



THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1951

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Helen PURTILL Pixley (2009 — 2/9/2009)
Carol REEDY Brookman (2016 — 12/10/2016)
Carol RITCHIE Bickenbach (2013 — 5/16/2013)
Martin John Roesch (1979 — 12/26/1979)
Danial Henry Rogers (2019 — 2/26/2019)
Barbara Rose (2012 — 7/16/2012)
Zelda ROSS McDaniel (1996 — 6/26/1996)
Herman Sealy (2003 — UNKNOWN)
Ronald K. Segerlind (2019 -- 7/29/2019)
Gerald L. Sheren (1995 — 12/4/1995)
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Ronald C. Woodward (1952 — UNKNOWN)



Jacqueline Leona ABBRUZZESE Bratschi

August 8, 1933 — March 26, 2020 (Aged 86)

Jacqueline L. Bratschi, 86, went home to be with the Lord on March 26, 2020, after an abundant and fulfilling life.

Jacqueline was born on July 8, 1933 in Ionia, Michigan, daughter to Joseph and Florence (Tully) Abbruzzese. She is survived by her son Raymond "Chris" Bratschi, daughters Mary (Gordon) VanWieren and Marcia (Mike) Gresens, and her four grandchildren: Betsy and Trey VanWieren, and Gunnar and Sabrina Gresens. She was predeceased by Raymond, her husband of 59 years, as well as her five brothers and three sisters.

Jacqueline had an inherent talent for organization, as well as an eye for elegance. She used those skills to manage and improve many properties through the years - some properties for work, and some for play. Jacqueline was also a Managing Partner of Bratschi Enterprises, Inc., a property management company she founded with her husband and son. But the family home in Oneida Township, which she and her husband built, and where she lived until July 2019, was her love. She enjoyed mowing her three acre lawn without assistance until she was 85 years old, and even then was reluctant to relinquish that chore.



Jacqueline was an active parishioner at St. Michael Catholic Church in Grand Ledge, including being a member of Prayer Partners with the children at St. Michael Church. She was a former Treasurer for Oneida Township, and also volunteered on the Township's Election Board.

Jacqueline's favorite thing in life was spending quality time with family, especially her grandchildren, and her friends. She enjoyed crafting, painting, and playing euchre with her friends from church. Jacqueline always looked forward to family gatherings and vacations. Preparing for such gatherings was a labor of love for her, especially when the preparations involved assistance from her children and grandchildren. Sharing her talents, like her ability to make a perfect pumpkin chiffon pie, with her family was always a priority.

Vacations were always important to her. They typically included family members, extended family, and good friends. An early vacation involved a cross country trip with her three sisters and mother in a convertible to visit her brother in California. Other family trips consisted of camping and canoeing across the country - New York, Maine, Florida, and Mississippi. Later in life she and Ray fell in love with Charlevoix, Michigan. They made it their family vacation destination of choice. They enjoyed traveling up north numerous times each summer to the family compound to enjoy the peaceful quiet waters of Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan with their children, grandchildren, and friends.

Jacqueline's sparkle and enthusiasm for life would light up the room when she entered. Always quick with a smile, or a hand to help, she had an infectious laugh that brought easy smiles to everyone. She was an inspirational role model, amazing wife, tireless mother, loving daughter, and devoted friend. Jacqueline lived a full life simply dedicated to love and generosity. She will forever remain in our hearts.

A private family service will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Grand Ledge. neral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.

View service online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0cHJ0g9uMkkSu5m0qpg2OA/videos>? Interment at Meadowbrook Cemetery in Mulliken. Out of respect and concern for public health and safety, the family has chosen to have a Celebration of Life service for the friends and family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Catholic Church or Bickford Assisted Living of Okemos in memory of Jacqueline Bratschi. The family has entrusted arrangements to Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Julia Rae Armstrong Molitor

September 14, 1933 — January 31, 2021 (Aged 87)

**(NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF HER PASSING AND
NO SERVICES ARE PLANNED AT THIS TIME.)**



Phillip Baker

DATE OF PASSING: 2011

(NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)



Roger Dean Baker

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 6/8/2012



Roger "Twig" Baker of Delta Township passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on June 8, 2012. Roger was born March 29, 1932 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Orla and Jane (Shady) Baker. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1951 and was a Korean War Army veteran. Roger was the owner/operator of Baker Machine and Welding and then worked for Pryor Brothers as a machine operator and finally retired from Baryames as a maintenance engineer. Even in retirement Roger continued working hard using his welding skills to help in the construction of The Michigan Princess which navigates the Grand River in Grand Ledge. He is survived by his wife of over 57 years, Beverly J. (Wilson); children, Cherie (Dave) Goodrich, Cynthia (Brian) Ludtke, Craig (Susan) and Cathy (Robert) Doolittle; grandchildren, David, Gabriel, Dennis, Eli, Colleen, Samuel, Callie, Tyler, Madalyne, Bailey, Jordan, Grace and Abbey; great grandson Rome; sisters, Dorothy McDaniels, Lorraine Teman, Janet (Bill) Hawes, Linda Galvin. He was preceded in death by sisters Marilyn McAllister and Beverly Grenier. A funeral service will be held Monday, June 11, 2012, 11:00 am at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with The Reverend Timothy W. Jackson, officiating. Interment will follow at Deepdale Memorial Park with military honors. The

family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday from 4-8:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 105, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025 or the Grand Ledge Bullpen Club 13433 Wind Spirit Drive, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Online condolences and memories may be made at www.holihanatkin.com

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Richard D. Baldwin

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 9/21/2014

Richard D. Baldwin -- Delta Township

Richard "Dick" Baldwin, 81, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and loyal friend to many passed away at home on September 21, 2014. He was a former Skilled-trades Die Sinker for Lindell Drop Forge, Motor Wheel and Spartan Die. After retirement, Richard and his wife, Peggy spent six months of the year in Punta Gorda, Florida and they also enjoyed 30 years at their cottage on Gun Lake. He enjoyed gardening, tending to his plants and flowers; an avid sports fan, and loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dick is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Peggy, and their daughters: Cheryle (Randy) Kemp, Penny Bensinger, Brenda Baldwin and Lori (Mike) Kidd; seven grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and one great grandchild on the way; also brother Eldon Baldwin and sister Sue (Bob) Hatcher. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Beulah (Rouser) Baldwin, grandson Cole Brown and son-in-law Tim Bensinger.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, September 25, 2014 - 12:00 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday 4-8 p.m. and also one hour prior to service time. For those desiring, memorial donations may be made to Hospice Advantage or American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



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Joan "Jo" Mary Barker Wolverton

March 17, 1933 — June 23, 2023 (Aged 90)

With a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Joan Mary Barker, born on 17 March 1933 in Lake Odessa, Michigan, to John Barker and Audrey Hansbarger. She passed away peacefully in her sleep on 23 June 2023 at her residence in Niceville, Florida.

Joan was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bruce Wolverton, and her brother Jerry Barker. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Debra and Mark Mintz and son and daughter-in-law John and Gwen Wolverton, 4 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

She attended Grand Ledge High School in Michigan, graduating in June 1951. Then on 18 June 1953, Jo married Bruce in Belding, Michigan, and joined him at Fort Benning, Georgia, for the remainder of his US Army enlistment. After Bruce completed his tour of duty, Jo and Bruce moved to Ionia, Michigan, in 1955. There Jo worked for the Ionia Chamber of Commerce until 1975. In 1975 Jo and Bruce ventured off to Phoenix, Arizona. In 1979 they returned to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to care for their aging parents. At that time, Jo accepted an executive security position at the Harley Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she worked until her retirement in 1996. Jo and Bruce then retired and moved to Niceville, Florida.

Jo was an active member of Crosspoint Church of Niceville, Florida, and worked as a volunteer at the Niceville Public Library. Her enthusiasm for art could be seen through her many creations - she painted characters on a large group of items, including shirts, cards, rocks, and step stools for her grandchildren.

A private funeral service will be held at a later date keeping with Jo's wishes. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org/>. The family would like to offer special thanks to Superior Residences of Niceville and Emerald Coast Hospice for their loving care during this difficult time.

Joan will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, and friend who always put others before herself while enjoying life's simple things - often with a brush in hand, creating lasting memories through her artistic talents. Her absence will leave a hole in all our hearts forevermore; however, we all can take comfort in knowing she is now reunited with those she loved who have gone before her.



Richard Howard Beagle

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 6/17/2012

Richard Howard Beagle, formerly of Grand Ledge Michigan, died Sunday at the age of 79. The son of Howard and Althea Beagle, Dick graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1951 and then from Michigan State University in 1960. After a long career in public service, across the state of Michigan, Dick retired to spend time with his friends and family in Florida. He is survived by his beloved wife 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.



Wilma Bell

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 9/3/2007

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



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Mary P. Bonofiglio Ezzo

September 5, 1932 — December 23, 2022 (Aged 90)

Mary P. Ezzo, 90, of Lansing, MI, went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 23rd, 2022. Born as Maria Ippolita Bonofiglio in 1932 in Borgo Partenope, a small mountain village in Italy's Calabrese region, she was the daughter of Giuseppe (Joseph) and Elvira (née Coscarelli). In 1936, Mary, her siblings, and parents immigrated to the United States, passing through Ellis Island and settling near family in Grand Ledge, MI.

Despite starting her schooling speaking only Italian, she became an excellent student and was a popular member of her class at Grand Ledge High. She participated in a myriad of clubs and activities, serving as Student Council Secretary her Senior Year. She graduated as a member of the class of 1951.

Mary's Senior Page Prophecy saw her as "an Office worker at some big company", and this became a prophecy fulfilled! She worked in the office of Knapp's department store downtown and for the state of Michigan in its escheats department. After meeting Jon Carmen (Jack) Ezzo at a picnic, Mary's love of family sent her on a different path. They were married on July 10th, 1954. The couple settled on Hayford Street in

Lansing, MI, where they were shortly joined by children Lawrence (Lynne), Stephen (Michelle), Catherine (Larry), Jon Jr. (Liz), Rosemary (Jeffrey), Ann (Gary), & Mary Jo.

Between bringing up their children, Mass and committees at the Church of the Resurrection, and summers at Blue Gill Lake, Mary and Jack found success in various business ventures—from real estate to restaurants and beyond. Out of a surfeit of accomplishments, however, their most rewarding was their family.

Mary is predeceased by her parents; siblings; granddaughter Rebecca Sernick; son-in-law Bart Wencke; and her husband of 66 years, Jack. She is survived by two brothers, seven children, 13 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

A talented gardener, avid reader, devout Catholic, and the best cook in the family, Mary possessed a classic beauty her entire life, but will be most remembered for her defining trait of a genuine, bone-deep kindness. Her gentle nature and friendly humor are blessings sorely missed and lessons gratefully remembered.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM, Thursday December 29th, 2022, at the Church of the Resurrection 1505 E Michigan Ave, Lansing MI 48912 with a visitation one hour prior. For those wishing, memorial donations may be made to Church of the Resurrection in memory of Mary Ezzo. The family has entrusted arrangements to Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be shared at www.millsfuneral.com.





Stacy A. Catey

Class of 1951

Birth 14 Nov 1932
Death Feb 1983 (aged 50)
Burial
Brunstetter Cemetery
Austintown, Mahoning County, Ohio, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1983

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Lane Funeral Home, Austintown, for Stacy A. Catey, 50, of 3888 Cumberland Drive, who was pronounced dead of a heart attack at 11:15 p.m. Friday in South Side Hospital after having been stricken at the Saxon Club on Meridan Road.

Mr. Catey was born November 15, 1933 in Grand Ledge, Michigan, a son of S. Paul and Dorothy (McMullen) Catey. He was employed by General Motors Corporation for 26 years, last working as an engineer at its Lordstown Assembly Division. He attended Youngstown Baptist Church and was a member of the Saxon Club and vice president of the Youngstown Rifle and Pistol Club.

Besides his wife, the former Elizabeth Lehman, who he married on February 8, 1958, he leaves his step-mother, Mrs. Catherine Catey of Columbus; three daughters, Misses Pamela and Cynthia, both at home, and Mrs. Deborah Koskovics of Austintown; a sister, Mrs. Marjorie Jarstfer of Rose Hill, Kansas; a brother, Richard of Grand Ledge; and a granddaughter.



Jack H. Cooper

Class of 1951

Birth 1932
Death 2008 (aged 75-76)
Burial
North Eagle Cemetery
Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 2008





Kenneth Dukes Cooper

October 29, 1931 — March 29, 1951 (Aged 18)

Kenneth Cooper, age 18, of Route No. 1, Grand Ledge, was killed and William Sedelmaier, age 17, of 231 E. River St. was critically injured, in an automobile crash here last Thursday evening. The accident involved three cars, but no one else was injured and the cars suffered only slight damage. But for a door in the Sedelmaier car flying open, it is possible that no one would have been injured. The drivers of the three cars involved were Norman W. Sedelmaier, 212 Harrison; Richard Bigford, 622 W. Main; and Roger A. Bell, Route No. 1, Grand Ledge. Bigford, driving a Ford, was traveling east on W. Jefferson, and he came over the hill near the entrance of Fitzgerald park, saw a tractor in front of him and he slowed down to follow it. Sedelmaier was following Bigford, Coming over the hill, he saw Bigford's car and the tractor, and braked to keep behind them. His car skidded, however, and hit the left rear of the Bigford auto. At or near the moment of impact, the door on the right side of the Sedelmaier car popped open, and Cooper and Bill Sedelmaier, who were riding in the front seat with the driver, were thrown out.

They landed on the pavement directly in front of an oncoming car driven by Bell. Going west, Bell was only 10 feet in front of the boys when they hit the pavement and could not stop his car in time to avoid them. The car hit both boys. They were taken to St. Lawrence hospital in Lansing by the Teman and Peters ambulances. Cooper was pronounced dead on arrival, from a fractured skull, and internal injuries. Sedelmaier was reported in serious condition Monday afternoon by hospital authorities. He suffered severe scalp lacerations, a fractured left shoulder, concussion and a possible skull fracture and internal injuries.

Cooper was born in Grand Ledge, October 29, 1932 and had lived his entire life here. He was a senior in the local high school and a member of the National Guard. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cooper of Grand Ledge; one sister, Helen Cooper, at home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dukes, and Mrs. Catherine Cooper, all of Grand Ledge; nine uncles, four aunts, and several cousins.

Funeral services were held at Peters Funeral Home Monday, Rev. John Smith officiated and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery.

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Eldon L. Cushing

Class of 1951

Birth 29 Jan 1934

Death 17 Mar 2012 (aged 78)

Burial: Kelly Cemetery

Oil City, Midland County, Michigan, USA [Show Map](#)

DATE OF PASSING: 3/17/2012



Eldon Cushing, 78, of Shepherd, passed away Saturday, March 17, 2012, at The Laurels of Mt. Pleasant. His funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Wentworth of Central Assembly of God officiating.

Cremation will take place after the funeral and his ashes will be buried in Kelly Cemetery in Greendale Township on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday from 4-8 p.m. and on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until the service begins.



Shirley DeFore Sawyer

Class of 1951

SHIRLEY I. SAWYER -- Grand Ledge

DATE OF PASSING: 3/11/2013

Shirley DeFore Sawyer, age 83, passed away March 11, 2013. She was born Feb. 10, 1930 in Grand Ledge, Michigan to the late Horace and Gladys (Brown) DeFore. Shirley retired in 1992 from the State of Michigan where she worked as a secretary. She enjoyed spending winters in Florida and focused her time and attention mostly on her loving family. She is survived by son, Denny (Lanet); daughters, Nancy Pennell and Lisa (Jack) Briggs; grandchildren, Troy, Tony and Kassie; great grandchild, Brittney; brother, Charles (Dorothy) DeFore; son-in-law, Dave Pennell. She is preceded in death by husband, Richard, 3 brothers and 1 sister.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, March 14, 2013, 11:00am at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge officiated by The Reverend Andrew Ford. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 5-8pm. Memorial contributions may be made to National Parkinson Foundation, 1501 NW 9th Avenue/Bob Hope Road Miami, Florida 33136.



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Stella May Dickson VanHeck

June 28, 1932 — April 23, 2022 (Aged 89)

Stella May VanHeck, born June 28, 1932 to Loren and Effie Dickson, was called home to her Heavenly Father on April 23, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Gerrit VanHeck; son, Timothy VanHeck; siblings Lorenzo (Juanita) Dickson, Orland "Red" Dickson, Carrie (Carl) Gleason, Pearl (Vernon) Bigger, Rudy (Rita) Dickson; and lovingly remembered by her daughter, Leela McMullen; son, David VanHeck; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her special friend, Gene Garseau.



Stella was a generous, loving woman who enjoyed her church family, baking cookies, and the joy of sharing them with others so much that she was known as "The Cookie Lady." Stella will be remembered for her generous heart and vibrant, sassy personality, among other lovely qualities. She enjoyed her participation in the Wayland Garden Club and was impactful in the community with her work with 4-H, earning many awards over her years of service and volunteer work. During her career as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), she influenced countless lives with her loving heart. She always knew how to make people feel cherished and important, and she was an active social butterfly. Her smile was her crowning glory, consistently lighting up a room.

Stella's funeral will be held 1 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2022 at Calvary Church (304 S. Main St, Wayland, MI 49348), with a two hour visitation prior starting at 11 a.m. at the same location. In lieu of flowers, please make checks available to Wayland Area Ambulance or Calvary Church Youth Group. The family welcomes memories and messages online at www.kubiakcookwayland.com.



Joyce Edwards Lott

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 9/11/2013

Joyce I. Lott (Edwards) of Grand Ledge passed away September 11, 2013. She was born September 2, 1931 in Oneida Township, Eaton County, Michigan to the late Earl I. and Lila M. (Burman) Edwards. Joyce was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School Class of 1951. Joyce enjoyed making things especially arts, crafts, and knitting, as well as spending time with family and friends. She looked forward to the family's weekly dinner, playing cards and her book club. She is survived by sons, Todd and Gary (Heather) Brewer; stepdaughters, Robin Royston and Pam Nierenberger; grandchildren, Dylan, Kieffer and Gabe Brewer; step-grandchildren, Maggie Underwood, Matthew Nierenberger, Andy Royston, Sam Royston, Alecia Royston and Marie Rodriguez; brothers, Paul (Alice), Gayle, James (Audrey) and Gerald (Faye) Edwards; sister, Marge Collins. Joyce was preceded in death by husband, James Lott; step-granddaughter, Shannon Royston; siblings, Virginia Edwards, Leo Edwards, Wilma Salvatore and Josephine Edwards.



A graveside service will be held, Thursday, September 19, 2013, 3:00PM at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Galleria Office Centre, Suite 111, Southfield, Michigan 48034.



Duane F. Falor

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 12/4/2015

Duane F. Falor -- Grand Ledge

Born May 26, 1933 in Fowler, passed away on December 4 at home at the age of 82.

Duane graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1951 to become an Airman First Class in the U.S. Air Force and serve during the Korean War. Home on leave, in 1954, he married Sandra Ainsworth.

After his military service ended in 1955, Duane worked at various construction sites as a lifelong member of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union. Duane also worked with his father-in-law and eventually took over Ainsworth Heating and Cooling in Grand Ledge. He coached Little League, Pony League, and the American Legion Post 48 Summer Baseball Team.

Duane was a dedicated member of the American Legion Cole-Briggs Post 48 for 52 continuous years; served as Post Commander for 18 consecutive years for the VFW Post 3293; and was active in the local Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Program for many years.

He was predeceased by his parents, Merlin "Hank" Falor and Georgia "Mabel" Bush; his wife, Sandra, of 54 years; infant son, Alexander; brother, Merlin "Mike"; and sister-in-law, Judy Falor.



He is survived by his son, Zachary Falor (Kate Sanford) of Grand Ledge; daughter, DuAnne (Dave) Masselink of Holland; four grandchildren, Annie (Lawrence) Watson, Samantha Talley, Brett Talley, and Jersey Masselink; two great grandchildren, Joseph and Tia; and four siblings, Inez (Ralph) Gregory, Carl (Juanita) Falor, Jerry Falor, and Archie (Donna) Falor.

He was a son, a husband, a dad, a papa, a big-papa, a brother, a friend, a patriot, and a veteran, and he will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, December 8 from 2-4 and 6-8pm at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, December 9 at 11am at Trinity Episcopal Church, 201 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. Interment with Military Honors will follow at Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Legion Post 48 Honor Guard or Trinity Episcopal Church.



Herbert C. Fernholz, Jr.

DATE OF PASSING: 1/24/2015

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Herbert C. Fernholz, Jr. -- Perry

Herbert C. Fernholz, Jr., age 81 of Perry, passed away on Saturday, January 24, 2015 in Mesa, AZ. Funeral services will be held at Watkins Brothers Funeral Home in Perry on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Pastor Michael Black will officiate with burial to follow at Oak Plains Cemetery in Shaftsbury. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM.



Herbert was born on June 3, 1933 in Danby, Ionia County. He was the only boy of 5 children of Herbert and Bertha (Boughner) Fernholz, Sr. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School and went to work at General Motors where he worked for 49 years, retiring in 2000 as a supervisor. Herbert married Joyce Olger and they were members of West Locke Wesleyan Church.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; 8 children, Mike (Brenda), Richard (Crystal), Ron, Lorrie (Ron), John, Jim (Renee), John, Jr. (Stacie), Greg; his pet companion Taco; 12 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, 2 sisters and 1 grandson.



Rose Fernholz Smith

DATE OF PASSING: 5/10/2009

Class of 1951

Birth: 3 Jun 1933

Ionia County, Michigan, USA

Death: 10 May 2009 (aged 75)

Clare, Clare County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Unknown

Rose M. Smith, age 75 of Farwell, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2009 at the MidMichigan Medical Center in Clare. Rose was born the daughter of Herbert C. and Bertha E. (Boughner) Fernholz on June 3, 1933 in Danby Twp., Ionia County, Michigan. She was united in marriage to Gilbert Lee Smith on April 24, 1951 in Auburn, Indiana, and he predeceased her on August 18, 2001. Rose had lived in the Farwell area since moving from St. Louis in 1981. She had retired from the Mt. Pleasant Regional Center. Rose had been a long-standing member and volunteer with both the Farwell American Legion Auxiliary Post 558, and the Lake Eagles Auxiliary Aerie 3761.

Rose is survived by sons: Steven (Connie) of Williamston, Daniel (Susan) of Farwell, Gilbert Lee II (Melissa) of Holt, Thomas (Karen) of Grand Blanc and Patrick (Laurie) of Mason; her daughter, Janis Smith of Farwell; her siblings Ethel Burch, Herbert Fernholz, Jr., Catherine Gorwitz, and Ann Donley; 12 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Rose was predeceased by her parents.

Services for Rose took place on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 11:00 AM at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Moerdyk officiating. (The Clare Sentinel – Clare, MI – 19 May 2009)



Gertrude Christine Galvin Getz

DATE OF PASSING: 11/30/1981

Class of 1951

Birth 29 Jan 1933

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Death 30 Nov 1981 (aged 48)

Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA





Mary Alice Green Hazelton

DATE OF PASSING: 1/20/2019

Class of 1951

Alma, Michigan — Mary (Green) Dassance-Hazelton passed away on January 20th, 2019 at Masonic Pathways, Alma, Michigan.

Mary was born on a farm near Grand Ledge, MI in September 1933, the youngest of 6 children of Howard and Alice (Egleston) Green. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1951. Mary worked at Reo Motors, Inc. until January 1953. She was a graduate from Lansing Community College in 1977 and was employed in the Division of Learning Resources from 1975 until her retirement in 1986. She was active in the Grand Ledge Public Schools as a room mother, library volunteer, Cub Scout Den Leader, Girl Scout leader as well as a Child Care giver to over 35 children. Mary was Charter Worthy Advisor of Grand Ledge Assembly #57, Rainbow for Girls; Past Matron and Life Member, Grand Ledge Chapter #14, OES; Officer in VFW Auxiliary; held several offices both local and national in the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Toys for Tots Coordinator, volunteer reader to school children, and enjoyed bowling. Her needlework earned over 50 ribbons at both County and State fairs in Florida.

Survivors include her children; Les (Jan) Dassance of Portland; Nadine Stolt of Wyoming; Charles (Tammy) Dassance of Ormond Beach, FL; and Debra Dassance of Farmington Hills; 6 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Shirley Green, Charlotte, and Patrecia Green all of Grand Rapids.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Larry Dassance (1983) and Art Hazelton (1999); her parents; sister, Marian Green; brothers, Charles, Glenn, Edwin, and Donald Green.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Hall-Holdship Funeral Home in Manton, MI, with family and friends gathering at 10:30, with life celebration service to follow at 11:00am, concluding with a graveside service. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Manton, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Grand Ledge Masonic Temple Assn., or Toys for Tots.



Thelma Ilene Hair Noble

June 26, 1933 - April 22, 2020 (Aged 86)

Thelma Ilene Noble, longtime area resident of Grand Ledge, passed away April 22, 2020 at the age of 86. Thelma was born June 26, 1933 in Stockbridge, MI, daughter to Charles and Leota (Gauss) Hair. She was retired from the State of Michigan and a member of the Grand Ledge Baptist Church.

Thelma is survived by her children and grandchildren: Son, Douglas (Connie) Noble of Moran, parents of Amy (Matt) Morgan, Merritt (David) Gilbert, Kevin (Meagan) Noble, Mackenzie (fiancé Tom) Noble, and Kenny (Jeanette) Olinger; Daughter, Deborah (Andrew) Fanko of Perry, parents of Megan (Peter) McGowan, Drew (Becca) Fanko and Matthew (Kara) Fanko, and Daughter, Marcia (Ronald) Phinney of Lansing, parents of Amanda (Patrick) Reiterman, Nick Phinney and Alex (Sage) Payne; 13 great grandchildren, aunts, uncles, many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, brothers William, Dean and Rex Hair and son-in-law Robert Seelman.



Out of respect and concern for public health and safety, the family has chosen to postpone funeral services. A private family graveside service will be held at Wacousta Cemetery, Watertown Twp., Clinton County. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Ledge Baptist Church, 1120 Willow Hwy., Grand Ledge, MI 48837 in memory of Thelma Noble. A memorial

service will be held at a later date. The family entrusted arrangements to Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Victor J. Haueter

Class of 1951

Victor J. Haueter -- Grand Ledge

DATE OF PASSING: 8/2/2017

Victor J. Haueter, a Grand Ledge native, was born on his grandfather's farm in Eagle Township on September 21, 1932. He passed away peacefully August 2, 2017, in Fort Myers, FL, at the age of 84.

He worked on the railroad with his uncles before joining the Army and serving in the Korean War. Vic was employed by MDOT for 31 years. As foreman of the Grand Ledge Maintenance Garage, he was responsible for the upkeep and snow removal on all highways in the Lansing area. After retiring in 1987, he moved to Fort Myers, FL and had a second career in golf course maintenance for more than 20 years.

He made friends wherever he went. Vic was loved by his doctors, friends and family for his positive attitude, sarcastic humor, straightforwardness, strength and determination and his devastating handshake. He loved playing softball and coaching children. In 1964, he co-founded Grand Ledge Little League Football.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Beverly (Hershoren), and their children: Michael (Sherry), Patricia Williams (Fred), Pamela Rivera (Julius) and David; 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; sister Nancy (Terry) Dankenbring ; sisters-in-law Janet Haueter and Marcy Hershoren, as well as many nieces, nephews and numerous cousins, especially his cousin and birth-day-buddy Linda (Haueter) Reither. He was preceded in death by his parents Victor C. and Lorna M. (Williams) Haueter, Aunt Esther, brother Robert and brother-in-law Gary Hershoren.

Memorial services for family and friends will be held in Grand Ledge in the coming weeks.



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Thomas Conrad Hemingway

July 29, 1933 — February 3, 2024 (Aged 90)

Thomas Conrad Hemingway passed away February 3, 2024, in Tucson, Arizona. Tom was born July 29, 1933 in Grand Ledge, Michigan, the son of Louise (Conrad) Hemingway & Foster Hemingway. Tom graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1951 and from Michigan State University. Tom also served in the U.S. Air Force.

Tom married Jeanette Tebbets in 1958. Tom is survived by a daughter, Marihelen Hemingway of Tucson, Arizona. He was predeceased by a son Kipling Scott Hemingway in 1985.

(No other information was available at the time of his passing.)





Beverly Joyce HERSHOREN Haueter

May 18, 1933 -- August 20, 2019 (Aged 66)

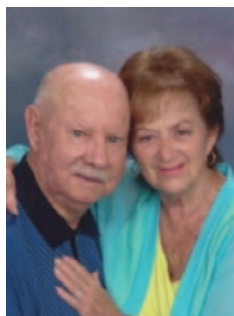
Beverly Joyce Haueter of Grand Ledge, MI passed away August 20, 2019 at the age of 86. She was born May 18, 1933, daughter to Bernard and Stella (Vezzetti) Hershoren. Beverly moved to Grand Ledge in 1936 during the city's Centennial Celebration. She loved Grand Ledge dearly.

She was a nurse, first working for Drs. Harrod & Robinson in Grand Ledge, she then worked with the Red Cross. In the mid-1960s Bev became an industrial nurse at Oldsmobile, working primarily at Plant #3. After retiring in 1987, she moved to Fort Myers, FL, and became a Visiting Home Health Nurse.

In 1942, Beverly met her future husband Victor Haueter at a fifth-grade softball game. Ten years later, after graduating, they were married and began raising their family. She loved to cultivate roses and flowers; cherished her family and friends and many of her childhood classmates became lifelong friends, and especially loved and adored her children and grandchildren.

Beverly is survived by her sons Michael (Sherry) and David, daughters Patricia (Fred) Williams and Pamela (Julius) Rivera; 10 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Janet Haueter, Nancy Dankenbring, Marcy Hershoren, and was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Victor and brother Gary Hershoren and brother-in-law Robert Haueter.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. For those wishing, memorial contributions can be made to Michigan Premier Hospice or America Kidney Fund in memory of Beverly Haueter. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Marian Humphrey Kleinfelt

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 8/21/2012

Marian E. Kleinfelt -- Grand Ledge

Mrs. Marian E. Kleinfelt, age 79, passed away August 21, 2012 in Lansing, MI. She was born October 3, 1932 in Grand Ledge, MI, daughter of Harry and Dorothy (Wells) Humphrey. Marian was retired from the State of Michigan; a longtime member of A.B.W.A.; member of the Child Study Club and Women's Auxiliary Cole-Briggs Post 48; lifetime member of the Grand Ledge Bullpen Club, and an avid MSU sports fan. She is survived by her son Richard W. (Margo) Kleinfelt of Grand Ledge and daughter Cynthia K. (Ron) Whitney of Dover, NC; grandchildren: Patrick (Sydney) Kleinfelt, McCall (Paul) Salmon, Ryan Whitney and Tyler (Lisa) Whitney; great grandson Colt Joseph Salmon, sister-in-law Mary Kleinfelt; brother-in-law Floyd Kempf and special friends Amy Liston, Pat and Melody O'Keefe. She is predeceased by her husband of 35 years, Richard E. Kleinfelt. Funeral services will be held Friday, August 24, 2012 - 11:00 A.M. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with Rev. Lyle Heaton of the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church officiating. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge.



The family will receive friends Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Ledge Bullpen Club in memory of Marian Kleinfelt. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Mary Ellen Kill Lucas

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 7/12/1991

Birth: 30 Oct 1932

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Death: 12 Jul 1991 (aged 58)

Fowlerville, Livingston County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Greenwood Cemetery

Fowlerville, Livingston County, Michigan, USA





Arthur Paul Kuhn

February 3, 1933 — November 20, 2021 (Aged 88)

Arthur Paul Kuhn, age 88 of Lansing, MI passed away on Saturday, November 20, 2021. He was born on February 3, 1933 in Grand Ledge, MI the son of Paul and Natalie (Schultz) Kuhn.

Arthur worked with his father in their family owned shoe repair shop for 10 years. He then went to work for Oldsmobile as an apprentice for 4 years to become a Journeyman Electrician. He worked for General Motors for 32 years and retired in 1988. Arthur played at Fantasy Baseball Camp with the Detroit Tigers in 1993. He was an active member of Hope Lutheran Church in DeWitt, serving on the Board of Trustees and as an Elder of the Church. Arthur was involved with Builders for Christ where he helped to repair and build Lutheran Churches. He was instrumental in helping to build 5 Lutheran Churches. In his free time he enjoyed bowling, traveling and loved to dance. Arthur was a member of a Square Dance Club for many years. He played softball on the Oldsmobile League and really enjoyed all sports.



He is survived by his wife, Alberta Kuhn; children, Linda (Jerry) Valentine, Cathy (Don) Stadler, Connie (Mark) Tanner, Laurie (Steven) Pollie, and Jeffrey (Kim) Pasch; grandchildren, Stephanie Pollum, Eric (Kim) Wood, Stacie (Sean) Slumka, Ashley Valentine, Jaclyn Herndon, Alec (Sidney) Herndon, Jeffrey (Brittani) Pasch, and Jason Pasch; 13 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Alan Anderson. Arthur was preceded in death by his parents; son, Randy Kuhn; sister, Frieda Anderson.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Hope Lutheran Church 1180 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820. There will be visitation held from 5-8 PM on Friday, December 3, 2021 at Tiffany Funeral Home, Lansing and from 9-11 AM on Saturday at the Church prior to the Service.

The Kuhn family would like to express a special thank you to the staff of McLaren Hospice and The Willows of East Lansing for their exceptional care of Arthur. To make a memorial contribution in Arthur's honor please consider doing so to Hope Lutheran Church, McLaren Hospice or The Willows of East Lansing. To leave a cherished memory or words of sympathy for the family please visit www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com.



Delorin William LeVan

DATE OF PASSING: 11/1/1986

Class of 1951

Birth 13 Feb 1933; Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 1 Nov 1986 (aged 53)
Ada, Kent County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Meadowbrook Cemetery
Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Married Dorothy Esther Adler on Oct 1, 1955 in Grand Ledge, Eaton Co., Michigan, they divorced. They had 3 children Mitchell, Lisa and Andree.



Roland R. Lipps

DATE OF PASSING: 5/12/2017

Class of 1951

Roland R. Lipps -- DeWitt Twp. MI

Roland R. Lipps, 84 of DeWitt, Twp., MI died on Friday, May 12, 2017 at his home. He was born on May 10, 1933 in Clinton County the son of Russell J. and Kathryn (Gibbie) Lipps. Roland was a graduate from Grand Ledge High School and was a farmer and factory worker. On November 5, 1954 he married Patricia Ballard in Lansing. She preceded him in death in 2009. Roland loved bowling, playing euchre, gardening and mowing his lawn.

Survivors are his children, Gary Lipps of Grand Ledge, Jean Huguelet of Lansing, Debbie Jolley of GA, and Peggy Haviland of Dewitt, MI and 13 grandchildren. His beloved cats, Cricket and Riley and many special friends.

Roland was preceded in death by his wife Patricia of 54 years and son Jim in 2010.

The family will receive friends and relatives at Keck-Coleman Funeral Home, St. Johns on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 5-8 P.M. and from 10 A. M. until service time Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Chris McNeilly officiating. Burial will follow at DeWitt Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Capital Area Humane Society.



Lois Mackie Sprayberry

DATE OF PASSING: 1/27/2003

Class of 1951

Mrs. Lois R. Sprayberry, age 69, of Linton Avenue, Orlando, died Monday, January 27, 2003 at the Florida Hospital in Orlando. Mrs. Sprayberry was born in Lansing, Michigan and moved to the Central Florida Area in 1977 from Lansing. She was a retired frame person with Bell South Telephone Company. She was a member of South Orlando Baptist Church in South Orlando. She was a member of the Central Florida African Violet Association, National African Violet Association, Florida Council on African Violet Association and was a judge for various violets shows across Florida. She was an avid cross-stitcher. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, James E. Sprayberry of Orlando; sons, Stephen C. Sprayberry of West Palm Beach, Mark Edward Sprayberry of Corning, NY, daughter, Deborah L. Smith of Orlando; brothers, Robert Mackie of Grand Rapids, MI, Ron Mackie of Michigan; sisters, Ann Crowe of Indiana, Marilyn Fuller of Ontonagon, MI; seven grandchildren.



Memorial Services will be held Sunday, February 2, 2003 at 2:30PM at South Orlando Baptist Church with Reverend John McKinney officiating. Services under the direction of OSCEOLA MEMORY GARDENS CEMETERY, FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, 1717 Old Boggy Creek Rd., Kissimmee, FL. 407-847-2494.



Marilyn Maier Smith

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 6/4/2016

Marilyn M. Smith -- Grand Ledge

Marilyn M. Smith, 82, of Grand Ledge, MI passed away June 4, 2016. She was born June 23, 1933 in Watertown Township, MI, daughter of the late Lawrence and Ruth (Garlock) Maier. A graduate of Western Michigan University, she taught kindergarten in the Grand Ledge school district for 33 years. Marilyn passionately pursued the preservation and promotion of Grand Ledge as the founding and sole president of Ledge Craft Lane, and noted member and advocate of the Historical Society, Opera House Authority, Grand Ledge Home Tour, and Color Cruise. Marilyn cared deeply about the Grand Ledge community, and she will be greatly missed by all. She was also a lifelong member of the Emanuel First Lutheran Church, Lansing. She enjoyed spending time with her family at their cottage in northern Michigan and attending Michigan State football games for 48 years, along with additional events on the MSU campus.

Marilyn is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Norman, and many nieces and nephews and their children. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Arlene Brinkey and Loraine Kelsey.



A funeral service will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at the Emanuel First Lutheran Church, 1001 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48906, with Pastor Paul Lindloff as officiant.

Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 7 from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice House of Mid-Michigan or Emanuel First Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



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Roger Lee Markle

August 17, 1933 — January 25, 2023 (Aged 89)

Roger Lee Markle, age 89 of Ellijay, GA passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. Roger was born August 17, 1933, in Lapeer, Michigan to his late parents Edmund - Ferris - and Mildred Martha (Fuller) Markle. Roger served honorably in the US Marine Corps in Korea. Roger retired from General Motors after 30 years. Roger is preceded in death by his wife of 64 years Dorothy Elaine (Keeler) Markle and grandson Jack Mead.

Survivors include his daughter Gayle Marie Mead, Wauconda, IL, and sons Garold and Gail Markle, Jasper GA, Dr. - Kenneth - and Lynnette Markle of Baton Rouge, LA, Robert Byron Markle, Ellijay, GA, grandchildren - Shanna - Beavers, Carissa Cassiel, Garrett Markle, Jessica Breaux, Mariah Markle, Lauren Borowski, Matthew Mead, and several great-grandchildren also survive.

There is no service to announce at this time. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.loganfuneralhome.com. Logan Funeral Home & Chapel Ellijay, GA.





Cynthia McLeod Lewis

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 6/28/2010

Cynthia E. Lewis -- Grand Ledge

Cynthia E. Lewis, 75, passed away June 28, 2010 at Sparrow Hospital. She was born in Lansing, MI on July 24, 1934 to the late James A. McLeod and Marion E. (Grimes) McLeod. Cynthia graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1951. She worked for the State of Michigan in the Governor's Office under both Governors Milliken and Blanchard. She enjoyed traveling and volunteering at the McCree House. She married Sedric Lewis in 1968 and he preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by brothers George and Nelson McLeod. Survivors include her two sisters, Mary Joanne Clark and Natalie Jane Dobat, brother James S. McLeod (Maureen), and sister-in-laws Marlene McLeod and Barbara Lewis, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, July 10, 2010 - 11:00 a.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 201 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, with Fr. Robert Walton officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Eaton County Medical Care Facility or McCree House. The family is being served by the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



Natalie McLeod Dobat

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 9/7/2017

Birth: 2 Apr 1933

Death: 7 Sep 2017 (aged 84)

Burial: Van Hoosen Jones Stoney Creek Cemetery
Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan, USA



Nelson McLeod

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 12/19/2007

Birth: April 2, 1933

Death: December 19, 2007 (aged 74)

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Neva Meister Schmitt

DATE OF PASSING: 4/3/2018

Class of 1951

Neva B. Schmitt, 86, was called home to her Lord on April 3, 2018. She was born December 22, 1931 in Delta Mills, MI, daughter of Walter and Beatrice (Gurd) Meister. Neva was a proud, loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was always hands on when it came to family, cherishing all time spent together. She was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church and great cook; enjoyed crafts, cross stitching, feeding and watching cardinals, gardening and really enjoyed working on her and her late husband's small farm.



She is survived by her sons Ronald (Sheila) of Otsego, MI, Mark (Carol) of St. Ignace, daughters: Joan (Lawrence) Hengesbach, Jean Schmitt, Julie Closson all of Grand Ledge, and Janet (Andrew) Heynig of Ionia; 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and sister Clarice Williams of Florida. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Leon Schmitt in 2011; her parents, brother Keith Meister and sister Jacqueline Sheren.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, April 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church, 102 W. Randolph St., Lansing, MI 48906, with Fr. John Fain as celebrant. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Lansing. Visitation will be held Thursday 4-7 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and Friday at the church from 10-11:00 a.m. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to the family or to St. Therese Catholic Church in memory of Neva Schmitt. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Stanley Bruce Mikesell

DATE OF PASSING: 4/26/2007

Class of 1951

Stanley Bruce Mikesell -- Portland, Michigan



Mr. Mikesell passed away Thursday April 26, 2007 at his residence in Portland, MI at the age of 73. He was born January 25, 1934 in Lansing, MI, son of Junior Eugene and Annie (Burgess) Mikesell. Stanley graduated High School in Grand Ledge, MI in 1951. On December 3, 1955 he married Betty Jane Mosher. He served in the U.S. Army, 1956-1958 and was honorably discharged. Was Self-employed with a Milk Route, 1958-1964, retired as a City Driver for ANR Truck Lines in 1993 after 30 years. Stanley took pride in his kids, and especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed watching sporting events that involved his grandchildren. He took pride in his lawn, vehicles, and going to the casino. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, which he loved to share. He was preceded in death by both his parents, and a sister, Dorothy (Mikesell) Catey. Surviving are his wife, Betty Jane, children, Karen (Ryan) Morris, Katherine Mikesell and fiancé Dennis Yacks, Terry (Connie) Mikesell, Tim (Karen) Mikesell, and Kris Rinckey and fiancé Kurt Scheurer, grandchildren, Daniel and Patrick Morris, Zach Danneels, James Heiler and Travis Mikesell, Chelsea and Garrett Mikesell, and Tyler Rinckey, siblings, Annie Miriam (Andy) McLean, Richard (Kathy) Mikesell, Brother-in-law, John Catey, many loving nieces and nephews and numerous cousins. For those wishing, contributions may be made to

the Sparrow Home Hospice - Carson City Team, Sparrow Regional Cancer Center, American Heart Association, or the American Diabetes Association in Memory of Stanley Bruce Mikesell, C/O RFH P.O. Box 36 Sunfield, MI 48890. There will be no services. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.legacy.com Where Life Stories Live on. The family is being served by the Independent Family Owned Funeral Home in Sunfield: Rosier Funeral Home.



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Franklin L. Nelson

November 25, 1932 — February 20, 2023 (Aged 90)

Franklin L. Nelson, a lifelong resident of Grand Ledge, MI, joined his wife in heaven on February 20, 2023, President's Day, a fitting ending for a true patriot.

Frank was born on November 25, 1932, the youngest child of Louis and Emma Louise Nelson. He was preceded in death by Joan, his loving wife of nearly 67 years, as well as his parents and six siblings. Frank is survived by his four children: Doug Nelson of Ocala, FL; Tom (Beth) Nelson; Natalie (Kelly) Kiefer; and Lori (Bill) Spielman. He was a cherished grandfather to Sara (Jake) Keel, Kelsey (Michael) Ames, Benjamin Kiefer, and Brandon Kiefer, and the proud great-grandfather of Charlotte and Laurel Keel.

Frank was a kind, generous man with an unwavering faith in God and immense joy for life. His overseas service in the U.S. Army during the Korean War ignited a life-long passion for world travel. He shared a love of vintage cars with his son Doug, and treasured his annual hunting trips with his son Tom. He was an enthusiastic fan of U of M athletics, loved playing golf, reading, playing cards, a good joke, and most of all, gathering with family and friends over food and drink, preferably poolside on a hot

summer day.

His staunch work ethic and desire to provide for his family led him to a career in construction, where Frank became a proud and talented brick mason. A gold card member of BAC Local #2, Frank supervised countless masonry projects throughout Mid-Michigan, including the Lansing Center and the Wharton Center. He was an active member of American Legion Post 48, past commander of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 3293, and a lifelong member of Saint Michael Catholic Church.

Frank will be dearly missed by his children, grandchildren, sisters-in-law, friends, neighbors, and his many adoring nieces and nephews. A visitation for Frank is planned for 10:00-11:00 AM on Monday, March 13, 2023 at Saint Michael Catholic Church in Grand Ledge, with a memorial service immediately following; interment to follow services with Military Honors at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Elara Caring Hospice, American Legion Post 48, or VFW Post 3293. The family is being served by Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. For online condolences, please visit www.millsfuneral.com





Helen Purtil Pixley

Class of 1951

Birth 1933 (USA)
Death 2009 (aged 75-76)
Michigan, USA
Burial: Summit Cemetery
Williamston, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 2/9/2009



Helen M. Pixley Williamston Helen M. Pixley, born January 14, 1933, died February 9, 2009 at the age of 76. Helen was married to her loving husband, Donald for 55½ years. Together they owned and managed Hayward-Pixley Insurance Agency. Helen dearly loved her community and her job. After the tornado destroyed the Christmas tree in front of City Hall, Helen, Don, and Pat donated another tree to bring joy to the community. She loved to garden, read, and play penny-ante poker. Traveling was also a big part of her life that took her from one end of the globe to the other. She will be greatly missed by her loving husband and family and all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, Donald; 1 daughter, Karen (Merrick) Hurlbutt; 1 son, Patrick (Cindy) Pixley; 3 grandchildren, Ashlee Pixley, Jon Hurlbutt, and Dan Hurlbutt; 3 brothers and 1 sister. Funeral services for Helen will be held Friday, February 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 205 E. Middle St., Williamston with the Rev. Douglas A. Bradshaw of Williamston Free Methodist Church officiating. Interment will follow in Summit Cemetery, Williamston. The family will receive friends Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home and 1 hour prior to the service on Friday.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Mother Teresa House, P.O. Box 13004, Lansing, MI 48901 in memory of Helen.



Carol Reedy Brookman

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 12/10/2016

Carol J. (Reedy) Brookman, age 82, of Newaygo passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2016, at Transitional Health Services in Fremont. Carol was born on April 24, 1934, in Lansing to Abraham and Alice (Mooney) Reedy. Carol was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School and the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music where she met and married her husband, Stanley Ross Brookman and later married on June 25, 1954, in Grand Rapids. Carol served for seven years at the missionary radio station ELWA in Monrovia, Liberia. For much of her life, Carol was a writer, publishing articles, children's stories, Bible Club Lessons, and many "On Croton Pond" and "Healing Path" columns in the Fremont Times Indicator.

Carol is survived by her children, Karen Lee Conolly of Pittsford, Michigan, and Paul Stanley Brookman of Newaygo; grandchildren, Jennifer (Tim) Ambrose, Julie (Chris) Maurer, Jeffrey Conolly, Gabe (Jill) Hulvey, and Robin Williams; several great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stan in 2001; brother, Howard Reedy; and daughter-in-law, Dorothy Brookman in 2015.



Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Friday, December 16, 2016, at the Fremont Christian Church – Disciples of Christ with Pastor David Dickinson officiating. There will be visitation for Carol one hour prior to the service at the Church (10-11AM). Interment will be in Croton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Mel-Trotter Ministries. Friends may share memories and condolences online at www.crandellfh.com.



Carol Ritchie Bickenbach

DATE OF PASSING: 5/16/2013

Class of 1951

Carol Kay Bickenbach -- Haslett, Michigan

Carol Ritchie Bickenbach died on Thursday, May 16, 2013, at her home under the care of Sparrow Hospice Services. Born June 5, 1933 in Lansing, Michigan, to H. Francis Ritchie and Winifred (Holmes) Ritchie, Carol was the first of their two children. As loving wife, mother, grandmother, educator, and friend, Carol will be remembered for her devotion to learning and the arts.



During her lifetime, Carol was active, both in her children's and her students' lives. Having graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1951, she went on to dedicate twenty years as an educator in the Grand Ledge School District. Initially, she helped children as Cub Scout, Brownie, and Girl Scout leader; then in her 30's, Carol went on to finish her degree in education, along with a Master's degree in reading and language arts, and advanced classes in administration. Carol was an inspiration to children of all ages, through her roles as teacher, principal, and mentor to interns. Not afraid to get down in the trenches, she could be found everywhere from the playground to chasing a salamander that a student brought in to school. If a child was in need, Carol would work tirelessly to seek whatever means were available to ameliorate the situation. Even in her retired years, she volunteered in the field of education as well as the arts, and was a regular go-to help to her daughter who teaches elementary school. When not engaged otherwise, Carol loved to explore good literature, or work with their flower gardens and refurbish their more than 100-year-old farm where she and Bob raised their three children.

Carol was preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara and her son, Robert. She is survived by her devoted husband, Robert; daughter, Elizabeth (Michael) Kowalske; son-in-law, Michael Edwards; granddaughter, Jenna Edwards Reid; and brother, Michael Holmes (Sheila) Ritchie. Carol also has numerous other relatives, neighbors, and friends, both near and far, who will remember her keen wit and sincere heart.

Funeral Services will celebrate her life at St. John Church, 327 M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 20, 2013 with Fr. Mark Ingot and Fr. John (Jake) Folgio officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the Funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to St. John Church & Student Parish, or Grand Ledge Public Schools Library. The family is being served by Tiffany Funeral Home. Friends may visit the guest book at www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com



Martin John Roesch

DATE OF PASSING: 12/26/1979

Class of 1951

Birth 17 May 1933
South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana, USA
Death 26 Dec 1979 (aged 46)
Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 2/26/2019

Danial Henry Rogers

Class of 1951



Danial Henry Rogers of Grand Ledge died peacefully on February 26, 2019. He was born September 10, 1932 in Grand Ledge to Robert and Olivia (Beachneau) Rogers. Danny graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1951 and retired from the C&O Railroad after 40 years of service. He loved his family, enjoyed happy hours with family and friends and had a great sense of humor and quick wit. He enjoyed fishing, Big Lake and was always looking to lend a helping hand to those in need.



Danny is survived by his loving wife of almost 63 years Lorraine (Vandersteen); caring children, Valorie (Robert) Wiltsie, Darcy (Brad) Krause and Shawn Rogers; grandchildren, Brad (Tami Cook) Krause and Casey (Paige Bray) Krause; great grandchildren, Langston Bray and Charli Krause. He was preceded in death by his sister, Joan McConnell and brothers, Robert and Kenneth.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019, 3:00 P.M. at the American Legion Cole-Briggs Post 48 in Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions in Danny's name may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, 2111 University Park Drive, Suite 200, Okemos, Michigan 48864 or Compassus Hospice & Palliative Care, 801 S. Waverly Road, Suite 200, Lansing, Michigan 48917.

The family would also like to thank the staff of both Brookdale Delta and Compassus for the wonderful support and care they provided for Danny. Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

DATE OF PASSING: 7/16/2012

Barbara L. Rose

Class of 1951



BARBARA L. ROSE -- Eagle

Barbara L. Rose, age 81, passed away July 16, 2012 at her home. She was born June 11, 1931 in Riley Township to the late Charles and Vera (Speerbecker) Rose. She was a life long devoted and active member of Wacousta Community United Methodist Church and employed at Wacousta General Store for 52 years. She is survived by her niece Paula (Gary) Clark; great nephew, Scott Clark; great niece, Kim Craig; 3 great great nieces, 2 great great nephews. She is preceded in death by sister Pauline Beagle.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 19, 2012 at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge from 10:00am until time of funeral service 12:00Noon, Rev. Lyle Heaton officiating. Interment will follow at Wacousta Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Great Lakes Caring Hospice Foundation 900 Cooper St. Jackson, MI 49202.



DATE OF PASSING: 6/26/1996

Zelda Ross McDaniel

Class of 1951



Zelda A. McDaniel of Snellville, Georgia, age 63, died June 26, 1996. Mrs. McDaniel grew up in Grand Ledge, Michigan and moved to Georgia in 1979 and Gwinnett County in 1983. She was a homemaker, Pastor's wife, Sunday School Teacher and member of Snellville First Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Doyle McDaniel; daughter, Mrs. Carol McDaniel (Wayne) Freeman of Snellville, GA; sons, David Lawrence (Carole) McDaniel of Augusta, GA and Scott Lee (Sheila) McDaniel of Asheville, NC, sisters, Mrs. Mirth (Adib) Liddaw of Tom's River, NJ and Mrs. Dolores (John) DeMoujin of Sheridan, MI; grandchildren, Heather Nicole Freeman, Lawrence Ross and Mackenzie Lee McDaniel. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29, at Wages Snellville Chapel with Pastor Gordon Lawrence and Dr. M.O. Owens, Jr. officiating. Interment in Eternal Hills Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends Thursday and Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Those desiring may make donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1100 Circle 75 Parkway, NW, Atlanta, GA 30339, Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, Inc., Snellville Chapel, (770) 979-3200.



Herman Sealy

DATE OF PASSING: 2003

Class of 1951

Herman Sealy was born in 1933, at birth place, to Lloyd Sealy and Noreen Sealy. Herman married first name Sealy (born Meredith). They had 4 children. Herman passed away in 2003, at age 70.



Ronald K. Segerlind

DATE OF PASSING: 7/29/2019

Class of 1951

Ronald K. Segerlind of Dallas, TX, formerly of Grand Ledge passed away July 29, 2019. He was born July 21, 1933 in Grand Rapids, MI, son of Thorgny and Bessie (Bennett) Segerlind. Ron was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, Class of 1951; graduated from Michigan State in 1959, served in the United States Air Force, and retired from the Army & Air Force Exchange. He enjoyed hunting and was an avid bridge player.

Ron is survived by his wife of 49 years, Joan, son Alexis Segerlind, daughter Yasmina (Ralph) Walker III; 2 grandchildren Rachel Walker, Hillary (Stephen) Clement; great grandsons Tristan Clement and Luke Clement, and brothers Larry (Donna) and Gerald (Joyce) Segerlind.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with visitation from 10 – 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Union Cemetery, Oneida Twp., Eaton County, MI. Reception at the Community Hall at 12:00 p.m.

Those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to the Ducks Unlimited, Memorial Contribution, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120 or www.ducks.org.



Gerald L. Sheren

DATE OF PASSING: 12/4/1995

Class of 1951

Gerald LeRoy Sheren, 62, of Grand Ledge died Dec. 4, 1995, in Lansing.

Mr. Sheren was born Sept. 22, 1933, in Eaton County. He had served in the United States Army. He was a self-employed contractor for 25 years and owned the Sheren Gulf Station and Sheren Brothers Excavating in Grand Ledge. He was a member of the Grand Ledge First Congregational Church.

Services were Dec. 8 at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with the Rev. John Baumgartner officiating.

Interment was in the Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jerry Sheren Memorial Fund.



Theodore F. "Ted" Simmons

July 30, 1931 -- October 13, 2019 (Aged 88)

Theodore "Ted" Simmons, 88, lifelong resident of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away October 13, 2019. He was born July 30, 1931, son to Theodore and Eva (Hoffman) Simmons. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1951; was a proud U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict, and retired from Consumers Power Company after 42 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine (DeRousha) of 68 years, children: Claudia (Greg) Tamlyn, Luanne (Robert) Webb, Mike (Sammy) Simmons, and Penny (Tim) Diebolt; grandchildren: Amanda (Brendan) Jerome, Erik (Amy) Tamlyn, Thomas Webb, Emily Tamlyn (Thomas Manula), Travis (Vashti) Simmons, Trenton (Caitlyn) Simmons, Andrew and Sean Geahan, and great grandchildren: Lukas and Koen Jerome, Alexis and Gabriel Tamlyn, and Zane Simmons, Miles Manula.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with military graveside services to follow at North Eagle Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday from 12:00 p.m. until service time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the American Red Cross or Hospice House of Mid-Michigan. www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome



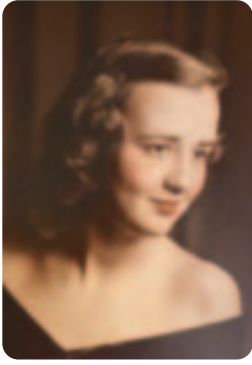
Kerwin Smith

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 11/2/2003

Kerwin R. Smith of Grand Ledge, age 71, passed away November 2, 2003, at St. Lawrence Hospice House. He was born December 2, 1931 in Laingsburg, MI, the son of Richard and Maude (Manning) Smith. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Neta; son William (Terry) of Charlotte; daughters, Nadyne (Dan) Abfalter of Vermontville, and Carolyn Lockingbill of Grand Ledge; 12 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; sister Arlene Shaw; nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral

Services will be held Tuesday, November 4, 2003, 11 a.m. at Grand Ledge Baptist Church, 1220 Willow Highway, with Pastor Andrew Ford officiating; interment to follow at the Deepdale Memorial Park, Lansing. The family will receive friends Monday 5-9 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to Sparrow Hospice Services.



Class of 1951

Maxine Jean Sweet Simmons

March 22, 1933 — July 9, 2022 (Aged 89)

Maxine Jean Simmons of Grand Ledge, a life-long resident of Grand Ledge, MI passed away July 9, 2022 at the at of 89 at Hospice House of Mid-Michigan. She was born to Max Sweet and Nina Ella (Van Antwerp) Sweet on March 22, 1933. Maxine graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1951. She was a loving wife of Theodore Simmons for 68 years. Maxine was employed at Capitol Savings and Loan Company for over 20 years as an Assistant Bank Manager in Grand Ledge. She volunteered at Sparrow Hospital with her husband Ted, pushing the candy cart, bring joy to patients and staff. Maxine enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family. She was an excellent cook and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Maxine is survived by her children Claudia (Greg) Tamlyn, Luanna (Robert) Webb, Mike (Sammy) Simmons, Penny (Tim) Diebolt, grandchildren Amanda (Brendan) Jerome, Erik (Amy) Tamlyn, Thomas Webb, Emily (Thomas Manula) Tamlyn, Andrew Geahan, Sean Geahan, Travis (Vashti) Simmons, Trenton (Caitlyn) Simmons, great grandchildren Lukas and Koen Jerome, Alexis and Gabriel Tamlyn, Zane Simmons, and Miles Manula. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ted Simmons, brother Robert Sweet, and sister-in-law Dorothy Sweet.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at North Eagle Cemetery. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross in loving memory of Maxine. Online condolences may be shared at www.millsfuneral.com.



Ronald Emmery Traen

January 27, 1933 — November 3, 1987 (Aged 54)

BIRTH: Utica, Macomb County, Michigan, USA

DEATH: San Joaquin County, California, USA

BURIAL: Union Cemetery, Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Jane VanDyke Fernholz

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 3/3/2011

Jane E. Fernholz, 78, of Grand Ledge, died Thursday. Services 1 p.m. Tuesday at Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



Rondel L. Waldo

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 6/23/2013

Rondel L. Waldo, 79, passed away Sunday, June 23, 2013, at Hospice of Lenawee County. He was born August 7, 1933, the son of Lynn L. and Maxine (Brace) Waldo. He married Jane M. Korte on December 27, 1958, in Hudson, Michigan and she survives. Ron graduated from Grand Ledge High School in Grand Ledge, Michigan. He continued his education at Western Michigan University, majoring in Business and received his Masters of Business Administration from Central Michigan University. It was while in college that Ron expressed an interest in the military as a career. Throughout Ron's military career he and his family were very active in military communities in the United States and abroad. Ron retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Army in 1977 and then began his career in the private sector. Following his retirement Ron and Jane spent their time traveling and serving their community. Ron was actively involved in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hudson Boy Scouts and Girl Scout, Hudson American Legion Hannan Colvin Post #180, Knights of Columbus Council #3221 where he served as Grand Knight and was a member of 4th Degree. Ron blessed his family with many opportunities to see the world. He dearly loved his wife, children and grandchildren and will be missed by all. Surviving Ron besides his wife, Jane of Hudson are three daughters, Mary Joann (Joseph) Bruneau of Midland, Michigan, Martha Jane Waldo of Adrian, Michigan and Margaret Jean "Meg" Waldo of Appleton Wisconsin; one son, John Rondel (Teresa) of Auburn, Washington; two brothers, Robert (Marilyn) Waldo of Grand Ledge, Michigan and Roger (Delores) Waldo of White Cloud, Michigan; six grandchildren, Nicholas (Bobae) Bruneau of Seoul, Korea, Anthony (Nicole) Bruneau of Walker, Michigan, Bridget Bruneau of Midland, Michigan, Andrew Waldo of Alaska, Abigail and Jacob Waldo of Auburn, Washington; one brother-in-law, Donald (Marge) Korte of Dearborn, Michigan; two sister-in-laws, Alice (Donald) Klocke of Adrian, Michigan and Wilma (Dick) Bade of Hudson, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one daughter Ann. Mass of Christian Burial for Ron will be Friday, June 28, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Joseph Krupp as celebrant. Military interment by Hudson American Legion and the Michigan Army National Guard will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Hudson. Visitation will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Eagle Funeral Home in Hudson with a vigil prayer service at 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers those planning an expression of sympathy can make memorial contributions to charity of donor's choice. Family and friends can view this obituary at eaglefuneralhomes.com.



Verland W. Ward

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 3/16/2018

Verland joined his beloved first wife, Jeannette deceased, 2006. He passed away at home unexpectedly in Seminole, Florida. Otherwise he was a lifelong resident of Grand Ledge and Holt.

Among those that are left to grieve his loss is his current loving wife, Joanna Skupien Harrington, Seminole Florida.

He is survived by daughters Leslie Ward of Charlotte, Michelle Ward, Holt and Lisa Bartlett of Grand Ledge whom he had a special affection for and considered her an "honorary" daughter. Brothers, Keith (Marilyn) Ward of Grand Ledge, Richard L. Ward, Vermontville, Elvin Ward, Owosso. Grandson Aaron (Rashall) Stickle, Palmdale, CA and four great grandchildren; Granddaughter, Janis M. Stickle of Charlotte and great grandson, Dejohn B. Stickle; Stepson Franc (Michelle) Harrington, Anchorage Alaska, and four children. He had much affection for all his nieces and nephews especially, nephew Jerry (Ruth) Ward. Verland was preceded in death by siblings, Raymond Ward and Mazie Edwards, parents Russel and Treva Belle Ward.

Verland graduated from G.L.H.S in 1951, proudly served in the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Lewis in Pierce, Washington, Special Ops Unit, during the Korean War he was also retired from Fisher Body in Lansing.

His and all his siblings grew up with an old fashioned hard working ethic and was not afraid of a hard day's work. In youth, he was an avid body builder and enjoyed fishing and was an avid reader later in life.

Verland's little blue, green and orange love bird brought so much enjoyment to him and they were very affectionate to each other, the bird is searching the house for him now.

A military graveside service will be held at Pioneer Cemetery, Oneida Township, Eaton County, Michigan on Monday, March 26, 2018, 1:00 p.m. A memorial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers please plant and nurture a tree in his memory, or donate to any American Legion, or VFW. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.





Wilbur "Willie" Walter Watts, Jr.

September 7, 1933 — May 30, 2020 (Aged 86)

Wilbur Walter Watts, Jr, 86 years old of Weidman went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 30, 2020.

Willie was born September 7, 1933 at Albion, Mi. to Wilbur W and Helen I Watts Sr. He was raised in the Eaton Rapids, Grand Ledge and Lansing areas and graduated with the class of 1951. Willie married LuAn Hammer on September 4, 1982 in Laingsburg. He was employed by Oldsmobile in Lansing as a forklift driver, retiring after 32 years. After retirement Willie did landscaping for Kentucky Fried Chicken in Mt. Pleasant for 20 years. He was an avid fan of the Redwings and did not miss a game and he was also a Lions fan. Willie enjoyed working outdoors with his flowers, playing pool, eating ice cream and peanut butter fudge. Willie and LuAn enjoyed going on motorcycle rides and mystery trips.

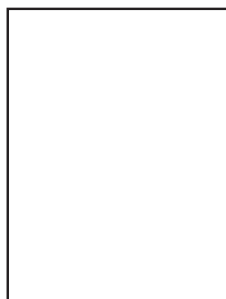
Willie leaves behind his wife, LuAn, children, Neil Watts, Mark (Claudia) Watts, Becky (William) Pellegrino, Sally (Larry) Barhart, Debra (Danny) Dillingham, Pamela (Dan) Handlon and Teresa (Brian) O'Connor; 18 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Kay, Garnet and Dana and numerous nieces, nephew, cousins and friends.

Willie is preceded in death by his parents and son, Gary Bailey.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at Lindsley Cemetery, Allegan, MI. The family will meet with friends on Monday, June 1, 2020 from 2:00 – 6:00 P.M. at Maier Family Funeral Home, 989-644-5000. We ask that due to the current Coronavirus restrictions groups of 10 enter the funeral home at a time and keep distancing in mind.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Willie's memory the Weidman Baptist Church.

Care and arrangements entrusted to the Maier Family Funeral Home. www.maierfuneralhome.com 989-644-5000.



Barbara White Matthews

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 11/6/2011

NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.



Lester Winters

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 2002

NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE



Ronald C. Woodard

Class of 1951

DATE OF PASSING: 1952

Birth 1933

Death 1952 (aged 18-19)

Burial

Delta Center Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA