

THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1947

Dr. John Allman (2002 — UNKNOWN)
Edwin M. Arndt (1996 — 12/14/1996)
Wayne Baisel (2023 -- 2/9/2023)
Donna BAKER Shane (2016 — 4/12/2016)
James Henry Baker (2016 — 6/9/2016)
Florence Ellen BALLENTINE Vogt (2023 -- 10/4/2023)
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Dorothy Ilene BRACE Allbert-Barto (2019 -- 9/27/2019)
Georgia Lou BRIGGS LaForge (1984 — UNKNOWN)
Joyce E. BRONSON Blakeslee (2023 -- 2/20/2023)
Virginia Elaine BRUNSMAN Sablain (2016 — 1/24/2016)
John Allen Catey (2014 — 6/24/2014)
Clyde Chamberlin (2013 — 7/14/2013)
Wayne Childs (2015 — 10/27/2015)
Norma DAVIS Jackson (2004 — UNKNOWN)
Frank A. Dible (2018 — 9/22/2018)
Wayne Dick (1979 — UNKNOWN)
Charles Dingler (2004 — UNKNOWN)
Arlene DOANE Kines (2015 — 1/9/2015)
John Doane (2017 — 4/12/2017)
John Doxie (2002 — UNKNOWN)
Marjorie EDWARDS Leonard Collins (2015 — 11/27/2015)
Weldon G. Faull (2011 — 8/14/2011)
Robert Harold Felske (2013 — UNKNOWN)
Doris FEYERABEND Kirvan (1994 — UNKNOWN)
Herman R. Feyerabend (1994 — 3/17/1994)
Louis George Fortino (2009 — 2/6/2009)
Helen FUNTUKIS Perentesis (1994 — UNKNOWN)
Marilyn Ida GALVIN Selden (2021 -- 4/8/2021)
Joan GOODSSELL Emmons (2016 — 2/28/2016)
Donald Freeman Green (2006 — 7/19/2006)
Joyce Ann GUILFORD Broman-Hillock (2012 — 1/2/2012)
Thomas James Hahn (2024 -- 3/24/2024)
Joan HAYES Richards Young (2010 — UNKNOWN)
Ellsworth Heath (2000 — UNKNOWN)
Margaret HETTERLY Hough (2005 — 2/23/2005)
Sally HOCKENBERRY Beeby (2001 — UNKNOWN)

Barbara Ann HUSS Wheaton (2023 -- 4/1/2023)
LeRoy Vern Jackson (2018 — 3/27/2018)
Barbara Jo JOHNSON Tansey (2010 — 6/3/2010)
Arnold L. Ladd Sr (1993 — 9/27/1993)
Ferris Markle (1973 — UNKNOWN)
Donald Martin (2009 — 3/6/2009)
Ila May MARTIN Sealy (2013 — 12/25/2013)
George McLeod (1983 — UNKNOWN)
Keith Meister (1985 — UNKNOWN)
Pearl Louise MEREDITH Sealy (2017 — 7/29/2017)
Joan MILLARD Hine (2012 — 7/23/2012)
Robert J. Morse (2022 -- 3/3/2022)
Neil Max Padgham (2011 — 3/16/2011)
Marilyn PARKER Russell (1987 — UNKNOWN)
Carol PATTEN Hoppes (2014 — 10/4/2014)
Fred Peabody (2008 — 1/6/2008)
Verna Jean PENFIELD Cudney (2020 -- 5/13/2020)
William M. Ream (2007 — 8/5/2007)
Phyllis Mae SANBORN Klingbiel (2018 — 8/15/2018)
Joanne L. SHUERT McDaniels (2020 -- 9/22/2020)
Freida Simons Knisley (1976 — UNKNOWN)
Arlene SMITH Parker (2012 — 2/28/2012)
Ilene M. SMITH Shaw (2021 -- 2/4/2021)
James William Smith (2010 -- 11/5/2010)
Norma THOMAS Barnes (2017 — 4/5/2017)
Alice VAN GANSBEKE Brigam (1977 — UNKNOWN)
Richard Wilson Vogt (2023 -- 10/3/2023)
Nathan A. Wells (2004 — UNKNOWN)
Elnora WHITNEY Robbins (1989 — UNKNOWN)
Marguerite ZYNDA Huhn (2014 — 5/4/2014)



Dr. John Allman

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DATE OF PASSING: 2002

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Edwin M. Arndt

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DATE OF PASSING: 12/14/1996

Birth 11 Jun 1929
Death 14 Dec 1996 (aged 67)
Burial: Needmore Cemetery
Needmore, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



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Wayne Baisel

July 17, 1929 — February 9, 2023 (Aged 93)

Wayne Baisel, 93, of Delta Township, MI passed away on February 9, 2023. He was born in Millett, MI, on July 17, 1929, son of Murr and Lillie (Rossman) Baisel. Wayne was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School class of 1947, and then attended Lansing Business College. He went on to work for Demmer Corporation as an accountant for over 30 years. Wayne was a very hard worker and very talented with wood working; he built the home, with his father's help, that his family grew up in along with all of the cabinets, additions on the home, and restoring furniture. He loved to make things for the family including cribs, a variety of rocking animals and Santa's. Wayne enjoyed square dancing, attending auctions, collecting antiques, genealogy, gardening, moving his lawn and attending all of his children's and grandchildren's activities.



He is survived by his loving wife Jane of 72 years; children: Mark Baisel, Max (Katherine) Baisel, Marie Searles, and Marvin Baisel; grandchildren: David (Connie), Stacey, Max (Jessica), Jacob, Kaitlyn (Brennen), Ian, Audrey and Elliott; great-grandchildren: Tiffany, David, Derrick, Christopher, Rheanna, and Cora Jane; great-great-grandchild: Sylvia; cousin, Arone Huisgen. Wayne is preceded in death by his parents; brother,

Virgil; sister, Alberta; infant siblings, Max and Wanda Lou.

Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in loving memory of Wayne to the Sparrow Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, 1210 W Saginaw St, Lansing, MI 48915. The family is being served by the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be placed at www.millsfuneral.com.



Donna Baker Shane

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DATE OF PASSING: 4/12/2016

Donna M. Shane died Wednesday, April 12, 2016 at the age of 86. She was born in Grand Ledge, MI, October 21, 1929 the daughter of David and Wilma (McNutt) Baker.

She was a former member of First Congregational Church in St. Johns, Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Clinton County Country Club. She enjoyed bowling and was a member of a league for several years and currently was a member of the Elks Lodge. On October 28, 1950 she married Harold Shane O.D. and he preceded her in death in September 2013. Donna and Harry spent many years at their cottage on Houghton Lake where they enjoyed the company of family and many friends.

Surviving is one daughter Sue (Greg) Crawley; one son, Jim (Laura) Shane; grandchildren Jeff and Meg Campbell-Crawley, Danielle and Chris Cole, Kristen and Michael Bullock, Michael Shane and fiancée Daisy Kim; four great grandchildren and one brother, Jim Baker.

The family will receive relatives and friends during a time of fellowship and celebration of Donna's life on Monday, May 9, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Keck-Coleman Funeral Home, St. Johns. Memorials may be made to Gunnisonville Meadows Senior Assisted Living 1758 E. Clark Rd. Lansing, MI 48906.



James Henry Baker

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 6/9/2016

James Henry Baker of Grand Ledge a loving father, grandfather and friend passed away June 9, 2016 surrounded by family. Jim was born June 20, 1928 in Grand Ledge to the late David and Wilma (McNutt) Baker. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1947 and went on to serve for six years in the U.S. Air Force. He retired as a tool and die maker from Demmer after thirty-seven years. Jim enjoyed working on his house, gardening, traveling and wintering in Florida. He faithfully served as an usher at St. Michael Parish and was known as Santa to his grandchildren, friends and the Grand Ledge community. Many people in Grand Ledge recognized Jim as he made his daily five mile walk.

He is survived by children, Debra (Dan) Szymanski, Chris (Scott) Vetter, Andrew (Kim), Eric (Mary), Matthew, Amy (Edwin) Kingston; grandchildren, Nick, Barbara and Joseph Szymanski, Wayne, Staci and Timothy Baker, Eddy, Cody and Susan Kingston; great grandchildren, Barry and Davis Szymanski, Emily Jones, Cheyenne, Bentley, Dakota, Hunter and Nolan Baker along with one great great grandchild on the way. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; son, Joseph and siblings, David Baker and Donna Shane.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 11am at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by The Reverend Fr. James Eisele. Rite of Committal will follow at N. Eagle Cemetery with military honors. Visitation will be Monday from 4-8:00pm with a scripture service at 7:30pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. A memorial service will also be held from

2-6:00pm on July 10, 2016 at 45118 Geddes Rd., Canton, Michigan 48188.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Michael Church, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837, National Kidney Foundation, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108 or the Memorial Honor Guard, Cole Briggs Post 48 American Legion, VFW Post 3293, 731 N. Clinton Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837.

Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com





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Florence Ellen Ballentine Vogt

August 20, 1929 – October 4, 2023 (Aged 94)

Happily married for 75 years, high school sweethearts Richard Wilson Vogt and Florence Ellen (Ballentine) Vogt died within hours of each other on October 3rd (Richard) and October 4th (Florence). Their romance sparked when they were the only two to volunteer for dreaded dishwashing duties at a school event, and they were the center of each other's worlds ever after.

They married on May 1, 1948, in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Richard worked for Michigan Bell Telephone for 33 years, retiring in 1981 to spend more time with his sweetie. Florence trained as a bookkeeper; she was also a homemaker and secretary. They raised three daughters, Mary (Stanley) Hunter, Lois (Donald) Albrecht, and Linda (Richard) Holmes, and welcomed many "extra kids" into their lives.

They filled their lives with adventure, camping, picnicking, and hiking as the girls grew up. After retirement, they could often be found traveling and bicycling-famously celebrating their birthdays by biking their age in miles in a single day until their 80s. Florence reluctantly gave up biking at age 90. Richard was still biking early this summer, and they both relished long walks and any opportunity to be outdoors. They loved spending summers in Bayfield, Wisconsin; they also enjoyed several winters in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

They had a wide circle of friends and were known for their sense of humor, eye-popping athletic feats, contributions to the community (they both volunteered regularly with Meals on Wheels), and, most of all, their unwavering love for each other. They proudly wooed each other, even after 75 years of marriage. They were thrilled to have a 75th anniversary party in May with their entire family present.

Florence was born in Lansing, Michigan, on August 20, 1929, to Peter W. Ballentine and Glenna M. (Zischke) Ballentine. She was an intrepid genealogist who extensively traced the family tree. In her 50s, she began quilting and became well-known for her incredible skill and generosity, donating hundreds of quilts to worthy causes. She had a wonderful circle of quilter friends in East Lansing and later in Saint Paul after they moved to Minnesota in 2010. Florence had a challenging childhood, growing up in the Depression and losing her father when she was 3, but she had an indomitable spirit.

Richard was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan, on July 28, 1929, to Harrison M. Vogt and Mary Blanche (Brett) Vogt. Richard equaled Florence's generosity, donating blood as often as possible and spending more than 40 years recording books for individuals facing blindness. He was a gifted writer and storyteller whose love for puns will trickle on through the generations. Few could top him in a crossword puzzle or a battle of wits. He kept journals throughout his life and was a faithful letter-writer to many. We're fortunate to still have his words.

Remarkably healthy for most of their lives, both suffered vertebral fractures and subsequent reinjuries in the last two months, declining rapidly thereafter. Their nearly simultaneous deaths were a fitting end to their incredible love story.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to The Willows of Ramsey Hill and Brighton Hospice for caring for Florence and to Optage Hospice for Richard's in-home care. Mom and Dad loved each other, loved their families, and made the most out of life. They will be deeply missed, but we take comfort in knowing they don't have to be without each other.

Richard and Florence were preceded in death by their parents; Florence's brother Milton Ballentine; Richard's siblings Virginia Vance, Lyndon Vogt, and Norman Vogt; sons-in-law Donald Albrecht and Richard Holmes; and "extra kid" Jeff Kenyon.

They are survived by their three daughters, Mary (Stanley) Hunter, Lois Albrecht, and Linda Holmes; grandchildren Jennifer Albrecht, Bryce Albrecht (Amanda Belanger), Terence (Youa) Holmes, Ian (Sarah) Hunter, and Ellen (Paul) Gans; and great-grandchildren Bronwen and Greta Hunter, Samuel and Tyler Holmes, and Jameson and Hunter Gans. Also survived by cousin Irene Jane Brett, nephew Lyle Vogt, niece Sherry Ballentine Hays, and best man Jim Crawford; special "extra kids" Linda Reeder Overholt, Carol Cosens Yocum, Susan Larson, Jean Catto Hildreth, and Kris "Kupcake" Reichenbach; and many more beloved friends, apartment neighbors, Holy Spirit and Gloria Dei quilters, and extended family.

No services. Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell of Saint Paul. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Meals on Wheels; Area Community Fund, The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library; Albrecht-Vogt Family Fund, Apostle Islands Community Fund, P.O. Box 332, Bayfield, WI 54814; or donor's choice.





Dale J. Benjamin, Jr.

DATE OF PASSING: 5/28/2016

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Dale Benjamin, Jr. Born January 19, 1930 died peacefully on May 28, 2016 from complications of a stroke at the Halquist Memorial Inpatient Hospice in Arlington, VA. Dale, and his wife Helen, were long-time residents of Delta Township and built and operated Benjamin Parking Lot Maintenance.

Dale served Eaton County for almost two decades as an elected official; first, serving on, and chairing, the County Board of Commissioners, and subsequently, as Eaton County Drain Commissioner. A lifelong Republican, Dale was Chairman of the Republican Party in Eaton County and enthusiastically campaigned with Republican Presidential Candidates John Connolly and, Gerald Ford, when he ran for re-election. Dale was a 32nd degree Mason and belonged to the Lansing Chamber of Commerce. Growing out of his upbringing as a farmer, Dale was a lifelong conservationist and chaired the Eaton County Parks and Recreation advisory board. Prior to his marriage in 1955, Dale served in the Michigan National Guard. Dale and Helen travelled extensively by motorhome and belonged to many motorhome clubs.

Dale was the youngest son of Dale Benjamin, Sr. and Evelyn Merry Benjamin. Dale was predeceased by his son, Thomas Benjamin, and is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Helen Irene Benjamin (nee Padgham) his daughter, Sharon Benjamin-Bothwell, Ph.D., son-in-law Robert Bothwell of Alexandria, Virginia and two grandsons, Matthew (and Trisha) Benjamin of Newaygo, Michigan and Marshall (Tina) Benjamin of Brohman, Michigan and many other loving family members including several great-grandchildren.

Family and friends may call after 10AM, Friday June 3, 2016 at Peters & Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge, MI with a funeral service to follow at 11AM and interment immediately after at Delta Center Cemetery. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Dorothy Ilene Brace Allbert-Barto

DATE OF PASSING: 10/1/2019

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Dorothy Ilene Allbert-Barto, age 88, formerly of Duluth, GA, passed away Friday, September 27, 2019. Funeral services for Dorothy will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in our Peachtree Corners Chapel of Crowell Brothers Funeral Homes & Crematory. Burial will follow at North Atlanta Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Dorothy was born November 15, 1930 in Lansing, Michigan and was adopted at two weeks of age by Orley and Edith Brace. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School, Michigan in 1947. She moved to Georgia in 1968 and retired from Southern Company Services in 1986. She married Joseph Charles Barto, Jr. in 1993. She is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Barto, Jr. and daughter, Renee Ramsey. Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Carole Carroll (Larry) of Rockmart, GA; son, Eric Hough (Margaret) of Belmont, NC; stepchildren, Suzanne Donino (Frank) of Highlands, NC, Linda Morrison (Rick) of Nashville, TN, Joe Barto, III (Tricia) of Poquoson, VA, Mary Kenline (Mark) of Smyrna, GA and Michael Barto (Alice) of Missouri City, TX. 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Dorothy was a life member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, 4th Armored Auxiliary and Hemlock Society, USA. She was also a member of Elks Northlake Auxiliary and Atlanta Chapter of Military Officer.



Georgia Lou Briggs LaForge

DATE OF PASSING: 1984

Class of 1947

Birth 1928
Death 12 Jun 1984 (aged 55–56)
Isabella County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



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Joyce E. Bronson Blakeslee

September 12, 1930 — February 20, 2023 (Aged 92)



Joyce E. Bronson Blakeslee, age 92, passed away on Monday, February 20, 2023. She was born in Muir, MI on September 12, 1930 to Gerald and Hazel Bronson. Joyce graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1947 and made the decision to become a teacher after having worked as a secretary at MSU for the head of the Agricultural Department. She completed her undergraduate and master's degree in education by taking classes at WMU, Aquinas College and MSU. Joyce worked for the Rockford Public Schools and had multiple achievements while teaching there. She helped to found and served as chairman of the Arts Council for Rockford Public Schools, was Teacher of the Year, presented at the International Curriculum Conference on Multi-grade Teaching, and was co-author for Rockford's first Blue Ribbon School (Valley View) as well as member of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She was a longtime member of the Rockford United Methodist Church, singing in the choir for many years. Joyce retired from teaching in 1995 and pursued many hobbies, including weaving, gardening, cooking, and bread making from scratch. She was a docent for ten years at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, was a proficient water colorist, and painted with a

wonderful group of local artists that became beloved friends. Joyce traveled extensively with her mother, Hazel, and spent hours with her grandchildren working on outdoor projects around her home. She was a wonderful mentor to many educators and will be missed by her former students, teachers, friends, and family. Joyce is survived by her children Gail (Jim) Thomson and Denise (Rex) Baker; her grandchildren Amy (Chad) Scholl, Matt (Becky) Baker, Stacey (Lance) Tober, Kirsten Thomson and her fianc' Ryan Mulhern and Allison (Matt) Steigenga; great-grandchildren, Brennon Scholl, Dayna (Chase) Blackburn, Eric Scholl, Hank and Drake Baker, Evangeline Tober, Collette, Colton and Preston Steinenga, and Maclan Mulhern along with several extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Paul Blakeslee in 2016 and her parents. Joyce's family will greet relatives and friends from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, February 24, 2023 and from 10:00 am until the time of services Saturday at the funeral home. Funeral services for Joyce will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Pederson Funeral Home, 127 N. Monroe St., Rockford, MI 49341 and available via livestream service at www.plaisierfuneral.com. Interment will take place at the Rockford Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 456 Cherry St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch, 140 E. Bridge St., Rockford, Michigan 49341. The family welcomes messages and memories in their online guestbook at www.plaisierfuneral.com.



Virginia Brunsman Sablain DATE OF PASSING: 1/24/2016

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Virginia Elaine "Brunsman" Sablain -- Holt

Virginia Elaine "Brunsman" Sablain passed away on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at the age of 86.

Virginia was born on November 7, 1929 in Lansing, MI the daughter of Theoder and Catherine (Warner) Brunsman. She graduated valedictorian, from Grand Ledge High School class of 1947. She married Ronald Sablain on August 28, 1948. Virginia worked as a medical transcriptionist for Ingham Regional Medical Center, and Sparrow Hospital, retiring from both places. Most importantly Virginia was a full time pioneer servant for Jehovah's Witnesses for over 30 years. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and grandson, Jascha Adamski.



Surviving are her daughters, Janet (Jim) Adamski, Nancy (Michael) Ayers, Rhonda (Mark) Nourse, Mary (Timothy) Sherwood; grandchildren, Jade Adamski, Jabrina Adamski, Josiah Adamski, Janell Adamski, Jasmine (Joseph) Holloway, Jalene (Christopher) Ivins, Rachel Hewitt, Steven Ayers, Brent Ayers, Angela Mcclanahan, Brandon Rigotti, Marla Becker, Dania Nourse; and many great grandchildren; and sisters, Carol (Paul) Schorendorff, and Ruth Donahue-Beigle.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 29, 2015 at Skinner Funeral Home, Lansing Chapel. The family received friends at the funeral home on Thursday. For those desiring memorial contributions may be made to Jehovah's Witnesses.



John Allen Catey

Class of 1947

Birth 11 Sep 1930
Michigan, USA
Death 24 Jun 2014 (aged 83)
Boise, Ada County, Idaho, USA
Burial: Cloverdale Memorial Park
Boise, Ada County, Idaho, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 6/24/2014



John Allen Catey, age 83, of Boise, died Tuesday June 24, 2014 at home of COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). His children and special friend were with him and supported him. Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 10:00 am at Cloverdale Funeral Home. The Reverend Ralph Lawrence will officiate. Burial will follow at Cloverdale Memorial Park.

John was born on September 11, 1930 in Grand Ledge Michigan, son of Wilford and Frances (Strange) Catey, the oldest of 9 children. He grew up on Cloverdale Farm on Strange Highway in Grand Ledge, attending Strange School, one of the few remaining one-room school houses in the country. He graduated at the age of 16 from Grand Ledge High School in 1947, active in his Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter. He continued to help his father farm until he met his future wife, Dorothy Mikesell, while drag racing on Strange Highway. They married on September 23, 1950 in Lansing Michigan.

John's first job after marriage was as a herdsman at Crapo Farms located in Swartz Creek MI. From there, he ran the Cecil and Nina Myers dairy farm in Howell MI and started his education at Michigan State University taking night short-courses. This took him back to Grand Ledge and part-time farming while he went to Michigan State full time and received his Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Agricultural Economics. From there he was the 4-H agent for Montcalm County for 1 year; then County Agricultural Agent in Mecosta County for 2 years. Then Ore-Ida Foods Inc. came to Michigan and hired John as the field manager at the Greenville MI site in 1964. He then moved to Ontario OR in 1969, then Boise ID as general manager of agricultural operations in 1970. He was then Vice President of Procurement from 1977 until 1987 when he retired. John was active in the agricultural community, serving as chairman of the Idaho Potato Commission, member of the agriculture and crop protection committee of the American Frozen Foods Institute, a member of the American Farm Economic Association, and the American Potato Association and the board of directors for the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry.

After retirement, he and Dorothy traveled the US in their 5th-wheeler to such places as Arizona, northeastern US, Florida, California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. They traveled internationally to such places as Japan, New Zealand, Austria, England, Ireland, Switzerland, and Germany. But, his favorite place was the cabin at Warm Lake where he and Dorothy spent many summers working at fixing up and relaxing. His well-earned shared retirement with Dorothy was abruptly ended with the unexpected death of Dorothy on November 27, 1992. He found love again and married Ember Celany in 1994 and they spent many years also doing more traveling around the world. It was during this time that Ember introduced him to the Overs and Unders Club. He made many friends through this group of people that stuck with him, even after Ember's death on September 28, 2009. John found happiness and love again at the Elks weekly dancing when he met Geri Worthington. Geri provided much needed love and support until he died.

Survivors include his 4 children and their spouses: Susan (Leo) Nickasch, Neenah WI; Alice (Rick) Beveridge, Boise ID; Jennifer (Joe) Quirk, Longview WA; and Jeff (Monika) Catey, Moses Lake WA; and grandchildren Cheryl (Mike) Aguilera, Kirkland WA; Tricia Beveridge and fiancé Kean-san Choo, Boise ID; Jyl and Dave Glancey, Boise; Kelly Quirk, Portland OR; Erin and Matt Janiga, Washington DC; Tracy and Joe Solis, Colfax WA; and Dorothy and Warren Catey, Moses Lake WA and 5 great-grandchildren and 2 more expected in 2014. He is also survived by step-daughters Rolayne (Roger) Grow, Grand Rapids MI and JoAnn (Arvids) Judzis, Houston TX. John is also survived by brothers Joe Catey, Muskegon MI; Lloyd Catey, FL; Tom Catey, Gladwin, MI; and Sam Catey, Grand Ledge MI; and sisters Fanny O'Neil, FL and Mary Hahn, Grand Ledge MI. He proceeded in death by his wife of 42 years, Dorothy Catey, second wife Ember Catey, his parents and brothers Dan and Charles Catey.

The family would like to thank Dr. East and Bethany; Cypress from St. Alphonsus Home Health; Michelle and Judy from St. Alphonsus Hospice; and a special thank you to John's special friend Geri Worthington.



Clyde A. Chamberlin

DATE OF PASSING: 7/14/2013

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Clyde A. Chamberlin -- Lansing

Clyde A. Chamberlin born September 18, 1929 in Lansing, Michigan, to Lyal and Ruth Chamberlin, Clyde A. Chamberlin soared into another world July 14, 2013. He was employed at Fisher Body for 40 years. After 3 years in the Air Force he served 25 years in the Army/Navy reserves and was a member of the Civil Air Patrol, Masonic Lodge and Toastmasters. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Norma, son Thomas Chamberlin and daughter Lorraine Hickman. He is also survived by 3 grandsons (Chris, Adrian and Stephan Chamberlin) and 1 granddaughter (Juno Hickman) as well as 2 stepchildren (Susan (Kevin) Martin and Michael Donovan), a step-granddaughter and 2 step-great grandchildren. Memorial service 2 p.m., August 3, 2013 at Plymouth Congregational Church.



Richford Wayne Childs

DATE OF PASSING: 10/27/2015

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Richford Wayne Childs -- Grand Ledge

R. Wayne Childs, 87, went to be with his Lord on October 27, 2015, together again with his loving wife of 63 years, Maureen. He was born September 26, 1928 in Grand Ledge, MI, son of Harry and Julia (Gage) Childs. Wayne was a retired Fire & Safety Officer from the State of Michigan, School for the Blind and served in the Michigan National Guard. Wayne was a proud Mason with a lifelong involvement with the Grand Ledge Masonic Lodge #179 F.&A.M. He enjoyed gardening and sold produce to Horrocks; also he enjoyed traveling with his wife, Maureen after retirement.

Survivors include his son, Preston S. (Dorothy) Childs and daughter, Michele D. Childs; also grandchildren: Betsy (David), John and Julie; and great granddaughter, Emma Lynn "Emmy" Bryner. The family gives special thanks to the caregivers at Home Helpers for the excellent and loving care they gave to Wayne.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 31, 2015 - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with Rev. Cindy Skutar officiating. Masonic services will be conducted by the Grand Ledge Masonic Lodge #179. Interment at North Eagle Cemetery, Eagle Twp., Clinton Co. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with O.E.S. Services at 7:00 p.m. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be given to the Grand Ledge Masonic Temple Assoc. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Norma Davis Jackson

DATE OF PASSING: 2004

Class of 1947

Birth 1929

Death 2004 (aged 74-75)

Burial: Welch Cemetery

Sunfield, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Frank A. Dible

Class of 1947

Frank A. Dible
May 17, 1926 - September 22, 2018

Frank A. Dible, 92, born 5/17/26, in Melbourne, FL; passed away on 9/22/18, in Lakeland.
Interment will be at a later date in Michigan.

DATE OF PASSING: 9/22/2018



Wayne Dick

Class of 1947

Birth 1929
Death 1979 (aged 49-50)
Burial: Fernwood Cemetery
Gladstone, Delta County, Michigan, USA

Wayne Dick was born on September 26, 1929. He died in December 1979 at 50 years old.

DATE OF PASSING: 1979



Charles Jacob Dingler, Jr.

Class of 1947

Birth 26 May 1929
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 17 Nov 2004 (aged 75)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 11/17/2004



Arlene Doane Kines

Class of 1947

Arlene Kines -- Dimondale

Arlene Mae Kines, loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister, born August 11, 1928, passed away January 9, 2015. Arlene graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1947 and was a member of the Dimondale United Methodist Church. She was an avid bowler, golfer, and a lifetime member of Centennial Golf Course. She enjoyed fishing and was a very talented oil painter.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Edward, son Kevin (Shelly) Kines, grandson Kyle (Jessica), great granddaughter, Kendra; sisters, Lavevia Ford, Janice (Joe) Delaney, and brother Walter (Janice) Doane.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - 11:00 a.m. at Dimondale United Methodist Church, 6801 Creyts Road, Dimondale, MI 48821, with Rev. Joseph Sutton officiating. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitations will be held Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneral-home.com.

DATE OF PASSING: 1/9/2015





John Doane

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 4/12/2017

John Leonard Doane -- Lowell, Michigan

John Leonard Doane, age 88, of Lowell, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family early Wednesday morning, April 12, 2017. He was born on November 30, 1928, in Lansing, to Clarence John and Gretchen (Newth) Doane. John was raised on the family farm near Lansing and that farm remained a hub of family activities and gatherings for much of his life, taking his own children and grandchildren back there often to visit and celebrate holidays and other important events. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School with the Class of 1947. John exchanged vows with Irene May Stull in Lansing of July 3, 1948, and the couple has enjoyed 68 years of marriage. He went to work for the Michigan Department of Transportation shortly after high school and built a successful career there as an Engineer on road projects all over the state. Early in his career, he and Irene used a 16-foot travel trailer to move from location to location as the road projects required, making a home wherever they went. As they added children to their growing family, space became tight and even an open dresser drawer could be made into a comfortable bed for an infant. As the children grew, they realized they needed to settle down and get established in a school district so they bought property in Lowell and have lived there for 63 years. John will be dearly missed by his family and friends.



In addition to his dear wife, Irene; John leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Vickie (Dennis) Drougel of Grandville, Ann (Louis) Switlik of Kentwood, John Doane of Lowell, Jim (Linda) Doane of Lowell and Bill (Heather) Doane of Lowell; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Clarence.

John's family is planning a private gathering to commemorate and celebrate his life. Those wishing to express sympathy are welcomed to consider making a donation in John's memory to Faith Hospice, Trillium Woods, 8214 Pfeiffer Farms Dr., SW, Byron Center, Michigan, 49405, The Kidney Foundation or the charity of the donor's choice. For additional information, please contact Verdun Family Funeral Home, 303 S. Bridge St., Belding, at (616) 794-1300 or verdunfh.com, who is caring for the arrangements.



John Clarence "Jake" Doxsie

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 10/11/2002

Birth 21 Jun 1927
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 11 Oct 2002 (aged 75)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial
Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



John Clarence Doxsie; lived in Grand Ledge all of his life; He retired from Oldsmobile. He had 3 boys and 1 daughter. He was married to Beatrice Elaine (Beech) Doxsie; This is a brief Bio from his daughter Cynthia Lynn (Doxsie)Sheets;





Marjorie Edwards Collins

DATE OF PASSING: 11/27/2015

Class of 1947

Birth 11 Aug 1929
Death 27 Nov 2015 (aged 86)
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, US

Marjorie Inis Collins, Age 86, passed away peacefully Nov. 27, 2015 in Waterford, MI. Marjorie was born August 11, 1929, the fifth of ten children of the late Earl and Lila Edwards. We will miss her strong, independent, loving, laughing self. Her greatest joy was loving on and teaching her grands/greats many skills; her love of gardening, crafting, recycling curb finds, life lessons and more! Surviving are her children, Deborah (Steve) Abbruzzese of Lansing, Teresa (Tim) Frankel of Houston, TX, Linda (Wayne) Spears of Waterford, MI and Donald (Kim) Leonard of Romulus, MI, grandchildren Matthew (Michele), Brett, Ryan (Charity), Eric, Kristin (Alonso), Noelle (Jack), Rachel, Kayla and Scott; 11 great grandchildren, Gavin, Lauren, Brionna, William, James, River, Faith, Lily, Ryan, Jack Clayton, Riley and Chris; sibling, Gerald (Fay) Edwards of Sunset, TX and many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death are siblings, Leo Edwards, Virginia Edwards, James Edwards, Gayle Edwards, Joyce Lott, Paul Edwards, Josephine Edwards, Wilma Salvatore. Per her wishes, no service is planned.



Weldon G. Faull

DATE OF PASSING: 8/14/2011

Class of 1947

Weldon G. Faull, 82, of Panama City Beach, passed away Sunday, August 14, 2011. He was born January 23, 1929 in Perry, Michigan to Weldon H. & Julia Faull. He retired from General Motors after 37 years of service. He was a commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, as well as a Captain in the Strategic Air Command 2nd Air Force, during the Cold War. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Faull; four children, Weldon A. Faull, Michael Faull, Susan Bolin, Andrew Faull; four step children, Ernest Stahl, Carl Stahl, Janet Fager, Judy Walker; 15 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Thomas by the Sea Episcopal Church, corner of First Avenue and Wisteria Lane, Laguna Beach, FL.



Robert Harold Felske

DATE OF PASSING: 2013

Class of 1947

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Doris Feyerabend Kirvan

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 1994

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Herman R. Feyerabend

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 3/17/1994

Herman R Feyerabend (1930 - 1994)

Herman R Feyerabend was born on March 6, 1930. He died on March 17, 1994 at 64 years of age. We know that Herman R Feyerabend had been residing in Big Rapids, Mecosta County, Michigan.



Louis George Fortino

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 2/6/2009



Louie George Fortino, born in Lansing, Michigan on January 4, 1929, Louie George Fortino died February 6, 2009, at the age of 80. He was a proud son of the late Patsy and Carolyn (Coscarelli) Fortino and graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1947. His working years were devoted as owner and operator of Fortino's Grocery for 27 years in Lansing where he developed many life long friendships. He was a kind and generous man. His early involvement with the saxophone led to a lifelong love of music. He became an avid reader in retirement. His legacy and greatest source of joy is his loving family. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Roberta (Galvin), sons: Frank of E. Lansing, Joe (Cyndi Thomas) of Birmingham, Mark of Lansing, Dan (Mary) of Saline, daughters: Lou Ann (Tim) Michael of Lansing, Linda Fortino of Oakland, CA, Cindy (Tim) Brogan of Lansing, and Debbie Fortino of Monroe, grandchildren: Stefeni (Tony) Strouse, Kristy (Jeremy) Simpson, Patrick (Jessica) Brogan, Joe (Monica) Michael, Ryan and Brendan Brogan and Kayla Fortino, great grandchildren: Samantha, Keegan, Jaden and Mia, brothers: Peter Fortino of Grand Ledge, Dr. Jerry (Carolyn) Fortino of New Orleans, LA, and sister, Helen (Dr. Joseph) Caruso of Florida. He is preceded in death by grandson, Louie Michael Fortino. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at 11am at St. Michael Catholic Church in Grand Ledge with the Rev. Fr. George Daisy officiating with Interment following at Oakwood Cemetery. The family will receive relatives and

friends Monday from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, MI with a Vigil service at 7:30pm. The family requests memorial contributions be made to McLaren Visiting Nurse and Hospice 1515 Cal Dr. Davison, MI 48423 in memory of our loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. We offer our sincere thanks on behalf of Louie for the wonderful care provided by the staff of Prestige Pines in DeWitt Twp. Please send Online condolences to the family @ www.holihanatkin.com



Helen Funtukis Perentesis

DATE OF PASSING: 4/13/1994

Class of 1947

Birth 4 Aug 1929
Michigan, USA
Death 13 Apr 1994 (aged 64)
Pinellas County, Florida, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Marilyn Ida Galvin Selden

July 2, 1930 — April 8, 2021 (Aged 90)

Marilyn Ida Selden of Eagle passed away April 8, 2021. Marilyn was born July 2, 1930 in Grand Ledge to the Late Joseph and Anna Pauline (Kebler) Galvin. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1947 and worked for General Motors, Michigan Bell and ultimately was the first women to be promoted to Heating, Cooling and Pyrotronics Technician for AT&T. Marilyn was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Portland where she enjoyed the fellowship with other believers and ministering to those in need, including making bed sheets into bandages in mission work in Bangladesh. She was an incredible carpenter. Marilyn helped build the family home in 1952 and built her own shed with an attached gazebo. She had her very own wood working shop where she created many beautiful pieces. She enjoyed gardening, knitting, crocheting, bird watching, pie making and taking walks on her property. She loved to spend time with her family and especially cherished her role as a grandma.



She is survived by her sons, Barry H. and Terry L. Selden; Lorelei Hash and Thaddeus Selden; Juliet and Elliot Hash and her sister, Roberta Fortino along with numerous nieces and nephews. Marilyn was preceded in death by sisters, Arlene Hude, Marge Cribley and Gertrude Getz; brothers, Carl, Edward and Robert Galvin.

A Funeral Service will be held Thursday, April 15, 2021, 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Portland with Pastor Gary Coleman, officiating, Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 14, 2021 from 1-3:00 p.m. and 5-8:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be given to the First Baptist Church, 406 E. Bridge Street, Portland, Michigan 48875 (<https://www.portlandfbc.org/give>).



Joan Goodsell Emmons

DATE OF PASSING: 2/28/2016

Class of 1947

Joan L. Emmons, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend departed this life peacefully to be with her Lord on February 28, 2016 in Venice, Florida. Joan was born the youngest of three children on September 27, 1928, in Grand Ledge, Michigan to Eula (Green) and Lyle Goodsell. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School, and worked 29 years in the Grand Ledge school system. She and her husband, Duane, raised five children, and retired to Six Lakes, Michigan and Venice, Florida.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband of almost 63 years, Duane Emmons. She was also preceded in death by her brother and sister: Duane Goodsell, Verene Ross; sisters-in-law: Doris Goodsell, Otha Sleight, Eleanor Christy, Marilyn Lazeroff; brothers-in-law: George Lazeroff, Spencer Sleight, Robert Crumb and William Mateer.

Joan is survived by her children: Diane (Richard) Lewis, Debbie (Chris) Bowen, Denice (Jim) Beckwith, Danette (Bob) Ward, David (Barbara) Emmons; Six grandchildren: Stacey Bowen, Mellissa (Brian) Tort, Cameron (Janelle) Bowen, Stephanie (Erik) Elliott, Rob (Sara) Ward, Amy (Phil) Wright and; twelve great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law: Norma Mateer and Elaine Crumb; brothers-in-law: Donald Christy and Jack Ross; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Joan was a woman of many exceptional talents and interests. She especially enjoyed home decorating, needle art, and creating beautiful flower gardens. In Florida, she enjoyed swimming with her friends in the pool at Harbor Lights. She also enjoyed spending time with her family at 'The Cottage' in Six Lakes. Joan will be greatly missed and remembered for her warm heart, and love of family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, 7600 Grand River Avenue, Suite 175, Brighton, MI 48114 or at wish@michigan.wish.org – or – Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Celebration of Joan's life will be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at Hawk Hollow Club House, 15101 Chandler Rd, Bath, Michigan 48808.



Donald Freeman Green

DATE OF PASSING: 7/19/2006

Class of 1947

Birth 4 Mar 1930
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 19 Jul 2006 (aged 76)
Saginaw, Saginaw County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Owen Cemetery
Thomas Township, Saginaw County, Michigan, US





Joyce Guilford Broman-Hillock **DATE OF PASSING: 1/2/2012**

Class of 1947

Joyce Ann Broman-Hillock, age 82, passed away Monday January 2, 2012 in Mesa, AZ.

Joyce was born September 23, 1929 in Harrison, MI the only daughter of Deuard B. Vergilene L. (Aldrich) Guilford. She graduated in 1947 from Grand Ledge High School.

Joyce was united in marriage to Louis D. Broman of Gladstone in July of 1948 in Mulliken, Michigan. He preceded her in death in November 1988. She married Hartwell Hillock in July of 1998 and he also preceded her in death in October 2008.

Joyce was employed at Baybank for 30 plus years, retiring in 1990 as assistant vice president, working herself up through the ranks.

Joyce is survived by her children.

Sons:, Bruce (Sue) Broman of Rapid River, Deuard (Jill) Broman of Gladstone; Daughters, Trudy Broman of Gladstone, Mary (John) Bagbey of San Tan Valley, AZ.

Grandchildren: Micah Broman of Gladstone, Nicole (Mark) Russell of Gulliver, Adrienne (Adam) Wiltzer of Portage, MI, Lindsay (Mitch) Cole of Gladstone.

Brienne (Mike) LaVigne of Escanaba, Adam Konrad of Indianapolis, IN.

Great Grandchildren: Alexis Wiltzer, Morgan Letteriello, Baylie LaVigne, Anna Wiltzer, Kamryn LaVigne, Everette Cole., Baby Boy LaVigne due in May

Stepchildren: Martin, Cathy and Barb Hillock and their families.

She also leaves behind her beloved cats, Oscar and Callie who gave her much joy, comfort and companionship.



Class of 1947

Thomas James Hahn

August 31, 1928 — March 24, 2024 (Aged 95)

Thomas James Hahn a lifelong Grand Ledge resident went to be with the Lord on March 24, 2024. Tom was born August 31, 1928, in Oneida Township to the late Howard and Annabelle (Fraser) Hahn. Tom graduated from Grand Ledge High School in the class of 1947 and went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Army. He was a talented finish carpenter and worked for several local builders for a number of years. He enjoyed spending time in the outdoors whether it was on the farm where he grew up or just out mowing his yard. Tom was a faithful husband, a loving father, and cherished his grandkids. He was a faithful member of the Community Baptist Church. He will be missed by his family and friends and will be remembered as a gentle giant and man who loved the Lord.

He is survived by his wife of over sixty-five years, Mary (Catey); children, Alan T., Anne F. (Jeff) Sipe, and Peter H. (Leann); grandchildren, Levi M. Cranson, Adam T. Cranson, Ashleigh (James) Droste, Austin J. (Megan) Hahn, and Daniel P. Hahn; step-grandchildren, Mason, Miles, and McKenzie Sipe; 12 great-grandchildren, and brother, Marion

K. Hahn. Tom was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kelsie T. Hahn and sister-in-law, Becky Hahn.

A graveside service with military honors will be held Monday, April 1, 2024, 2:00 PM at Strange Cemetery, Oneida Twp., Eaton Co, MI with Pastor Timothy W. Jackson, officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to the Community Baptist Church, 7832 E. Mt. Hope Highway, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com





Joan Hayes Richards Young

Class of 1947

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: 2010



Ellsworth Henry Heath

Class of 1947

Birth 1928
Death 2000 (aged 71-72)
Burial
North Eagle Cemetery
Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 2000



Margaret Hetterly Hough

Class of 1947

Birth 29 Dec 1928
Michigan, USA
Death 23 Feb 2005 (aged 76)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 2/23/2005



Sally Hockenberry Beeby

Class of 1947

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: 2001



Class of 1947

Barbara Ann Huss Wheaton

September 28, 1929 — April 1, 2023 (Aged 93)

Our beloved mother, Barbara Ann Wheaton passed away peacefully on April 1, 2023, at the age of 93. Barbara was born in Muncie, Indiana, September 28, 1929 and lived in Indiana, Ohio, and then Michigan where she graduated from Grand Ledge High School.



Barbara is a proud Spartan and 1951 Michigan State University graduate with a microbiology degree. She worked at VPI in Blacksburg, VA in 1951 & 52, until her college sweetheart caught up with her and swept her away. Barbara married Garrett E. Wheaton August of 1952, and they were together for 70 years.

In 1954, they moved to Dansville, MI, where they began their family. Barbara was active in church, community, and a cub scout den mother for her boys.

In 1963 Barbara began her 30 year career working for MSU, working in microbiology, pathology, and anatomy department over the years.

Barbara and her family had moved to Mason in 1964 and she enjoyed her family, community, and Mason First United Methodist Church family.

Together, Barbara and Garrett bought Bob Jones Paint Store in the 80's and turned it into a successful frame shop for 11 years, still known as Wheaton Frame Shop.

Barbara A. Wheaton was preceded in death by her husband, Garrett Wheaton; parents, Robert and Lois Huss; brothers, Bobby Huss and Jack Huss; sister and brother-in-law, Gwen and Dean Butler; and brother-in-law, Don Peele.

She is survived by her sister, Gloria Peele; her sons, James Garrett Wheaton (Linda Larkin-Benyo), Robert Bruce Wheaton; and daughter, Patricia K. Wheaton; ten grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to honor and celebrate her life will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 7, 2023 at Mason First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Ash St., Mason, MI 48854. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 10:00 AM until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mason First United Methodist Church's High School Graduates Scholarship Program.

The family is being served by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel where online condolences may be shared at www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com.



LeRoy Vern Jackson

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 3/27/2018

LeRoy Vern Jackson -- Sunfield

LeRoy Jackson, 89 of Sunfield, Michigan had a tee time with his maker Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 pm on March 27, 2018.

LeRoy was born to John and Louise Jackson of Sunfield, Michigan on February 26, 1929. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1947. LeRoy married Norma Davis in June of 1948. LeRoy farmed the family Centennial farm and built kitchen cabinets until 1972 when LeRoy and his son Mike began building Centennial Acres Golf Course on the family farm, which is now 27 holes and a thriving banquet facility.

LeRoy enjoyed the outdoors, which included golfing, fishing, hunting, and camping. He also was an avid bowler. LeRoy enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He and his wife Norma loved to travel the world.

On April 22, 2006 he married Elaine Merryfield in Sunfield, Michigan.



Surviving are his wife Elaine Merryfield of Mulliken, Michigan, his son Michael and Connie Jackson of St. Louis, Michigan, his daughter Londa and Randy Williams of Luther, Michigan. Grandchildren Bryan Jackson and fiancé Maggie of Muir, Brady and Su Jackson of Fayetteville, NC. Lisa and Joe Boyer of Sunfield, Gary Ferman and fiancé Loretta of St. Louis, Heather and Rob Holton of St. Louis and numerous great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Norma and granddaughter Lauri Karker.

Visitation with viewing 2-4 & 6-8 PM Friday March 30, 2018 at the Sunfield United Brethren Church. Funeral services honoring LeRoy's life will be held 11:00 AM Saturday March 31, 2018 also at the Church.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Sunfield Area Sponsors of Programs for Youth: aka S.P.Y.S in LeRoy Vern Jackson's name.

Please visit a special tribute page designed for LeRoy, to lite a candle, or leave a condolence for the family, RosierFuneral-Home.com

The family has entrusted the arrangements to the Independent Family Owned Funeral Home in Sunfield: Rosier Burial & Cremation Services.



Barbara Jo Johnson Tansey

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 6/3/2010

Obituary for Barbara Jo (Johnson) Tansey -- Grand Ledge

Barbara Jo (Johnson) Tansey, 80, of Grand Ledge, passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 3. Barb was born in Canton, Ohio July 9, 1929 and moved with parents Clinton (Ole), Fern (Nana) and brothers Erwin, Stan and Bill to Grand Ledge when she was in the 6th grade. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1947 and briefly attended MSU before marrying her husband of 52 years, Robert (Bob), who preceded her in death. Barb is survived by her four children and their spouses, Bobbie, Jon and Terrilyn, Sheila, Peggy and Dan Mcleod, 5 granddaughters and two grandsons, many nieces, nephews and their families. Along with caring for her family, Barb served as a volunteer, President or officer in various community, school and golf organizations over the years. She also worked in sales at Knapp's and Sears. She enjoyed playing golf, and loved to cook. Barb had an enthusiastic and fun-loving personality, and will be missed by her family, friends and neighbors. The family will receive friends at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, on Sunday, June 6, from 3 to 6 p.m. The funeral service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church on Monday, June 7 at 1 p.m, with Reverend Fr. Greg Brown presiding. For those desiring, contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, PO Box 116, Grand Ledge, MI 48837





Arnold L. Ladd, Sr.

Class of 1947

Birth 5 Sep 1929
Holt, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 27 Sep 1993 (aged 64)
Delta Township, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 9/27/1993



Ferris Edmund Markle

Class of 1947

Birth 9 Aug 1929
Death Aug 1973 (aged 43-44)
Burial: Griffith Cemetery
Springport, Jackson County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1973



Ferris Markle was born on August 9, 1929. Ferris died in August 1973 at age 43. Susan Jean (Fuday) Beagle, his son Brad, daughter Cindy and grandchildren Taylor, Erin, John and Andrew. Funeral services will be held at Wacousta Methodist Church, 6:00p.m. on Monday, July 9th.



Donald J. Martin

Class of 1947

Birth 2 Jan 1928
Death 6 Mar 2009 (aged 81)
Burial: Woodlawn Cemetery
Vermontville, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 3/6/2009



Donald J. Martin, 81, of Vermontville, passed away on Friday, March 6, 2009 following a brief, but valiant battle with cancer, at the home of his daughter.

Don was born in Lansing on Jan. 2, 1928, the son of the late Jay and Myrna (Mingus) Martin. He was raised in the Grand Ledge area and attended area school there graduating from Grand Ledge High School in 1947.

Don was married to his beloved wife, Esther (Meister) Martin for 61 years, after meeting her at a youth fellowship event in Delta Mills. They made their home in the Lansing area until Don entered the Army in 1952. After returning home, the couple moved to Vermontville where they raised their family together.

Don was employed at the GM Fisher Body in Lansing for over 40 years until retiring in 1987. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to go hunting, fishing and camping. He also dabbled in woodworking and always had a remodeling project in progress in their home. Don was a member of the Peace United Methodist Church of Nashville, the American Legion of Vermontville; Lion's Club for over 30 years and was a Cub Scout leader and Cub Master in Vermontville for over 15 years.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Alice Parker and Leloa Martin; and his brother, Wayne Martin.

Don is survived by his best friend and wife, Esther (Suzie); two daughters, Gail (Bruce) Hulbert of Lansing, Lois (Wayne) Hammonds of Vermontville; a son, Donald J. (Lori) Martin II of Montrose; and a sister, Ila Sealy of Grand Ledge. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren

Funeral services were held at the Daniels Funeral Home in Nashville on Wednesday March 11, 2009 with Pastor Susan Olsen officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Peace United Methodist Church, 6043 E. M79 Hwy., Nashville, MI 49073 or to the Adult Handicapped Program C/O Eaton Intermediate 1790 E. Packard, Charlotte, MI 48813. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Daniels Funeral Home in Nashville.



Ila May Martin Sealy

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 12/25/2013

Ila May Sealy -- Grand Ledge

Ila May Sealy of Grand Ledge, age 83, passed away December 25, 2013 in Lansing, MI. She was born March 17, 1930 in Lansing, MI, daughter of the Jay C. and Myrna I. (Mingus) Martin. Ila was a former employee of Michigan National Bank. She loved to play golf and dance and go to the casino to play the slot machines. But her most favorite thing to do was to spend time with her family, visiting and playing penny ante poker. She will be missed by all. She is survived by her three daughters: Darlene (William) Graham, Kristie Fleckenstein, and Teri McCowan; 6 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, John L Sealy. A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, December 28, 2013 - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with Pastor Richard McKenzie officiating. Interment will follow at Delta Center Cemetery, Delta Twp., Eaton Co. Visitations will be held Friday from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society or Volunteers of America Veterans Shelter. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneral-home.com



George McLeod

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 1983

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Keith A. Meister

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 1985

Birth 1929
Death 1985 (aged 55-56)
Burial: Hillside Cemetery
Delta Mills, Eaton County, Michigan, USA





Pearl Louise Meredith Sealy

DATE OF PASSING: 7/29/2017

Class of 1947

Pearl Louise (Meredith) Sealy died Saturday, July 29. Her life story began May 17, 1930 in Lansing, Michigan. She was born to Verl and Grace (Sherman) Meredith. Pearl is a 1947 graduate of Grand Ledge High School and a graduate of Lansing Business University. She retired from the State of Michigan and was a past president of the Butternut Creek Apartment Association. She was an active member of the Charlotte Assembly of God church.

Pearl's love for Jesus was well-known, and she prayed daily for her family and friends. She displayed her love for others by gifting them with hand-made items. She had a quiet manner and a dry sense of humor with an infectious giggle. She remains the undisputed Scrabble champion and queen of homemade dinner rolls. She will be missed.

She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Herman Sealy; three grandchildren; son-in-law Gary Carney; brother's Edward and David. She is survived by her children, Sharon Carney, Michael (Lois) Sealy, Kenneth (Barbara) Sealy, and Laurie (Russell) Bean; two sisters, Lois Baker and Marilyn Meredith; and two sisters-in-law, Doris Meredith and Patricia Meredith. She was Grammy to 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.



A celebration of her life will be held at 12 noon Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at Charlotte Assembly of God Church, 1100 East Clinton Trail. There will be a visitation from 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon, and a luncheon immediately following the service. Flowers may be sent to the church. Donations, if desired, may be made to her beloved church. Friends and family are encouraged to shared memories of Pearl on her tribute page at www.PrayFuneral.com.



Joan Millard Hine

DATE OF PASSING: 7/23/2012

Class of 1947

Joan Christine Hine -- Charlotte

Joan Christine Hine, 82, of Charlotte, passed away July 23, 2012 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, MI. She was born September 23, 1929, in Grand Ledge, the daughter of Harrison and Christine (Geisel) Millard.

Joan was a supportive mother to her children as they grew up, participating as a Den Mother in Cub Scouts, a Bluebird Leader, and helping in Band Boosters and many other supportive roles. After her children grew up, she went to work at the Secretary of State offices in Lansing from 1970 until 1990.

Many will remember Joan as a member of the Capitol City Old Car Club where she was a former club photographer, and was active in their annual swap meet and car show and many other activities.

Joan was proudest of her family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was a regular attendee at their many baseball games, and other grandchildren's activities. Some of the grandchildren's fondest memories are the family gatherings at Grandpa and Grandma's pool.

Joan is survived by her loving spouse of 62 years, Jack; son Richard (Jenny) Elcoate, and daughter Deborah (Charles) Lea; sister Shirley Dayton of Grand Ledge, 4 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister Wilma Huyck.

Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. A private graveside will be held at Maple Hill Cemetery with Rev. Terry Fisher officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care.



Robert J. Morse

February 3, 1929 — March 2, 2022 (Aged 93)

Robert J. Morse of Grand Ledge, Michigan, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on March 2, 2022 at the age of 93. Bob was born in Portland, MI on February 3, 1929, the son of Stanley and Letha (Ball) Morse. He worked at the Grand Ledge Chair Factory in High School; served for the National Guard from 1949 – 1956; retired from General Motors, Fisher Body plant, in 1989. Bob was a long time member and trustee of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church; past president of the Oakridge Resort, and member of the Lions Club. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, camping, spending time at his property in Harrison, and was quite the handyman.

Bob is survived by his children: Janice (George) Alli, Merle Morse, Patrick Morse, and Cyndy (John) Young; 9 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife of 60 years Joan J. (Sumption), parents, and sisters Doris (Charles) Boomer and Viola (John) Noble.

A private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in loving memory of Robert Morse to the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or the Grand Ledge Lions Club, Po Box 6 Grand Ledge MI 48837 USA.

The family is being served by the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be placed at www.millsfuneral.com.



Neil Max Padgham

Class of 1947

Birth 31 Dec 1928

Death 16 Mar 2011 (aged 82)

Burial: Pleasant View Cemetery

Petersburg, Monroe County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 3/16/2011



Neil Max Padgham, 82 yrs, of Ida, passed away March 16, 2011 at 10:31 AM. Neil was born in Lansing, MI, to the late William and Margaret Padgham. He was working with General Telephone Company until being drafted into the Army from 1950-1952. He was stationed in Germany.

On September 19, 1953, he married Sandra Merece Eberly, and lived in Grand Ledge, MI, until 1968, when he and his family moved to Ida where he was an Installation Supervisor for GTE. Neil retired in 1983, after 37 years with the company. He and Sandra loved to travel and spend some winters in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Friends may gather Friday, March 18th, from 1-9 PM, at Capaul Funeral Home, 8216 Ida-West Rd, Ida. Funeral services to celebrate Neil's life will be Saturday, March 19th, at 2:30 PM, at the funeral home. Pastor Roy Southerland will officiate. Graveside services will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery, in Petersburg, MI, under the auspices of Lynn C. Weeman American Legion Post 514. Neil was very proud of his family, and is survived by his wife of 57 1/2 years, Sandra, four daughters,

Shalene (John) Williams, Ronda (Tom) Skittenhelm, Cheryl (Dave) Spaulding, and Kristin (Mike) Bay. He had ten grandchildren, Jackie, Amy, Dallas, Ryan, Jordan, Michael Neil, Michael Dean, Shelby, Kelsey, and Kendra. Also surviving are two sisters, Neta Smith and Helen (Dale) Benjamin.

He was preceded in death by parents, William and Margaret Padgham; brother-in-laws, Raymond Ryan, Kerwin Smith, and son-in-law, John R. Williams.

Donations may be made to Ida United Methodist Church or Monroe Missionary Baptist Church.





Marilyn Parker Russell

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 1987

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Carol Patten Hoppes

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 10/4/2014

Carol Elaine Hoppes -- Lansing

Carol was born on January 23, 1929 in Lansing Mi. to Carroll Patten and Helen Kerr Patten. Carol passed away at age 85, on October 4, 2014 at Ingham Regional Assisted living in Lansing, Mi., where she received loving and special care during the last year of her life.

Carol now joins sons Michael, who passed away on March 16, 1971, and Christopher, who passed away on June 16, 2008.

Left to cherish her memory are daughter Lynn and son in law Tim Smith, of Grand Ledge, Mi., daughter Peggy and son in law Mike English, of Potterville, Mi., grandsons, Shane Marsh of Eaton Rapids, Mi., Elijah English(Sarah), of Charlotte, Mi., Brent (Diane) Smith, of Portland, Mi., Ryan (Amanda) Smith of Auburn, Alabama, granddaughters, Nicole English of Potterville, Mi., Stacie (Paul) Godin of Granger, Indiana, and Krista Stauffer of Westphalia. Also surviving are great grandchildren, Ethan, Trevor, Peyton and Julia Smith, Clara and Alexander Godin, and Braydon, Elleanna and Delaney Stauffer. She is also survived by a sister, Gwen Patten, of Saranac, Mi. Also surviving is Brenda Harper, who always held a special place in Carol's heart.



Carol loved her job at Tri County Electric, where she became friends with those she worked with and maintained lifelong friendships long after her retirement. She enjoyed the monthly retiree luncheons held at the Wagon Wheel.

Her love of traveling took her to Hawaii, Florida, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Las Vegas, Missouri, Mardi Gras in Louisiana, as well as many other places of interest.

A memorial in Carol's honor will be held on Wednesday, October 8, at 12:00 noon at Oneida Gospel Church, 3048 E. Strange Hwy., Grand Ledge, Mi. Memorial contributions may be given to Great Lakes Caring Hospice, 900 Cooper Street, Jackson, Michigan 49202. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

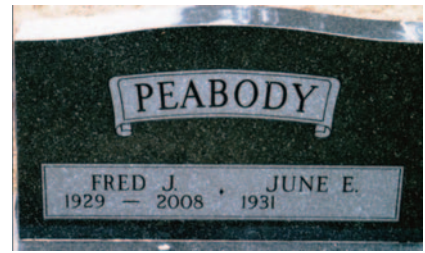


Fred J. Peabody

Class of 1947

Birth 7 Jun 1929
Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 6 Jan 2008 (aged 78)
Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Meadowbrook Cemetery
Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1/6/2008



Fred J. Peabody -- Haslett, MI



Born June 7, 1929 in Mulliken, MI; died January 6, 2008 in Haslett at the age of 78. Fred graduated from Grand Ledge High School and received his BS, MS and PhD degrees from Michigan State University. He taught Agriculture at Saranac from 1951-56 and served with the M.S.U. Extension service for 30 years, first in Ionia County and then on the East Lansing campus. Fred retired in 1986 as Professor Emeritus and Associate Extension Director. He volunteered for Meals-on-wheels, Radio Talking Book, and was a longtime member of Haslett Community Church. Fred especially enjoyed his family, friends, gardening, photography, traveling, and Elderhostels. He was predeceased by his parents, Carl and Marguerite (Crane) Peabody, and sisters, Ruth McMahon, Norma Jean Peabody, and June McDaniels. Surviving are his beloved wife of 52 years, June (Sykes); sons, Carl (Melony) and Jeffrey; daughter, Anne (Joseph) McCarthy; his precious grandchildren, Eric, Lauren and Zachary; sisters, Martha (Robert) Loveland and Marilyn (Ronald) Krupp; brother, James (Norma) Peabody; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held Thursday, January 10 at 1 p.m. at Haslett Community Church, UCC, 1427 Haslett Road, Haslett, with Rev. Kurt Kirchoff officiating. The family will receive friends at the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, 1730 E. Grand River Avenue, East Lansing, Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Haslett Community Church, UCC, P.O. Box 217, Haslett, MI 48840, the Michigan 4-H Foundation, 4700 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, or to Great Lakes Hospice, 3100 B West Road, Suite 203, East Lansing, MI 48823.



Verna Jean Penfield Cudney

May 22, 1929 — May 13, 2020 (Aged 90)

Verna Jean (Penfield) Cudney, longtime resident of Leota, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at North Woods Nursing Center, Farwell, Michigan. Born on May 22, 1929 in Grand Ledge, Michigan, the daughter of Leonard F. and Leah R. (Toms) Penfield. She was preceded in death by her husband, William L. Cudney, brothers, Dale R. and Clare L. Penfield, and her parents, Leonard F. Penfield and Leah R. (Toms) Edgecomb and stepfather Carl L. Edgecomb. She is survived by a sister, Shirley Ann (Penfield) Shortz, sons, William G. (Diane), Kent L. (K.C.) and Lynn R. (Karen), five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Verna Jean was a long-time member of both the Grand Ledge Baptist and Leota Community Churches, serving each faithfully. The family wishes to thank North Woods Nursing Center of Farwell and its incredible staff for the love and care she received while a resident there.



The family is being served by Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison, in conjunction with Peters and Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be held Monday, May 18, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Peters and Murray Funeral Home, with funeral services beginning at 1:00 p.m. Burial will take place in Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. To share an online memory or condolence with Verna's family, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements for Mrs.

Cudney are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989)539-7810. In following the COVID 19 state guidelines, visitation is limited to 10 guests at one time, funeral services and graveside services are limited to 10 guests.



William M. Ream

Class of 1947

William M. Ream
Birth 1929
Death 2007 (aged 77-78)
Burial
Hillside Cemetery
Delta Mills, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 8/5/2007

William M Ream (1929 - 2007)

William M Ream was born on March 27, 1929. He died on August 5, 2007 at 78 years old. We know that William M Ream had been residing in Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan.



Phyllis Sanborn Klingbiel

Class of 1947

Phyllis Mae Klingbiel, 89, lifetime resident of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away at home on August 15, 2018. She was born December 25, 1928 in Grand Ledge, daughter of Howard and Ethel (Morgan) Sanborn. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Howard Sanborn and grandson Graeme (Rozich) Klingbiel.

Phyllis married Herbert Klingbiel on December 26, 1949 in Grand Ledge. Both shared Christmas birthdays. She was a 1947 graduate of Grand Ledge and a lifelong member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ. She will miss her children: Herbert Jeffrey (Arlene) Klingbiel, Lynn (Rich) Corrigan and David H. (Lisa) Klingbiel. She truly with all her heart loved her grandchildren: Jeffrey (Allison) Peake, Jeremy (Kristina) Peake, Dr. Amy Corrigan (Greg Millman), Jeffrey (Jamie) Klingbiel, Ted (Jennifer) Keusch, Jack and Steven Klingbiel; great grandchildren: Grayson and Adelyn Peake, Megan and Emma Peake, and Ryan Klingbiel. Thanks to my grandkids for all the great times at hockey, soccer, track, volleyball, cross country, baseball, golf, gymnastics, basketball, singing and band. What a wonderful life.

A celebration of life gathering will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2018 from 4-6 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRE) or United Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Online condolences may be shared at <http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com>

DATE OF PASSING: 8/15/2018



Joanne L. Shuert McDaniels

May 4, 1929 - September 22, 2020 (Aged 91)

Joanne L. McDaniels, 91, of Lake Odessa, MI, born May 4, 1929 in Lansing, MI, passed away September 22, 2020, daughter of Fred and Ruth (Blakslee) Shuert.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Raymond; daughter, Marsha (Keith) Little of Big Rapids; son, Michael McDaniels of Mulliken; 2 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Sandra (John) Widgery of Tiger, Georgia and Patsy Cole of Lake Odessa; 4 brothers, Ronnie (Mae) Shuert of Shepard, Bill Shuert of Hudson, Florida, Desmond (Mary) Shuert of Caledonia and Randy (Dodie) Shuert of Sarasota, Florida; numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life to be at a later date. The family has entrusted arrangements to Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com





Freida Simons Knisley

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 1976

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Arlene Smith Parker

Class of 1947

DATE OF PASSING: 2/28/2012

Arlene M. Parker -- Whitehall

Arlene M. Parker of Whitehall, age 83, passed away February 28, 2012. She was born February 15, 1929, in Grand Ledge, to Charles and Ida (Palladay) Smith. On December 1, 1950, in Grand Ledge, she married Jack L. Parker. Mr. Parker preceded her in death in 1993. Mrs. Parker was a Registered Nurse and worked at several different hospitals in Michigan. She was a member of White Lake Congregational UCC. Mrs. Parker was also preceded in death by a brother, Richard C. Smith and a nephew, C. Keith Dennis. Family: a daughter, Jacalyn (Tim) Bax of Whitehall; a son Michael Parker of Whitehall; grandchildren, Jennifer (Jason) Schramm, Bobbi Jo Parker and Michael Parker; great-grandchildren, Jada Schramm and Olivia Roesler; a sister, Ilene (Robert) Shaw of Grand Ledge; a brother, Norman (Marilyn) Smith of Grand Ledge; a sister-in-law, Alice Smith; in-laws, Wilson (Joan) Parker and Helen Lou (Douglas) Candler; nieces and nephews. Service: Saturday, March 3, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at Clock Funeral Home of White Lake, 413 S. Mears Ave., Whitehall, with Mr. Timothy C. Bax officiating. Interment will be made in Waterton Township Cemetery, Wacousta, MI. Visiting time: Friday, 5-8 PM, at Clock Funeral Home in Whitehall. Donations: Muskegon County 4-H Leadership Council, c/o Pam Babbitt, 4473 Cherrywood Ct., Muskegon, MI 49441. Private condolences may be sent by visiting www.clockfuneralhomeofwl.com. Clock Funeral Home, Whitehall, 888-507-8012



Ilene M. Smith Shaw

February 15, 1929 — February 4, 2021 (Aged 91)

Ilene M. Smith Shaw, 91, of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away surrounded by family on Thursday, February 4, 2021; she was born on February 15, 1929. Ilene is survived by her devoted husband Wm. Robert Shaw of 72 1/2 years, son Gary (Julie) Shaw, and daughters Sue (Dennis) Duffey, Julie (Rodney) VanDeCastele, and Pam (Jim) Gleich, 10 Grandchildren, and 7 Great Grandchildren, brother Norman Smith and Sister-in-law Eleanor Shaw. She is preceded in death by her parents Charles and Ida Smith, brother Richard Smith, and twin sister Arlene Parker.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Grand Ledge and United Methodist Women for many years. Together Ilene and Bob ran Shaw's Sugar Shack where they made homemade real maple syrup, maple cream and maple candies. Many of the neighborhood children enjoyed stopping in for a sweet treat on their way home from school.

Ilene loved to host family and friends in her home and at their cottage on Chippewa Lake. In her spare time she enjoyed painting, camping, baking her famous sugar cookies, bird watching and touring the many lighthouses around Michigan with her husband Bob. The family wishes to thank all of the wonderful hospice staff for their compassionate care allowing us to keep her comfortable in her own home. With a special thanks to her nurse Lisa who has become part of our family. Ilene will be greatly missed by many.



Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with visitation from 12 – 1 p.m. Interment to follow at Wacousta Cemetery, Watertown Township. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



James William Smith

May 16, 1929 — November 5, 2010 (Aged 81)

James William Smith, age 81, of Lapeer, passed away on Friday, November 5, 2010. He was born on May 16, 1929, in Ionia, son to Frank and Nora Jane (Christensen) Smith.

Jim graduated from Grand Ledge High School. He served his country proudly in the US Army. Jim owned and operated the Lapeer Butcher Shop for many years. He worked in sales for many years, as well as the Butcher Shop. Jim loved his family.

Mr. Smith is survived by his daughter, Carol (Michael) Hargrove of Dimondale; son, David (Laurie) Smith of Flint; five grandchildren, Brandon, Josh, Michelle, Carl, and Chuck; 3 great-grandchildren; sister, Jane Ann Carpenter of Mio.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Marion Thorpe; brothers, Raymond and Don Smith; his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 8, 2010 at Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer. Minister Paul St. Louis officiated. Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Lansing.



Norma Thomas Barnes

DATE OF PASSING: 4/5/2017

Class of 1947

Norma Barnes -- Grand Ledge

Norma E. Barnes, 87, born August 22, 1929 in Roxand Twp., Eaton County, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, April 5, 2017, and wants to let us all know she doesn't want anyone to make a fuss. Norma was always there for her family, which pretty much included everyone she knew. She was a farm girl and proud of the fact that she could keep up with any farmhand, never shied away from an honest day's work and enjoyed playing euchre.

She was a great cook and when invited to dinner, always brought a "dish to pass". If there was a baby in the room, she would find a way to wrestle him or her away from mom for a little while. Norma was preceded by her parents, Lyle and Cassie Thomas and her sister Nelva "Sandy" Franklin. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Harley, daughter Deb (Bill) Hansbarger, sons Randy and Greg, 8 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, sister Shirley Green, many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with interment to follow at Union Cemetery, Oneida Twp., Eaton County. Visitation will be held Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to the Ever Ready Club in memory of Norma Barnes. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Alice Van Gansbeke Brigan

DATE OF PASSING: 1977

Class of 1947

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Class of 1947

Richard Wilson Vogt

July 28, 1929 – October 3, 2023 (Aged 94)

Happily married for 75 years, high school sweethearts Richard Wilson Vogt and Florence Ellen (Ballentine) Vogt died within hours of each other on October 3rd (Richard) and October 4th (Florence). Their romance sparked when they were the only two to volunteer for dreaded dishwashing duties at a school event, and they were the center of each other's worlds ever after.



They married on May 1, 1948, in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Richard worked for Michigan Bell Telephone for 33 years, retiring in 1981 to spend more time with his sweetie. Florence trained as a bookkeeper; she was also a homemaker and secretary. They raised three daughters, Mary (Stanley) Hunter, Lois (Donald) Albrecht, and Linda (Richard) Holmes, and welcomed many "extra kids" into their lives.

They filled their lives with adventure, camping, picnicking, and hiking as the girls grew up. After retirement, they could often be found traveling and bicycling-famously celebrating their birthdays by biking their age in miles in a single day until their 80s. Florence reluctantly gave up biking at age 90. Richard was still biking early this summer, and they both relished long walks and any opportunity to be outdoors. They loved spending summers in Bayfield, Wisconsin; they also enjoyed several winters in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

They had a wide circle of friends and were known for their sense of humor, eye-popping athletic feats, contributions to the community (they both volunteered regularly with Meals on Wheels), and, most of all, their unwavering love for each other. They proudly wooed each other, even after 75 years of marriage. They were thrilled to have a 75th anniversary party in May with their entire family present.

Florence was born in Lansing, Michigan, on August 20, 1929, to Peter W. Ballentine and Glenna M. (Zischke) Ballentine. She was an intrepid genealogist who extensively traced the family tree. In her 50s, she began quilting and became well-known for her incredible skill and generosity, donating hundreds of quilts to worthy causes. She had a wonderful circle of quilter friends in East Lansing and later in Saint Paul after they moved to Minnesota in 2010. Florence had a challenging childhood, growing up in the Depression and losing her father when she was 3, but she had an indomitable spirit.

Richard was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan, on July 28, 1929, to Harrison M. Vogt and Mary Blanche (Brett) Vogt. Richard equaled Florence's generosity, donating blood as often as possible and spending more than 40 years recording books for individuals facing blindness. He was a gifted writer and storyteller whose love for puns will trickle on through the generations. Few could top him in a crossword puzzle or a battle of wits. He kept journals throughout his life and was a faithful letter-writer to many. We're fortunate to still have his words.

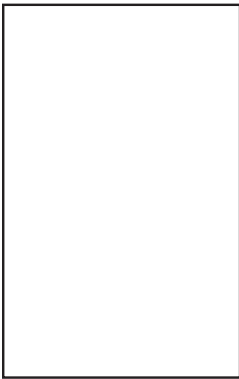
Remarkably healthy for most of their lives, both suffered vertebral fractures and subsequent reinjuries in the last two months, declining rapidly thereafter. Their nearly simultaneous deaths were a fitting end to their incredible love story.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to The Willows of Ramsey Hill and Brighton Hospice for caring for Florence and to Optage Hospice for Richard's in-home care. Mom and Dad loved each other, loved their families, and made the most out of life. They will be deeply missed, but we take comfort in knowing they don't have to be without each other.

Richard and Florence were preceded in death by their parents; Florence's brother Milton Ballentine; Richard's siblings Virginia Vance, Lyndon Vogt, and Norman Vogt; sons-in-law Donald Albrecht and Richard Holmes; and "extra kid" Jeff Kenyon.

They are survived by their three daughters, Mary (Stanley) Hunter, Lois Albrecht, and Linda Holmes; grandchildren Jennifer Albrecht, Bryce Albrecht (Amanda Belanger), Terence (Youa) Holmes, Ian (Sarah) Hunter, and Ellen (Paul) Gans; and great-grandchildren Bronwen and Greta Hunter, Samuel and Tyler Holmes, and Jameson and Hunter Gans. Also survived by cousin Irene Jane Brett, nephew Lyle Vogt, niece Sherry Ballentine Hays, and best man Jim Crawford; special "extra kids" Linda Reeder Overholt, Carol Cosens Yocum, Susan Larson, Jean Catto Hildreth, and Kris "Kupcake" Reichenbach; and many more beloved friends, apartment neighbors, Holy Spirit and Gloria Dei quilters, and extended family.

No services. Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell of Saint Paul. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Meals on Wheels; Area Community Fund, The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library; Albrecht-Vogt Family Fund, Apostle Islands Community Fund, P.O. Box 332, Bayfield, WI 54814; or donor's choice.



Nathan Abman Wells, Jr.

Class of 1947

Birth 30 Jan 1928
Michigan, USA
Death 2 Jun 2004 (aged 76)
Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 2004

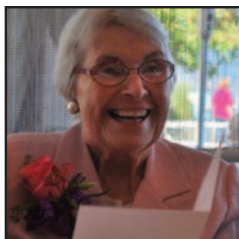


Elnora Whitney Robbins

Class of 1947

Birth 20 Oct 1928
Greenville, Montcalm County, Michigan, USA
Death 10 Apr 1989 (aged 60)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1989



Marguerite Zynda Huhn

Class of 1947

Marguerite I. Huhn -- Middleville, MI.

DATE OF PASSING: 5/4/2014

Born October 11, 1930; died May 4, 2014 at age 83. Daughter of Flora (Ferris) Rowlader; stepdaughter of George Rowlader; and daughter of Peter Zynda of Grand Ledge.

Married on November 30, 1946 to Leon P. Huhn for 58 years.

Survived by her sister-in-law, Jane Huhn; her sisters, Georgia Fry (Ken) and Joyce Morr (Ralph); daughters, Nancy McNeilly, Susan Kage (Thomas) and Diane Huhn; and sons, Thomas Huhn (Mary), and Phillip Huhn (Kim). She was grandmother to 17 children and great grandmother to 27 and "2 halves", along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Proceeded in death by her husband, Leon; brother, Andrew Zynda; and sisters, Wilma Moyer (Gene), Alice Murningham (Richard), and Wanda Murningham (L.C.).

Marguerite was a devoted wife and mother and a long time resident of Grand Ledge. She was the broker for Marguerite Huhn Real Estate Company and developer of PepperKorn Estates. She and Leon retired to Florida with their daughter, Diane, and summered at their home at Gun Lake for 35 years and permanently for the last 15 years. She loved her gardening and was anticipating the spring and summer to create a butterfly garden. She enjoyed the tranquility of the lake and the laughter of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Marguerite loved taking pictures, filled many family albums, and passed her love of photography on to Diane. She was an avid reader and never missed "her programs" - the Young and Restless, Wheel Of Fortune, and Jeopardy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by The Reverend Fr. James Eisele Saturday, May 10, 2014, 11:00 AM at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends Friday, May 9 from 5-8:00 PM with a wake service at 7:30 PM at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and Saturday from 10-11:00 AM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: FPCP, Malawi Mission-Girl's Hostel, 701 Church St., Plymouth, MI. 48170.