

THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1949

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Johanna Abbruzzese Parshall

DATE OF PASSING: 9/26/2016

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Johanna L. Parshall -- Grand Ledge

Johanna L. Parshall, 84, passed away September 26, 2016, in Lansing, MI. She was born January 29, 1932 in Ionia, MI, daughter of Joseph and Florence (Tully) Abbruzzese. Jo was a former office manager and tax preparer; also former owner of Myja's Gray Wolf Inn in Grand Ledge. She enjoyed playing in pool leagues with her son for over 30 years; also hunting, and cooking with her granddaughter Erin. Jo is survived by her son Marc "Bud" (Mindy) Parshall, granddaughter Erin Parshall and sister Jackie Bratschi. She was predeceased by her parents, son Michael, five brothers and two sisters. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, September 30, 2016 - 11:00 am at St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards St., Grand Ledge, with Rev. Fr. James Eisele as celebrant. Interment will follow at Meadowbrook Cemetery, Mulliken. Visitation will be held Thursday from 5-7 pm at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to GLEAP or Lansing SCI (Youth Hunt). www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Harry Ned Ainsworth

DATE OF PASSING: 8/31/2015

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Harry A. Ainsworth -- Sudbury, MA



Harry A. Ainsworth of Sudbury, MA., died at the age of 84 on Monday, August 31, as the result of a stroke. He and his wife Mary J Ainsworth were married for 62 years. He was born April 17, 1931 in Grand Ledge, MI to Harry and Pauline Ainsworth. Harry proudly attended Michigan State University, achieving a BS in Mechanical Engineering, and was a Spartan fan for life. Designing power-generating facilities was his passion, and his career included working at Commonwealth Associates in Jackson, Michigan; Charles T Main and Parsons Power Group in Boston; Cereba Power Engineers; and independent consulting. A professional engineer, well respected in his field, and the recipient of numerous awards, Harry had opportunities to participate and lead national and international projects. He was a member of ASME for his entire career and a dedicated member of the ASME Power Piping Section Committee and Standards Committee from 1970 until his death. Harry was a 2nd lieutenant in the US Army. Harry is survived by his wife Mary; son Marcus Ainsworth (Janet) of Clinton, MA; daughter Teresa Todd (Al) of Anna-polis, MD; son Harry D Ainsworth (Diana) of Wakefield, MA; 7 grandchildren; and one great grandson. He was predeceased by one grandson. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather whose family was precious to him. Harry had a wry sense of humor, a drive for perfection, strong ethics, a love of family, a deep commitment to his faith, and a gentleness under his strength. Harry was an active member at St Elizabeths Episcopal Church in Sudbury. A celebration of his life will be on Saturday, September 12, 2:00pm at St Elizabeths Episcopal Church, One Morse Road, in Sudbury, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heifer International or to Project Bread: The Walk for Hunger.



Geneva Avery VanHouten

DATE OF PASSING: 6/21/2017

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Geneva B. Van Houten -- Temple City

Geneva B. Van Houten, resident of Temple City, passed away at her home on June 21, 2017 after a year long bout of cancer. She was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan. She is survived by her beloved husband of 65 years, Arlo Van Houten; their 3 children, Steve Van Houten, Lori White, and Amy Harrison; seven grandchildren; and one great grandson. A 'Celebration of Life' service will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017, at 11:00 am at San Gabriel Methodist Church, 201 North San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel. A private family service of the scattering of her ashes at sea will take place a few days following the service. Her wish was since the oceans go through-out the world, that sometime, perhaps, some of her ashes might end up on the shores of some of the countries Van and she have visited.



David Keith Bell

DATE OF PASSING: 1/16/2012

Class of 1949

David Keith Bell -- Delta Township

David Keith Bell, born January 31, 1931 in Lansing, the son of Medford and Doris (Stahl) Bell of Grand Ledge, passed away suddenly at home on Monday, January 16, 2012. David served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and worked in car sales most of his life in Lansing. He was a member of St. Davids Episcopal Church. He is preceded in death by his son in law, Robert Secord and his brother, Jack Bell. Surviving is his wife JoAnn of 51 years, 3 children: Karen Bell, Steven Bell and Joseph Bell, 7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, a life long friend, Ray Perrin and many loving nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held Friday at 11:00a.m. at the Palmer Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Homes, Delta Chapel, 6020 W. Saginaw with Rev. Carol Spangenberg of St. Davids Episcopal Church officiating. Inurnment will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00a.m. Memorials can be made to St. Davids Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Rd, Lansing, MI, 48917. Condolences can be made at www.palmerbush.com.





Gloria J. Carter Gross

February 16, 1931 — December 8, 2020 (Aged 89)

Gloria J. Gross, 89, of Grand Ledge, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on December 8, 2020. She was retired from GTE after 30 years of service; member of St. Michael Catholic Church, and enjoyed traveling, including Hawaii. Gloria was a devoted, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother to four children, family was her whole world.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Edna (Hagen) Carter, sister-in-law and brothers: Richard, William (Betty), Robert and Leo, son-in-law Ray Stiver, and grandson Casey. Survived by her husband, Walter "John" of 67 years, son John (Christina) Gross; daughters: Judy Stiver, Jeanie Cox, Jeri Gross, 6 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, sisters, Maryann and Kathy Carter, and sister-in-law Joann Carter.

Visitations will be from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. with a scripture service following at 6 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Masks are required. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



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Orace Duane Chapman II

June 8, 1931 — April 24, 2024 (Aged 92)

Orace Duane Chapman II of Dimondale formerly of Eagle passed away on April 24, 2024. Orace was born June 8, 1931, in Grand Ledge, Michigan to the late Orace Duane and Nellie (Shepherd) Chapman. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in the class of 1949. Orace worked for Oldsmobile for a number of years while starting his own company, Chapman Excavating. He enjoyed traveling with his late wife, Ruth, in their motorhome and annual deer camp in Atlanta, Michigan with his family. Orace also enjoyed family trips to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan each winter to snowmobile.

He is survived by his children, Marcia Chapman, Jack (Chris) and Jeff (Connie) Chapman; grandchildren, Jamie Chapman, Scott Chapman, Vince Manning and, Meghan Pereira; great-grandchildren, Marissa, Alana, Liam, Elyse, Mary, and Dylan. Orace was preceded in death by his wife Ruth on November 2, 2004 and special friend and companion, Nell Laipply.



A graveside service will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 1:00 PM at N. Eagle Cemetery with Chaplain Brandon Hempel, officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to the N. Eagle Cemetery Society, 13522 Iowa Avenue, Eagle, Michigan 48822, or Heart to Heart Hospice, 2260 E. Saginaw Street, Suite A, East Lansing, Michigan 48823. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com



Milton Curtis

Class of 1949

DATE OF PASSING: 2001

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Ronald R. Cypher

Class of 1949

DATE OF PASSING: 1/6/2011

Ronald R. Cypher -- Grand Ledge

Ronald R. Cypher, passed away Jan. 6, 2011. Ron was born Sept. 4, 1929 to Gerald and Edith (Morey) Cypher. He graduated from Grand Ledge H.S. class of 1949 and attended MSU Police Academy. He was a U.S. Air Force Korean conflict veteran. Ron retired from the City of Grand Ledge where he also served as Assistant Chief of Police. He formerly was Chief of Police of Eaton Rapids, employed at Huhn Chevrolet, and owned Cypher's Fargo Gas and Gulf stations in Grand Ledge. He is survived by the love of his life, wife of 56 years Joyce (Hankins), sons Steven (Darcy), Sam (Andrea), daughters Laura (Tim) Lawler and Bridget (Mike) Aungst, 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and brother Richard Cypher. Ron enjoyed life, MSU, fishing, his cottage at Emerald Lake, and trailer community where he made many friends. He also enjoyed spending time in his pole barn working on tractors. Ron's greatest passion was caring for Joyce who he loved with all of his heart. A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, January 10, 2011, 11:00a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 1-3, 5-7p.m. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Joyce Cypher for her continued care. www.holihanatkin.com



Bruce Leroy Eastman

Class of 1949

DATE OF PASSING: 10/27/2001

Birth 2 Oct 1932
Death 27 Oct 2001 (aged 69)
Burial: Fort Custer National Cemetery
Augusta, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, USA



Bruce Leroy Eastman was born on October 2, 1932. He died on October 27, 2001 at 69 years old. He was buried in Ft. Custer National Cemetery Section 6 Site 656, Augusta, Mi. We know that Bruce Leroy Eastman had been residing in Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan.



Martha "Marty" E. Emerson Craig Farber

August 15, 1931 — September 5, 2021 (Aged 90)

Martha "Marty" E. Emerson Craig Farber, 90, of Sturgis, MI., died, Sunday, September 5, 2021 at Thurston Woods Villages in Sturgis, MI.

She was born on August 15, 1931, in Ligonier, IN., to John D. and Irene (Price) Emerson.

Martha was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School in 1949. She furthered her education at Purdue University graduating in 1953. She did her graduate studies at Western Michigan University and Spring Arbor College.

Martha became a teacher and taught at the Technical-Vocational High School in Hammond, Indiana, Coldwater Pre-School Nursery and Coldwater Community Schools teaching early elementary and retiring in 1999.

She was also the business owner of Craig Hallmark in Coldwater.

Throughout her life, Martha was a genuine, caring person who enjoyed "visiting" with family and friends, preferably with a dessert nearby.

She enjoyed the Coldwater Community Theater, appearing on stage in several productions, and loved to watercolor paint. She was a member of the NEA, MEA, a charter member of the Altrusa Club Charter and the secretary for the MDA of Coldwater.

Martha was an integral part in establishing The Garden at Thurston Woods Village which is enjoyed by the residents and public alike.

On January 8, 2000, she married Robert L. Farber in LaGrange, IN. He preceded her in death in 2008.

Surviving are her two children, Linda Craig-Iles and Randy Iles of Allen, Michigan and Steven C. and Deborah Craig of Hampton, New Hampshire; three grandchildren, Ford Abel, Anna Craig and Conner Craig.

Along with her husband, Robert, she is preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters, Kathryn Ambler and Alice Doyle.

A viewing will be held on Friday, September 10, 2021, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan St., LaGrange from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. at the funeral home and burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, IN.

Memorials may be contributed in Martha's memory to the Tibbits Opera House.



Pearl Feldpausch Longanbach

DATE OF PASSING: 6/22/2006

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Pearl N. Longanbach -- Portland, MI

Pearl N. Longanbach, passed away on June 22, 2006. She was born on April 10, 1929 in Grand Ledge, MI, the daughter of Lucy and John Feldpausch. She was a dedicated Registered Nurse for 39 years after graduating from the Sparrow Hospital School of Nursing in 1952. She worked for Lansing Ophthalmology as a nurse for 26 years. She was also a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Post 4090, and the nursing association ACORN. Pearl enjoyed spending hours on crossword puzzles, reading books of many varieties, playing Scrabble on a Sunday afternoon and playing a multitude of card games with all of her family and friends. Any person that came through the door was met with a smile and a laugh, and they left with a hug and a full stomach. Pearl is preceded in death by her parents; brother, George; and sisters: Ann, Evelyn and Pauline. Surviving are her husband of 50 years, John Sr.; sisters, Janet Folkens and Dorothy Eस्कilsen; one son, John Jr. (Teresa) Longanbach; two daughters, Terry Longanbach and Debbie (Charles) McCort; granddaughters, Sara, Ashley, and Marlys Longanbach, and Kristin McCort. The family would like to give special thanks to the nurses of the 7th floor of Sparrow Hospital for their excellent care and compassion. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Alfred Deutsch on Saturday, June 24, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. at the Schrauben-Lehman Funeral Home, 210 E. Bridge. Interment will be at the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Ionia. The family will receive friends 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may

be made to the National Kidney Foundation in memory of Pearl Longanbach. Online condolences may be made at www.schraubenlehman.com.





Marian Lou Goodrich Starr

Class of 1949

Birth 20 Jul 1931
Death 3 Nov 2001 (aged 70)
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 11/3/2001



Marian L .Starr was born on August 20, 1931. She died on November 3, 2001 at age 70. We know that Marian L Starr had been residing in Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan.



Jack L. Hankins

Class of 1949

Jack L. Hankins -- Grand Ledge

Jack L. Hankins of Grand Ledge passed away May 25, 2016. Jack was born June 22, 1931 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to the late Jack and Ruby (White) Hankins. He attended Grand Ledge High School and was a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Coral Sea during the Korean War.

Jack served the majority of his career in law enforcement working for both Eaton and Jackson Co. Sheriff's Departments and also the Michigan Department of Corrections. He was an avid deer hunter and volunteered with food donations for area seniors.

Jack is survived by siblings, Marjorie Darnell, Dan (Jayne) and David (Kathy) along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by siblings, Thomas, Joyce Cypher, Irene Plunkett and Mary Hankins.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, May 28, 2016, 9:30am at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Interment with military honors will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 6-8:00pm with a Rosary at 7:30pm. Memorial contributions may be given to Swedes Restaurant Food Donation Program, 89 W. Grand Ledge Highway, Mulliken, Michigan 48861.

DATE OF PASSING: 5/25/2016



Harold L. Hayes

Class of 1949

Mr. Harold L. Hayes, passed away on November 20, 2004 on his 74th birthday. He was born in Grand Ledge, MI on November 20, 1930, son of Lisle G. and Alma (Brovont) Hayes. He was a 1949 graduate of Grand Ledge High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1953. He was a dedicated Oldsmobile worker for 37 years, thirty of which were as Supervisor in Experimental Sheet Metal Department of Product Engineering. His enjoyments in life were time times he and his wife spent at their cottage at Canadian Lakes, MI, his grandchildren and skeet and trap shooting. He was preceded in death by his two sons, Roger and Brian and his father, Lisle of Grand Ledge. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ingrid; granddaughter, Misty I. Breslin; 2 great grandchildren, Blake and Lori; mother, Alma E. Hayes, all of Grand Ledge; 2 sisters, Joan (Richard) Young of Denver, CO and Janice (Bruce) Cotter of Weidman, MI; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, November 23, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with Rev. Andrew Ford of the Grand Ledge Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow at North Eagle Cemetery, Eagle Township, Clinton County, with Military Graveside Services. The family will receive friends Monday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. For those desiring, contributions may be made to the Ingham County Humane Society.

DATE OF PASSING: 11/20/2004





Vaun Ellen Hazen Kempf

Class of 1949

Birth: 1930
Death: 2006 (aged 75–76)
Burial: North Eagle Cemetery
Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 2006



Jack Huss

Class of 1949

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: 2010



William J.H. Kane

January 27, 1931 — October 7, 2020 (Aged 89)

William J.H. Kane, long time resident of Grand Ledge, MI, born January 27, 1931, son of Arch and Katherine Kane, passed away October 7, 2020. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School 1949 and the University of Notre Dame 1954 with a degree in Architecture. He then married Joan Hardy in LaGrange Illinois Aug. 28, 1954, and together they have 5 children and 9 surviving grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joan, children: Bill (Cindy), Kevin (Victoria), Kathy (Michael) Kegg, Michael, & Mary Kane-Butkovich; grandchildren: Patrick (Hailey) Kane, Jon (Catherine) Kane, Katie (Hunter) Callahan, Matthew (Christina) Kegg, Keith (Elizabeth) Kane, John Kegg, Lillie Butkovich, David Kegg and Anna Butkovich and 3 great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents, brother and sister-in-law Arch & Ann Kane, Son-in-law Bruce Butkovich and Grandson Andrew Kane.

He was President of MJK, Architects, Engineers and Planners, President of Manson Jackson & Kane, Inc. and Principal with the Kane Group, Inc.



Bill's background included over 50 years of experience in facility programming, design and construction for a wide range of projects including major multi-million dollar facilities for both private and public clients. His work included educational, correctional, health care, commercial and industrial projects. Bill designed more than 300 school projects in over 80 school districts and 10 intermediate districts throughout Michigan.

Bill had a broad base of expert knowledge about special project needs and regulatory requirements. He was a former member of the Michigan Department of Public Health Committee for Codes, Construction Code for Barrier-Free Design and the Michigan State Fire Safety Board. He served professionally in numerous capacities including President of Mid-Michigan Chapter, AIA, and Chairperson of the AIA Educational Facilities Planning Conference; also was a founding member and first secretary of the Notre Dame Club of Lansing.

He served his Community and his Church as a member of the Lansing and Grand Ledge Rotary Clubs, Davenport University Foundation, former member of Grand Ledge Jaycees, over 50 years on the Grand Ledge Planning Commission, first President of St. Michael School Board, St. Michael Pastoral Council and the Building and Grounds Committee.

At Bill's request, memorials may be made to St. Michael Parish School, 325 Edwards St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837 and the Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837.

A private celebration of his life will be held in June at the family cottage at Pt. Lookout, Bill's favorite place on earth. Arrangements have been entrusted to Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Duane G. Kowalk

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Duane G. Kowalk -- Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan

Duane G. Kowalk, 58, of Grand Ledge died June 6, 1990 at a Lansing hospital. He was born September 8, 1931, at Grand Ledge, the son of LaVerne and Marian (MacNaughton) Kowalk. Mr. Kowalk was a lifelong resident of Grand Ledge. He was a member of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist church, a graduate of the Grand Ledge High School Class of 1949, graduate of Western Michigan University, and did graduate work at Indiana University and Michigan State University.

Mr. Kowalk was a past president of the Grand Ledge Jaycees, a member of the polio survivors support group, a former principal of Delta Center and Delta Mills elementary schools, and was director of special education for the Grand Ledge Public Schools with 33 years of service.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; three sons and daughter-in-law, Donald and Margaret Kowalk of Eaton Rapids, Stephen and Cindy Kowalk of Grand Ledge, and David Kowalk of Grand Ledge; one daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Ward Haidle of Columbus, New Jersey; five grandchildren; his parents, LaVerne and Marian Kowalk of Grand Ledge; brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Skip Kowalk of Grand Ledge; and his mother-in-law, Margaret Noble of Wacousta. Services were June 11 at the Grand Ledge First United Methodist church with the Rev. Lynn Grimes officiating. Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand ledge. Peters and Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, made the arrangements. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Duane Kowalk Educational Fund or the First United Methodist Church memorial fund.

DATE OF PASSING: 1/6/1990



James R. Lee

Class of 1949

Birth 1931
Death 2001 (aged 69-70)
Burial: Pioneer Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 3/13/2001



Joyce Lipps Ladd

Class of 1949

Joyce Ladd -- Grand Ledge

Mrs. Joyce Ladd of Grand Ledge, age 82 passed away Saturday, April 20, 2013 in Lansing, Michigan. She was born January 2, 1931 in Lansing, the daughter of Russell and Katherine (Gibbie) Lipps. Survivors include 4 sons: Arnold Jr., Michael (Debra), Chris (Cheryl), and Mark; 3 daughters, Lynn Liberty, Jackie (Ron) Knight, Lisa (Steve) Wilhelm; 13 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren; one brother, Roland Lipps; She was predeceased by her husband, Arnold of 43 years in 1993; also 3 grandchildren, Lindsay, Lanie and Rusty; and one brother, Steve Lipps. Joyce's greatest love was for her family. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 11:00 am at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Rev. Troy Shaw officiating. Interment will follow at the Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends Monday 2-4 and 6-8 pm. For those desiring contributions to the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com

DATE OF PASSING: 4/20/2013





Barbara Matz Frost

Class of 1949

DATE OF PASSING: 2001

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Rose Ann McAllister Hewson

Class of 1949

DATE OF PASSING: 1/12/2014

RoseAnn Hewson of Grand Ledge, passed away January 12, 2014 at the age of 82. She was born August 26, 1931 in Battle Creek, MI, daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Hill) McAllister. RoseAnn was a retired school teacher for the Grand Ledge Public Schools and a member of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, where she was very active with many committees, including the Trustee's. She was president for eight years for the Grand Ledge Education Assoc.; a founding member of the Michigan Reading Assoc.; served on many boards of the MEA and NEA. Survivors include her daughters: Rebecca F. Hewson, Isabell M. Deppe, Sandra A. (Patrick) O'Donnell, and Patricia L. (Clancy) DeLong, son Ronald S. (Sue) Hewson; 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents. Funeral Services will be held Friday, January 17, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., with Pastor Cindy Skutar officiating. Interment at Meadowbrook Cemetery, Mulliken. Visitations will be held at the church Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Ledge F.U.M.C. or the Capital Area Humane Society. The family is being served by the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be share at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Elaine J. Miller Dunn

Class of 1949

DATE OF PASSING: 1982

Elaine J. Dunn
Birth: 1932
Death: 1982 (aged 49-50)
Burial: Pioneer Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA





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Evelyn Louise Moon Schalow King

January 22, 1932 — May 30, 2022 (Aged 90)



Evelyn Louise Moon Schalow King, age 90, of Portland passed away peacefully on Monday, May 30, 2022. She was born on January 22, 1932 in Grand Ledge, the daughter Francis and Hilda (Binns) Moon. Evelyn was a member of the Portland Congregational Church, an honorary member of the Portland Fire Department and was their photographer; she was a Cub Scout leader, and a member of the Portland O.E.S. Chapter. She also drove a school bus in Portland for many years, enjoyed playing the organ, loved flying and traveling, spent several winters in Florida and she dearly loved her cat, Frankie. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hanley "Hank" Schalow; second husband, Elwood King; son, Sam Schalow; son-in-law, Robert McWilliams; and daughter-in-law, Sharon Schalow. Surviving are her children, Robert Schalow, Suzie McWilliams, and Lorrie (Ron) Nichols; 5 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren; step-children, Marlene Seifert, Alana Lord, and Rod (Mary Ann) Vedder and several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and brother, Fred Moon.

The Funeral Service will be conducted by Pastor Chris Richards and Rev. Dr. Marilyn V. Danielson at 1:00 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2022 at the First Congregational Church, 421 E. Bridge Street, Portland. Interment will follow at Portland Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Portland Fire Department in memory of Evelyn. Arrangements are entrusted to Lehman Funeral Homes. Online condolences may be made at www.lehmanfuneralhomes.com.



Class of 1949

Carl Raymond Morris

September 8, 1930 — March 6, 2024 (Aged 93)

Carl R. Morris, a man who enjoyed his family and the outdoors, passed away March 6, 2024. Carl, 93, was born on September 8, 1930 in Grand Ledge, Michigan to Raymond and Sylvia (Greenfield) Morris. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1949, and married Joan Hayes on November 25, 1950, in Grand Ledge. Carl's career entailed working for 30 years at Oldsmobile in Lansing, Michigan, and farming his whole life. He enjoyed fishing, archery, hunting, traveling with his family, reading, and building full scale boats and model boats.

Carl is survived by his loving wife, Joan; his children, Brenda Morris, Randy Morris, Tim Morris and David (Loretta) Morris; three grandchildren, Amanda Morris, Stacie (Jessie) Morris, and Andrew Morris; five great-grandchildren, Braden, Noah, Hayden, Ashton, Rylie and Austin; siblings, Jonnie (Marge) Morris, Bob (Bonnie) Morris, and Joy (Lloyd) Thomas; and his faithful companion, his dog, Buddy. He was predeceased by his parents, Raymond and Sylvia Morris, and his sister, Jeanne Morris

Friends are encouraged to support Carl's family at visitation and funeral services. The Funeral service will be Monday, March 11, at 11:00 a.m., at Pray Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 10, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. The funeral service will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Carl's tribute, then click on Photos & videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the National Rifle Association (NRA). Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Carl's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI.





Carroll Louis Newcomb

Class of 1949

Birth 26 Jan 1931
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 20 Jan 2012 (aged 80)
Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, USA
Burial: Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery
Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1/20/2012



Carroll Louis Newcomb, 80, of Grants Pass died Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, at his home.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Merlin Community Baptist Church. Private interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.since1928hull.com. Flowers may be sent to the church and/or contributions made to the Royal Family Kids program at Parkway Christian Center, 229 N.E. Beacon Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.since1928hull.com.

He was born on Jan. 26, 1931, on a farm outside Grand Ledge, Mich., to Warren and Maude (Blasier) Newcomb. He attended Grand Ledge High School, where he excelled in music as a trumpeter and was selected as a member of the Michigan All-State High School Band and Orchestra. He attended Olivet Nazarene College and Northwest Nazarene College (now University) for three years to continue studying music.

Newcomb served in the Air Force during the Korean War as an electrician and maintenance specialist. While stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Wash., he met Delight Smith. They were married in Spokane on April 5, 1952.

They raised three sons in Temple City, Calif., where they lived in the San Gabriel Valley for 21 years. They were involved in the Temple City Church of the Nazarene's music program as well as their sons' school music and sports programs. In 1977, the couple moved to Grants Pass, where they built their home and continued to be involved in church.

He enjoyed woodworking, gardening and spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife, survivors include three sons, Warren and Michael Newcomb, both of Grants Pass, and Randy Newcomb of San Francisco; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Norva Haskell and Barbara Van Antwerp, died before him.



Neta Padgham Smith

Class of 1949

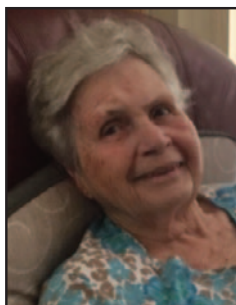
Neta Margaret Smith -- Grand Ledge

DATE OF PASSING: 8/20/2018

Neta Margaret Smith, 86, of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away August 20, 2018 in Vermontville, MI. She was born November 23, 1931 in Lansing, MI, daughter to William and Margaret (Yerks) Padgham. Neta was retired from the Grand Ledge Public Schools as Food Prep Supervisor at the high school; was a member of Grand Ledge Baptist Church, and an avid Tigers fan. She enjoyed working at Camp Barakel and going to the Soo Locks in Sault St. Marie.

Neta is survived by her son William (Teresa) Smith, daughter Nadyne (Dan) Abfalter; 8 grandchildren: Chasity, Jamie, William, Cody, Jason, Caleb, Ben, and Erin; 18 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren; sister Helen Benjamin, sisters-in-law Arlene Shaw and Sandy Padgham. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Kerwin, daughter Carolyn Lookingbill and brother Neil Padgham.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at Deepdale Memorial Gardens, 4108 Old Lansing Road, Lansing, MI 48917, with receiving of friends and family at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Grand Ledge Baptist Church or Great Lakes Caring Hospice in memory of Neta Smith. The family has entrusted arrangements to Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com





Donald J. Plunkett

Class of 1949

Birth 1931
Death 1992 (aged 60–61)
Burial
Mount Hope Cemetery
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1992



Marjorie Reed Duell

Class of 1949

Marjorie Lou Duell (Reed) -- Ionia

DATE OF PASSING: 5/6/2006



Marjorie L. Duell, age 75, passed away Saturday, May 6, 2006. She was born on February 23, 1931 in Grand Ledge, Mi. the daughter of Lawrence and Ethel Reed. Marjorie was a member of Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Ionia and was a professional business woman, owning Mar-ka-tone, a beauty shop in Grand Ledge for many years before moving to Ionia, where she kept doing hair before running the Chamber of Commerce in Ionia and Belding where she worked closely with the Ionia Free Fair. She later moved on to helping people at Eight Cap. Marjorie was very active in the Community Theatre for many years and in her later life enjoyed gambling and casinos and spending time with family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents a brother Gary, a son Matthew, brother-in-laws, Bill farman and Chuck Green. Surviving are husband of 44 years, Jerry; sons Tony (Charlie) Wawiernia, Randy (Tracey) Duell, and Jeff (Tammy) Duell; daughters Kathy (Terry) Donovan and Kellie Davis; 15 grandchildren Brandy, Trever, Timmy, Rodney, Anastasia, Christian, Jessica, Landon, Mark, Mandy, Tom, Patrick, Melanie, Brent, and Brian; 9 great- grandchildren; sisters Jan Green, Shirley (Frank) Pierce, Barb Farman, Peg (Richard) Baldwin; Brother, Phil Reed. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Melvin Fox, Pastor at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ionia. Rite of Committal will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Ionia. The family will receive friends 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., Monday at the Schrauben-Lehman Funeral Home, 220 Rich St., Ionia. There will be an 8:00 p.m. Scriptural Wake Service on Monday. Online condolences may be made at www.schraubenlehman.com.



Elizabeth "Betty" Shepard Kinney

Class of 1949

Elizabeth J "Betty" Shepard Kinney
Birth 1931
Death 1999 (aged 67–68)
Burial
Phoenix Memorial Park and Mortuary

DATE OF PASSING: 1999





Class of 1949

Norman Henry Smith

August 11, 1931 — June 4, 2022 (Aged 90)

Norman Henry Smith of Grand Ledge, MI passed away on June 4, 2022. He was born in Grand Ledge, MI on August 11, 1931, son of Charles and Ida (Pallady) Smith. Norman was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School class of 1949. After attending Lansing Business College he worked as a self-employed accountant, served in the National Guard for 15 years, and was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church. He enjoyed family time at the cottage in Northern Michigan, attending MSU football games for over 48 years, as well as many other MSU events. Norman volunteered on various committees at church and with many Grand Ledge organizations. Norman is survived by his beloved cat Buddy, and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, brother Richard Smith, sisters Arlene Parker and Illene Shaw.



A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 13, 2022 with a visitation one hour prior to the service at Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge; interment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitation will also take

place on Sunday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in loving memory of Norman Smith to Emanuel First Lutheran Church, 1001 N Capitol Ave, Lansing, MI 48906 or Ledge Craft Lane, 120 S Bridge St, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The family is being served by the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be placed at www.millsfuneral.com.



Frances Tegels Baker

Class of 1949

Frances J. Baker -- Grand Ledge

Frances J. Baker of Grand Ledge passed away October 8, 2016. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend and will be greatly missed. Fran was born January 18, 1931 in Marshall, Minnesota to the late William L. and Catherine E. (Hovland) Tegels.

Fran graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1949, was a longtime faithful member of St. Michael Parish and retired from the State of Michigan Department of Public Health. She enjoyed traveling, reading and music.

She is survived by children, Mary Jo (Gary) Kast, Jean Chapmen, Charles (Rochelle) Baker and Sara Caswell; 8 grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Anne Baker; siblings, Vivian (Norman) Kemp and Daniel (Mary Sue) Tegels. Fran was preceded in death by husband, Anthony F; son, Peter; son-in-law, Joe Chapman; siblings, Katherine Kucsulain, Rita, Vincent and Dennis Tegels.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, October 13, 2016, 11 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by The Reverend Fr. James Eisele. Rite of Committal will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 with a Rosary at 7:30 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be given to Blessings in a Backpack Grand Ledge or Hospice House of Mid-Michigan. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

DATE OF PASSING: 10/8/2016





Thomas Eugene VanDerSteen

December 29, 1930 — February 26, 2022 (Aged 91)

Thomas E. VanDerSteen of Grand Ledge passed away February 26, 2022. Tom was born December 29, 1930 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to the late Paul and Henrietta (VanDenHauvel) VanDerSteen. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1949 and went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Air Force. Tom was a life member of the American Legion, VFW and AMVETS. He was a USPS Mail Carrier in Grand Ledge. After retirement, Tom moved near Stanton and lived on Clifford Lake and enjoyed wintering in Brooksville, Florida.



He is survived by his sons, Lynn, Craig (Diane); daughter, Monica (Gary) Trieweiler; 14 Grand Children; 15 Great Grandchildren with two on the way; stepchildren, Cynthia (Thomas) Courtright, Timothy (Joellyn) Malmquist, Michael (Jennifer) Malmquist; stepdaughter-in-law, Shelly Malmquist; sisters, Eileen Dick and Lorraine Rogers. Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Mickey on August 17, 2017; step-son, Jeffrey Malmquist; brothers, Norbert and Ray VanDerSteen and stepdaughter-in-law, Joellyn Malmquist.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 1, 2022, 11:00am at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5-8:00pm and Wednesday from 10-11:00am. Memorial contributions in Tom's name may be given to the American Legion Cole-Briggs Post 48, 731 N. Clinton Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com



Mazie Ward Edwards

Class of 1949

DATE OF PASSING: 1/20/2018

Mazie Arlene Edwards -- Grand Ledge

Mazie Arlene Edwards a lifelong resident of Grand Ledge passed away January 20, 2018. Mazie was born February 22, 1931 in Bethany Township, Gratiot County, Michigan to the late Russell and Treva (Schultheiss) Ward. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1949. She enjoyed gardening, traveling, sewing and country music.

She is survived by brothers, Verland (Joanna) Ward, Keith (Marilyn) Ward, Richard and Elvin Ward along with several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by husband, Vern L. in 1988 and brother, Raymond in 1996. A private grave-side service will be held. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Grand Ledge.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, 2140 University park, Suite 210, Okemos, Michigan 48864 or the American Cancer Association, Mid-Michigan Office, 1755 Abbey Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.



Lois Jean Wilcox Lawrence

Class of 1949

DATE OF PASSING: 9/17/1992

Lois Jean Lawrence of Grand Ledge, age 60, passed away September 17, 1992 at a Lansing hospital. Mrs. Lawrence was a member of the Grand Ledge Booster Club and the Cole-Briggs American Legion Auxilliary of grand Ledge. Survivors include her husband, Orval Keith Lawrence; children, Kimber and Steve Lynde of Perry, Kristen and Foye Longworth of Holt, Kurt and Jean Ann Lawrence of Grand Ledge, Kelli Lawrence of Lansing, Kara and Eric Bond of Grand Ledge and Kyle Lawrence of Lansing; 12 grandsons; sisters and brothers, Helen Wilcox, Don Wilcox, Ursal Cody, Arnold Wilcox and Margaret Warder; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Stewart Wilcox. Funeral services will be held Monday September 21, 1992 at 2 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with interment at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. They suggest contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or to Muscular Dystrophy. Envelopes available at the Funeral Home.



Sharma Loann Wolfe Stahl

Class of 1949

Birth: 1 Aug 1931
Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana, USA
Death: 20 Jun 2015 (aged 83)
Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 6/20/2015



Sharma Loann (Wolfe) Stahl, left us on Saturday, June 20, 2015. Born August 1, 1931 in Muncie IN, the second child of Clarence and Ernestine Wolfe. She married Joe Stahl of Alto and in 1961 they had a son, Mitchell. During her career, Sharma held positions as a buyer at F.W. Woolworth's in Grand Rapids and later as a manager for Woolco. For twenty years she managed Kountry Korner's Convenience Store in Alto, MI. After Kountry Korner's was sold, Sharma volunteered through Eight-CAP for seven years in the elementary school in Saranac as a "Foster Grandparent" to children with reading/learning difficulties and special needs. She reluctantly quit when her health declined. She loved the kids and they loved her. She felt their pain and soothed their hurts. Sharma was a dedicated, loving mother to Mitchell and gave lifelong support to all members of her family. She was feisty, fiercely independent and proud. Those who greeted her when she left us were her mother and father, Clarence and Ernestine; brothers, Bob and Bunk Wolfe and niece, Stacie Wolfe Ruge, and nephews, Scott Wolfe and Chris

Wolfe and other extended family members. Left behind to complete the broken circle later on; her son, Mitchell Stahl, brother, John and Peg Wolfe; sister, Jayma and Tom Kurnat; sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Sharma will be resting near her family in Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell, MI. A memorial service will be held later this summer. Those wishing to leave a remembrance in Sharma's name may wish to consider Eight-CAP Foster Grandparent Program, 904 Oak Dr., Greenville, MI 48838.



Marjorie M. Zaluga Binns

DATE OF PASSING: December 5, 2019 (Aged 89)

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Arrangements through Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken.

(NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)