast, Chad Gober, Corri (Matt) Mooney, and Caleb Gober; 13 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Richard (2016) and her brother Robert Rowland.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 8, 2019 – 11:00 a.m. at Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, 9180 Herbison Road, Eagle (Watertown Twp.). Interment at Wacousta Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge on Wednesday, August 7th from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., with O.E.S. services beginning 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Wacousta Community United Methodist Church or Sparrow Hospice. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Robert S. Rowland

DATE OF PASSING: 3/12/2015

Class of 1940

Birth 14 Aug 1922
Death 12 Mar 2015 (aged 92)
Burial
Wacousta Cemetery
Wacousta, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

Robert S. Rowland -- Wacousta



Mr. Robert (Bob) Rowland passed away March 12, 2015 at the age of 92. Memorial services will be held at Peters & Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge, MI on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 12:00 P.M., with visitations from 10:00 a.m. until service time. He will be laid to rest at the Wacousta Cemetery next to his parents, Earl and Mable Rowland.

Mr. Rowland was born August 14, 1922 in Wacousta, MI and lived there until 1985 when he moved to Augusta, GA. While in Michigan he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and then went to Michigan State University and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduation he started working for Tranter Manufacturing and moved to Georgia with the company and retired in 1991 after 38 years.

In 1946 he married Mary Martha Morris of Grand Ledge and had three children whom now survive him: Katherine (Jack) Weber, Bruce (Jan) Rowland and Evan (Su) Rowland. Survived also by his wife, Doris; sister Betty (Richard) Rosier; grandchildren: Nicole (Xander) Waites, Tiffany (Erik) Adams, Chad (Kayti) Rowland and Brent Rowland. Additional family members include step children Charles Hardman and Laurie (CL) Rose, as well as step granddaughters Ashley and Meg Hiestand.

During his years in Wacousta he was a member of the Wacousta Methodist Church, Wacousta Masonic Lodge (lifetime member of 70 years) and served many years in the Boys Scouts.

After moving to Augusta Georgia he married Doris and has been married to her for 29 years. He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Kiwanis, American Legion, Scottish Rite Mason and he was active in Scouting and a Silver Beaver recipient.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be given to Grand Ledge Boy Scouts or American Cancer Society in memory of Robert Rowland. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Lyle A. Rueckert

DATE OF PASSING: 1989

Class of 1940

Birth 1921
Death 1989 (aged 67-68)
Burial
Wacousta Cemetery
Wacousta, Clinton County, Michigan, USA





Robert A. Schlappi

DATE OF PASSING: 10/26/2013

Class of 1940

Birth 13 Aug 1922
Alma, Gratiot County, Michigan, USA
Death 26 Oct 2013 (aged 91)
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

Robert, of Grand Ledge, a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother went to be with the Lord, October 26, 2013. Bob was born to the late George and Ida (Crossett) Schlappi.

He graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1940 and then went on to serve in the United States Army Air Corps during WW II as a pilot.

Bob retired from GM as a supervisor, was a longtime faithful member of the Grand Ledge Baptist Church and avid golfer.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Bettie J. (Kingsley); children, Douglas (Katherine), Marilyn (Roger) Merrifield, Patricia (Michael) Edgel, Daniel (Sandra) and Lori (Rod) Sharp; 12 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Ruth Schlappi.

A funeral service was held Friday, November 1, 2013, at the Grand Ledge Baptist Church. Military honors were held at the cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Grand Ledge Baptist Church, Grand Ledge, Michigan or to Eaton Community Palliative Care Charlotte, Michigan.



Josephine Scofic Mettetal

DATE OF PASSING: 6/5/1974

Class of 1940

Birth 10 Aug 1922
Death 5 Jun 1974 (aged 51)
Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Dorothy Stapelmann Irwin

DATE OF PASSING: 11/27/2011

Class of 1940

Dorothy Alice Irwin of Lansing, age 90, passed away November 27, 2011 in Grand Ledge at Fairview Adult Foster Care peacefully and with dignity, after a 20 year battle with Alzheimer's. She was born December 3, 1920 in Clinton Co., MI, the daughter of Joseph and Bernice (Smith) Stapleman. Dorothy was a graduate of the Grand Ledge High School class of 1940, and enjoyed traveling in their motor home. Survivors include sons Lynn (Terri) Irwin of Lansing and David (Luz) Irwin of Clermont, FL; 4 grandchildren: John (Sherri) Irwin, Randy (Lisa) Irwin, Robert Irwin, and Suzanne (Travis) Zimmerman; 10 great grandchildren: Joshua, Jacob, Allison, Lucas, Gianna Irwin, Elizabeth, Koen, Treyton, Grantham and Braedon Zimmerman; sister-in-law Jenny Lind Kwant of Grand Ledge. She was predeceased by her husband Harold in June of 2008. Funeral services will be held Friday, December 2, 2011 - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Fr. Gordon Weller of St. Paul Episcopal Church officiating. Interment will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. For those desiring contributions to the Alzheimer's Association or Hospice of Lansing would be greatly appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Cecilia Ethel Stevens Stambaugh

DATE OF PASSING: 3/12/2017

Class of 1940

Cecilia Ethel "Stevens" Stambaugh of St. Louis, formerly of Grand Ledge, passed away March 12, 2017. Cecilia was born January 20, 1922 in Port Huron, Michigan to the late Theodore and Sally (Simon) Stevens. Cecilia was a retired licensed beautician and practical nurse. She enjoyed to crochet, read, and was a wonderful cook. Cecilia liked to be a host and have people over to the house and always looked forward to spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children, Darrel (Kathy) of Arizona, Marlene (Raymond) Crenshaw of Delta Twp., and Marilyn (Edward) Davis of St. Louis; 10 grandchildren; numerous great and great great grandchildren; siblings, Jerome (Lois) LaFontzee of Evart and June Ann Hazen of Grand Ledge. Cecilia was preceded in death by husband, C. Duane on October 19, 1998 along with sisters, Mary Ross and Joan Lancaster.

A memorial service will be held at a later time. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



Shirley Ilene Thomas Green

February 24, 1922 - November 28, 2020 (Aged 98)

Shirley Ilene Green (nee Thomas) of Grand Ledge formerly of Harrison passed away at 10:30 pm on November 28, 2020 at the Eaton County Health & Rehabilitation Services facility in Charlotte. She was born February 24, 1922 to Lyle and Cassie (Cramer) Thomas, she was 98 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn and son, Thomas (Michael (Mike)). Shirley is survived by son, James (Susan Anderson); grandchildren, Douglas (Jennifer) of Battle Creek, Matthew of Lansing and Alisha of Santa Cruz, California; great grandchildren, Kailin, Brendan, Ava, Brooklyn and Ember along with many loving nieces and nephews. According to Shirley's request, cremation has taken place and there will be a private family committal at a later time at Freeman Township Cemetery, Clare County, Michigan.

Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be given to Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Road, Charlotte, Michigan 48813 (<http://www.echospice.org/donate/>) or SIREN/Eaton Shelter, 520 Robinson Street, Charlotte, Michigan 48813 (https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=1Ya7NHmAyXCdAgqx-cMQtz6JJe_jufbPUBqn0pRdsGubwS8NLNqlee2s0UuvUvV4qfOARI4EwXlnkip3).



Clark A. Tinney

DATE OF PASSING: 1/15/2014

Class of 1940

Birth 29 Mar 1921
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 15 Jan 2014 (aged 92)
Burial Cremated, Location of ashes is unknown



Clark was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan at home on the kitchen table, to the late Clark and Erma Tinney. He was an outstanding athlete and received a basketball scholarship to Michigan State University. During WWII he was in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Dateland, AZ. While on leave in Phoenix he met the love of his life, Kathryn O'Neal. They were happily married for 64 years. Clark was in sales for GE for 37½ years where he received many sales awards. He was a member of the Elks, was past president of Sertoma, Int'l., and a member of the Arizona Genealogy Society. Clark enjoyed his family, travel, golf, bowling, music and living at the Forum. He is survived by his daughter, Karen Russell; grandchildren, Kristen Winter (Jay), Kathryn Poore (Dan), E. Scott Russell (Angela); and four great-grandchildren, Griffin & Molly Winter and Lindsey & Jackson Poore; his sisters-in-law, Ioan Shinn and Virginia O'Neal; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn, and his son-in-law, Ernest Russell. His wonderful smile and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

A celebration of Clark's life will be held at The Forum, 2500 N. Rosemont on Monday, January 20, 2014 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.



Robert W. Wilkinson

DATE OF PASSING: 10/10/2004

Class of 1940

Robert W. Wilkinson, age 84, of Dimondale and formerly of Eaton Rapids, died at his residence following a terminal illness on Sunday, October 10, 2004. Robert was born August 15, 1920 in Owosso, Michigan, the son of Frank and Ethel M. (Goodknecht) Wilkinson. Bob was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School and attended Michigan State University. He served in the South Pacific with the U.S. Marines during World War II. A member of the Lansing Carpenter's Union #1104, former member of the Eaton Rapids Senior Citizens and the First Congregational church. Bob worked over 40 years for Huel-Vance Construction Company in Lansing as a carpenter. Preceding him in death were two daughters, Zetta Zechinato and Susan Cupp.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Naomi; sons, Lon (Sheila) Wilkinson of Lansing and Erin Ferrett of Union City, TN; daughter, Martha (Michael) Babcock of Six Lakes; son-in-law, LeRoy Cupp of Eaton Rapids; 9 grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Katherine Wilkinson of Grand Ledge and Martha Burleson of Eaton Rapids.

Graveside services will be Saturday, October 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids with Rev. Craig Britton, Chaplain for the Great lakes Hospice, officiating. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the Great Lakes Hospice at 103 S. Jackson St., Jackson, MI 49201. The family is being served through the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids.



Lyla Williams Felzke

October 12, 1922 — November 25, 1988 (Aged 66)

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

(NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)



John T. Winstanley, Jr.

DATE OF PASSING: 4/17/2015

Class of 1940

Birth 7 Sep 1920
Leelanau County, Michigan, USA
Death 17 Apr 2015 (aged 94)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan, USA



John T. Winstanley Jr., 94, born September 7, 1920 in Leelanau County, Michigan, passed away April 17, 2015 in Lansing, Michigan. John retired from the State of Michigan and was a member of Grand Ledge Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Rose, daughters: Judy (Jerry) Rogers, Jill Winstanley, and Jane (Terry) Pitcher; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, John T. Sr. and Gladys (Austin) Winstanley; daughter Sheila Winstanley; brothers, Homer and Roderick Winstanley, and sister, Iola Kebler.

Funeral services will be held April 21, 2015 at Grand Ledge Baptist Church with Pastor John Lemke officiating.

