



# THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1953

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Joan Ardyth GARNER Smith ( 2013 — 8/4/2013 )

Robert Hazen ( 2009 — 11/7/2009 )

Gary Hershoren ( 2017 — 4/10/2017 )

Clara L HODGE Miller ( 2001 -- 3/13/2001 )

Mary Lou HODGE Shuert ( 1998 — 12/12/1998 )

Marlene HOWE Eveleth ( 2013 — 4/9/2013 )

George Hunter ( 2013 — 9/24/2013 )

Gary Jaynes Jarstfer ( 2019 -- 11/10/2019 )

Maynard L. Keefer ( 2012 — 7/29/2012 )

Larry Kingsley ( NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE. )

Jack Kirrman ( NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE. )

Norman Lavern Koos ( 1966 — 7/24/1966 )

Marian E. KORROCH Lomas ( 2005 -- 6/22/2005 )

Nancy LANDON Rust ( 2018 — 2/26/2018 )

Carol Elizabeth LAWLESS Edwards ( 1968 — 11/9/1968 )  
Edward Lonsberry ( 2010 — 12/6/2010. )  
Arlene MAIER Brinkey ( 1983 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE. )  
Edward Meredith ( 2004 — 1/24/2004 )  
Janet Mesecar ( NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE. )  
Duane C. O'Boyle ( 2008 — 5/10/2008 )  
Kendall Pearl ( 2015 — 1/25/2015 )  
Caroline Marie "Carrie" PLUNKETT Gunn ( 2020 -- 4/20/2020 )  
Melvin Plunkett ( 2017 — 11/5/2017 )  
Donald Patrick Purtill ( 2013 — 7/24/2013 )  
Doyle Franklin Root ( 2020 -- 1/20/2020 )  
Oleta P. RUMBAUGH Koeppen ( 2020 -- 1/7/2020 )  
Sylvia K. SIMON Shelden ( 1989 — 12/6/1989 )  
Glenn M. Smith ( 2015 — 6/8/2015 )  
Jane Ann SMITH Carpenter ( 2012 — 1/2/2012 )  
Theodore J. Stoll ( 1991 — UNKNOWN )  
Beverly TASKER Jordan ( 2024 -- 1/6/2024 )  
Darlene Marilyn TIEDT Nollen ( 2020 -- 8/23/2020 )  
Annabelle R. "TOMLINSON" Esch ( 2021 -- 11/12/2021 )  
Robert A. Tomlinson ( 2018 — 6/1/2018 )  
Charleen TORREY Milligan ( 2018 — 2/11/2018 )  
Lawrence VanderMoere ( 2017 — 3/11/2017 )  
Gerald VanNeste ( 2014 — 12/4/2014 )  
Harry Louis Wells ( 2022 -- 1/26/2022 )



## **Lawrence Abell**

**Class of 1953**

**DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN**

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

His name was listed as deceased in his sister's, Yvonne "Abell" Koo's, obituary notice in 2019.



## **Shirley I. ACKER Warren**

**April 20, 1935 - September 3, 2019 (Aged 84)**

Shirley I. Warren lifelong Grand Ledge resident passed away September 3, 2019 at home surrounded by her loving family. Shirley was born April 20, 1935 in Grand Ledge to the late Arey and Emma (Storm) Acker. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1953. She retired from U.S. Postal Service as a Rural Letter Carrier and was a longtime faithful member of Grand Ledge First Congregational UCC. She was an avid bowler and enjoyed knitting, she made lap blankets for the Grand Rapids Veteran's Home. She looked forward to going to dinner with her friends several time each week but most of all cherished her role as a mom and grandma.

She is survived by children, Doug (Pat), Todd (Kristi) and Cheryl Warren; grandchildren, Detra (Ben) Telgenhof, Bryon (Leann)Warren, Tori Warren, Dustin Behnke, Tyler (Kaylee) Behnke, Jason (Kelly) Abfalter and Caleb Abfalter. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Ron in 2003; grandson, Todd Warren II; siblings, Maxine Fielder and Arey "Pete" Acker.

A funeral service will be held Friday, September 6, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at Grand Ledge First Congregational United Church of Christ. Visitation will be Thursday from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and Friday at the church from 10-11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions in Shirley's name may be given to Sparrow Foundation, Hospice Services, 1215 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912 (<https://www.sparrowfoundation.org/give>).



## **Clarence "Bud" Aeltine**

**Class of 1953**

Birth 11 Jul 1935  
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA  
Death 21 Oct 1997 (aged 62)  
Eaton County, Michigan, USA  
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery  
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

**DATE OF PASSING: 10/21/1997**





## **Marilyn Baker McAllister**

**DATE OF PASSING: 8/15/2008**

### **Class of 1953**

Marilyn Baker McAllister -- Grand Ledge

Marilyn Baker McAllister, age 73, passed away August 15, 2008 in Grand Ledge. A life long area resident, Marilyn was born Feb. 4, 1935 to Orla and Jane Baker. She worked for many years as a nurse's aid. She enjoyed antiques and their cabin on Rosa Lake. She was devoted to her loving family and especially enjoyed attending and sharing in family activities. She is survived by her children: Shawn, Kevin (Karen), Brad (Mary) and Jane; grandchildren Corey (Laura) Sean, Kathryn, Sarah and Jacob; great grandchildren Jayden and Jaylxon; brother Roger (Bobbi) Baker, sisters Dorothy (Gerald) McDaniels, Lorraine (Don) Teman, Beverly Griener, Janet (Bill) Hawes and Linda Galvin. She is preceded in death by husband Larry and daughter Laura.

Visitation will be Monday 6-8pm and Tuesday 1pm until time of funeral Service 2pm at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery. memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.



## **Eldon D. Baldwin**

**DATE OF PASSING: 4/24/2018**

### **Class of 1953**

Eldon D. Baldwin -- Grand Ledge

Eldon D. Baldwin, 83, of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away April 24, 2018. He was born July 12, 1934 in Lansing, MI, son of the late Alvin and Beulah (Rouser) Baldwin. Eldon was retired from Lindell Drop Forge and a former Sunday school teacher at the Mulliken United Methodist Church. He enjoyed helping coach his boy's baseball teams when they were young; loved to go hunting and fishing; also camping in the U.P. with his kids and especially enjoyed time spent with his grandchildren.

Eldon is survived by his children: John (Trina), Jeff (Lisa), Cindy McLean, Candy (Tom) Murray, and Christi Baldwin; 9 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and Sister Sue (Bob) Hatcher. He was predeceased by his brother Dick Baldwin.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Following services, a luncheon will be held at the Liberty Church, 12745 Georgia Ave., Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Friday 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society or Heartland Hospice. On-line condolences may be shared at [www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com)



## **Nancy Bennett Haddix**

**DATE OF PASSING: 10/23/2008**

### **Class of 1953**

Nancy C. Haddix Grand Ledge Born April 25, 1935 in Eaton County, MI, passed away October 23, 2008 at the age of 73. Nancy lived an active long life on her family farm and was active in the Eaton County 4-H Fair for many years, where she also was former fair superintendent. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Gerald A., son, Joseph A. (Jennifer), daughters, Jeri E. Newth and Julie Miller, all of Grand Ledge; 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Marilyn (Roger) Hansbarger of Wacousta and Lenora (Royce) Merrill of Grand Ledge. Her parents, Clair and

Evelyn (Allen) Bennett, infant son Ed, and 5 sisters-in-law predeceased her. Funeral services will be held Monday, October 27, 2008 - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with interment to follow at Union Cemetery, Oneida Township, Eaton County.

The family will begin to receive friends at the funeral home Sunday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. For those desiring, contributions made to the Watson School or Alzheimer's Assoc. will be greatly appreciated. [www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com)





## **Norma I. Bennett Payne**

**May 23, 1935 — February 26, 2022 (Aged 86)**

Norma I. Bennett Payne, age 86 of Jackson went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Countryside Manor. She was the daughter of Mary Marie Knight and Chester Earl Bennett. She was one of six children born on May 23, 1935 in Grand Ledge, Michigan. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School and attended Spring Arbor College. She worked with Western School District in Spring Arbor for 28 years. She enjoyed reading, and doing jigsaw and crossword puzzles. She loved vacations, traveling and camping.



Norma was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Maurice G. Payne; her parents; her three brothers and two sisters; and her very special companion "Baby" of 17 years. She is survived by 5 children: Randy A. (Joyce) Payne, Cheryl S. (Rick) Cogan, Darrell L. (Ruth) Payne, Charles A. (Debbie) Payne, and Clifford M. (Patricia) Payne; 12 grandchildren: Elizabeth M. & S. Linabury, Charlene S. & D. Lebron, Nathan C. Payne, Raymond L & J. Cogan, Tammy S. & R. Kill, Justin M. Payne, Krista M. & K. Watkins, Brandon C. & L. Payne, Rebecca L. & J. Huffman, Calvin R. Payne, Marissa L. Payne, and Savanna M. Payne; 19 Great-grandchildren: River S. Linabury, Brooke E. Linabury, Damaso A. Lebron, Diego Z. Lebron, Dario Lebron, Deyeo Z. Lebron, Blaine Payne, Averie Payne, Colin R N Cogan, Lauryn R. Cogan, Atreyu C. Kill, Trinity S. Kill, Christian M. Payne, Karter J. Watkins, Kenna D. Watkins, Makenzie Payne, Cooper Huffman, Tucker Huffman and Ryder Huffman.

At her request, cremation has taken place. A private family celebration of her life was held at Watson Funeral Chapel with interment at Spring Arbor Cemetery. Please express your condolences to the family at [www.watson-funeral-chapels.com](http://www.watson-funeral-chapels.com).



## **Wiley Elmer Bean**

**August 28, 1935 — June 29, 2020 (Aged 84)**

Wiley Elmer Bean, 84, of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away June 29, 2020. He was born August 28, 1935 in Holt, MI, son of the late Leo and Florence Bean. Wiley served in the United States Air Force, and then in 1960, he received his Bachelor's of Social Science from Michigan State University. In 1964, he earned his Juris Doctorate from George Washington University Law School. Wiley was a talented and well-respected lawyer, practicing out of Grand Ledge, Michigan for many decades. With a natural gift for language, he was also an author and a poet, most notably his book *The Morning of the Fourth Day*. He thoroughly enjoyed studying world history, along with his passion for black jack and cribbage. When he was a young veteran, he bartended at the Officers' Club Camp Grayling. Wiley was also an avid hunter and fisherman, and once had a horse named Charlemagne. Wiley was truly a "jack of all trades."



Wiley was also a loving husband and father and is survived by his former wife Patricia Dingler and their five children: Michael, Andrew (Juli), Alexander (Cecelia), Matthew (Robin), and Natalie (Paul); his grandchildren: Taylor, Austin, Sheena, Derek, Sarah, Robyn, and Ryan; and great-grandchild: Serenity. Wiley is also survived by his former wife Patricia Quigley and his step-children: Jim and Erin (Mike); and grandchildren, Jake, Marissa and

Danielle. Wiley has two surviving sisters, Janet (Ray) Pino and Nancy Bean, as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

Out of respect and concern for public health and safety, a memorial service will be held at a later date. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Cole/Briggs Post 48; 731 N. Clinton Street, Grand Ledge MI 48837 in memory of Wiley Bean. The family is being served by the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be shared at [www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com).



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## **R. Graydon Briggs**

**January 16, 1935 — August 10, 2023 (Aged 88)**

Graydon, age 88, our loving dad, grandpa, papa, brother, uncle and friend went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 10, 2023, after a brief illness. We rejoice that he was called home peacefully.

R. Graydon was born on January 16, 1935 in Grand Ledge, Michigan, the son of LRoy and Ruth (Carter) Briggs. When their mom was pregnant with Graydon, his siblings, Jack and Janette were told they were getting a surprise. They thought they were getting a pony and fake mink coat, but instead they got a baby brother.

R. Graydon and Sally (Eaton) Briggs were married in the summer of 1954. They shared many enjoyable vacations with their children, spent quiet times at their cottage on Bass Lake, Pentwater and cherished the time they spent together. R. Graydon held many titles in his working career, but most importantly he cherished his "title" of Grandpa to his grandchildren and Papa to his great grandchildren who all adored him. As his 6 year old great granddaughter, Keaghan told him the day he passed that she went to the cemetery and told Grandma Briggs to go get her Papa because he doesn't



know where to go! Sally passed away in 1998.

R. Graydon and Shirley Dyer were married in 2006. They enjoyed their many road trips, spending time in Pentwater and just spending quality time together. Shirley passed away in 2022.

R. Graydon graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1953. He worked at Lansing Forge Plant and Michigan Highway Dept. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict where he worked in construction and building orphanages. He worked for the Grand Ledge Fire Dept. for 37 years. He was Fire Chief for 35 years. He was an active member of Cole-Briggs Post 48 American Legion, Grand Ledge and VFW. He was very community minded and was a member of the Grand Ledge City Council, Cemetery Board, Historical Society and Wacousta Lion's Club.

Survivors include his children, daughter, Joni (Ken) Fuller, son Mark Briggs, and daughter in law Karen Briggs. Grandchildren, Jamie (Steve) Ordiway, Heather (Travis) Howland, Garrett (Carolyn) Briggs, Amy Fuller and Denise (Nick) Boucher. Great grandchildren, Carter and Cooper Ordiway, Keaton and Keaghan Howland and Austin and Wesley Briggs. Sister, Margery Briggs (Michael Judd). Several, nieces and nephews. Step daughters, Tanya (Steve) Haney, Teryl Nixon, Tracy Rivera and Tamara Michael Neitzel and several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren. R. Graydon was preceded in death by his parents, son, James LRoy in 2021, brother Jack Briggs and sister and brother in law, Dan and Jan Hendrickson.

The family will receive family and friends at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge Sunday, August 13, 2023 2-4pm and 5-8pm. Visitation Monday, August 14, 2023 from 10am until time of funeral service 11:00am at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Grand Ledge. Military and Fire Dept. Honors will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. For those desiring, contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care, Grand Ledge Fire Department or the American Legion Cole-Briggs Post 48, Grand Ledge.

Graydon loved so many people...and so many people loved him. So, today and going forward, please tell someone every day that you love them in Graydon's Memory. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



## **Roger Lee Brokob**

**August 26, 1934 - August 10, 2019 (Aged 84)**

Roger Lee Brokob, age 84 of Farwell, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at his home. Roger was born the son of the late Henry and Marguerite (Sigler) Brokob on August 26, 1934 in Lansing. He had served his Country in the Marine Corp. as a Sergeant from 1952 to 1957 aboard the Aircraft Carrier, the USS Philippine Sea. Roger married the love of his life Katherine "Kate" McCrumb on February 21, 1958. They started their 61 years of life together in Eagle; having moved to Saginaw to continue his 37 year career with Michigan Bell as a Regional Telecomm Engineer. 1979 found them moving to Farwell to live on 5 Lakes where Roger would spend the rest of his life. During his long life he enjoyed many hobbies including being a volunteer Scuba Instructor, an avid hunter; having made trips to the Western United States as well as enjoying time spent with his brothers and friends. Rogers's passion however was golfing with his wife and friends. He spent time volunteering at the MidMichigan Medical Center in Clare.



Roger is survived by his loving wife, Kate; his son William (Cynthia Grubish ) Brokob of Nashville, TN; his granddaughters Morgan Lynnae Brokob of Minneapolis, MN and Captain

Kelsey (Captain Montana) Story of North Pole, AK; 2 brothers Ronald (MaryAnn) Brokob of Lansing and Reynolds (Roanne) Brokob of Eagle; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Roger was predeceased by his stepbrother Ronald Theodorski.

A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at the St. John Lutheran Church in Clare with Pastor Andrew Ewald officiating. Visitation will be at the church from 10 AM until the time of service at 11 AM. Military Honors will be presented following the services at the Church. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)



## **Donald L. Brunette**

**DATE OF PASSING: 6/30/2007**

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Donald L. Brunette, 71, of Stanton, formerly of Traverse City, died Saturday, June 30, 2007, at Laurels of Fulton in Middleton. Donald was born on July 21, 1935, in Alpena, the son of Russell and Lorina (Richards) Brunette.

Donald married Sally A. (Urie) Brunette on July 24, 1954, in Portland. They resided at Stoney Lake since 1995. Donald served in the U.S. Army National Guard for 10 years and was a member of St. Bernadette of Lourdes Catholic Church of Stanton.

Donald was an outdoors person who loved to hunt and fish. He was an avid bowler, but most of all was a loving husband, father and grandfather whose greatest joy was spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Donald is survived by his wife, Sally; children, Cynthia (Patrick) O'Connor of Greenville, Jeffrey (Laura O'Keefe) Brunette of Deer Harbor, Wash., Laura (Steven) Wirgau of Bremen, Ind., Daniel (Sandra) Brunette of Eagle, Colo., Catherine (Todd) Brown of Cape Coral, Fla., and Valerie (Daniel) Hansen of Traverse City; grandchildren, Kymberlie, Erin and Michael O'Connor, Kristy and Matthew Rupert, Samuel Wirgau, Lucas and Maxwell Brunette, Heather and Malinda Brown, Danielle and James Barnes, and Matthew Hansen; great-grandchildren, Mason Rupert and Cameron Barnes; sisters, Mary (Floyd) Reid of Sears, and Carol (Duane) O'Boyle of Grand Ledge; brothers, Dick Brunette of Charlotte, Charles (Joan) Brunette of Lansing, Ken (Marlene) Brunette of Waukesha, Wis., Roger (Pauline) Brunette of Greenwood, Ind., Gary (Maggie) Brunette of Mount Pleasant, John David (Linda) Brunette of Quincy, Mass., Danny (Mercedes) Brunette of Grand Ledge, and Greg (Leona) Brunette of Lansing; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Mary Lou Brunette.

Per Donald's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 5 at 11 a.m. at the Simpson Family Funeral Home in Sheridan, with the Rev. Fr. Eugene Okoli officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be directed to the Parkinson's Foundation.

The Brunette family was served by the Simpson Family Funeral Home of Sheridan.





## **James H. Carter**

**DATE OF PASSING: 11/10/2008**

### **Class of 1953**

James H. Carter Grand Ledge Born September 21, 1935 in Grand Ledge, MI, passed away November 10, 2008 at the age of 73. James retired from Oldsmobile after 43 years of service; a member of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church and was active in the Jaycee's and Boy Scouts. He is survived by his daughter, Penny J. (Michael) Bleisch of Charlotte and son, James P. Carter of Lansing; 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren; brother, Jerry (June) Carter of Durand; sisters-in-law, Janet Dexter and Connie Cox; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Carolyn in 2004, parents, Hurley and Verna Carter, and sisters, Joyce Lipps and Jean Booth.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 13, 2008 - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with the Rev. Molly Turner officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home. [www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com)



## **Fanny M. Catey O'Neil**

**July 17, 1935 — August 29, 2021 (Aged 86)**

Fanny M. O'Neil, 86, of Lake Alfred, Florida passed away on August 29, 2021. She was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan and moved to this area over 40 years ago from Grand Ledge. She was retired from her work as a secretary and was a member of Winter Haven Christian Church.

Mrs. O'Neil was preceded in death by her parents, Wilford & Frances Catey, husband, Maurice O'Neil, two children, Evelyn Means & Dave O'Neil, and her five brothers; John, Dan, Joe, Charles, and Lloyd Catey. She is survived by her grandchildren: Chad O'Neil (Mandy) of Lansing, Michigan, Heather VanOrder (Brian) of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Laura Means of Winter Haven, Florida, Steve Fletcher-O'Neil (Chris) of Newaygo, Michigan, Mary Ann Williams (Andy) of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and Holly O'Neil of Grand Rapids, Michigan, her siblings, Mary Hahn (Tom) of Grand Ledge, Michigan, Tom Catey (Shirley) of Gladwin, Michigan, and Sam Catey of Grand Ledge, Michigan, her sister-in-law, Phyllis Catey of Dundee, Florida, and her great grandchildren; Lizzy Buckie, Orin O'Neil, and Flora O'Neil all of Michigan.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Michigan. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the charity of your choice.



## **Marjorie Ellen Catey Jarstfer**

**DATE OF PASSING: 8/29/1984**

### **Class of 1953**

Birth 9 Feb 1936 (Michigan, USA)  
Death 29 Aug 1984 (aged 48)  
Hunt County, Texas, USA  
Burial: Strange Cemetery  
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Marjorie Ellen Jarstfer of Greenville, Texas, age 48, died August 29, 1984. Marjorie died instantly August 28 when she was struck by a car while riding a bicycle near her home in Texas. She was born February 9, 1936, in Onieda Township, daughter of S. Paul and Dorothy Catey. Survivors are her husband, Gary; one daughter, Sue Ellen Jackson, of Texas; two sons, Daniel of Scotland, Amiel of Florida; two grandsons; one brother, Richard Catey of Grand Ledge.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m., Wednesday, September 5 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge with Pastor Richard McKenzie officiating at the Grand Ledge service. Memorial contributions may be made to Wycliffe





## **Paul E. Chamberlin Sr.**

**Class of 1953**

**DATE OF PASSING: 4/22/2010**

Paul E. Chamberlin Sr. passed away April 22, 2010, at Hospice of the Golden Isles Brunswick, Georgia. He is survived by his wife, Erma Feldpausch Chamberlin; daughters, Christine Glumm, Pamela Jo Redburn; son, Paul (Paula) Chamberlin Jr.; granddaughters, Kelly Redburn, Ashlyn Bryan; brothers, Clyde (Norma) Chamberlin, Terry (Beverly) Chamberlin; and sister, Suzanne (Thomas) Hammer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth Winsell, Lyal, stepmother, Marjorie Haney; brother, David Chamberlin; sister, Marlene (Mike) Myers; and sons-in-law, Scott Glumm and Mark Redburn.

Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. May 22, 2010 at Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, Wacousta, MI. Memorial donations may be made to the Wacousta DeWitt Masonic Lodge #359



## **Elden D. Dickinson**

**Class of 1953**

**DATE OF PASSING: 6/8/2015**

Elden D. Dickinson, 81, of Lansing, formerly of Delta Mills, retired state Department of Environmental Quality employee, died Friday. Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



## **Robert H. Drexler**

**October 13, 1934 — December 2, 2018 (Aged 84)**

Robert H. Drexler, of Cedar Township near Evart, passed away peacefully at his home Sunday, December 2, 2018. He was 84

Mr. Drexler was born October 13, 1934 in Lansing to Harry and Louella (Warner) Chapman. He married Lucy J. Rockhold July 7, 1956 in Holt and she preceded him in death July 29, 2017. He spent time in the National Guard and retired as a maintenance man for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in 1995. He moved to the Evart area from Holt after his retirement. Bob enjoyed motorcycling and taking care of his yard. He enjoyed people and conversing.

Robert is survived by his son, Jeffrey Drexler, daughter-in-law Theresa Drexler, granddaughter Chrystine Cowell, grandson Dustin Drexler, and great grandson Jaxon Cowell. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Lucy.

It was Mr. Drexler's wishes to be cremated and there are no services planned at this time.





## Marilyn Kay Edington Ward

**August 29, 1935 — March 25, 2021 (Aged 85)**

Marilyn Kay Ward of Grand Ledge passed away March 25, 2021 in Lansing. Marilyn was born August 29, 1935 in Lansing, Michigan to the late George and Dorothy (Shipman) Edington. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1953. She has been married to her high school sweetheart Keith for 67 years. Marilyn was the proud mother of three beautiful children and over the years was always the first to volunteer for school and community events. She was honored to receive the Michigan Week Certificate of Recognition for service to community, nation and profession on May 15, 1968. Marilyn cherished her time with family, especially her role as a grandma.

She is survived by her loving husband, Keith; children, Cynthia (Chuck) Halsted, Randall (Shari) Ward and Julie (Larry) Barker; 7 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren with one on the way; brothers, Tarry (Polly) Edington, Wesley (Penny) Edington, Roger (Helen) Edington and brothers-in-law, Richard and Elvin Ward. Marilyn was preceded in death by her brother, Douglas Edington.

There will be no services. The last twelve years of her life, Marilyn struggled with Lewy Body Dementia and the family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road, S.W., Lilburn, Georgia 30047

(<https://www.lbda.org/donate/>). Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com).



## Paul Richard Edwards

**Class of 1953**

**DATE OF PASSING: 11/23/2013**

Paul Richard Edwards, age 80, passed away Nov. 23, 2013 from injuries sustained during an accident at his home. Paul was born Oct. 6, 1933, about an eighth of a mile south of his farm where he spent 55 years, the seventh of ten children of the late Earl and Lila Edwards. Graduating from Grand Ledge H.S., Paul married his high school sweetheart, the late Carol Lawless in 1956. After Paul served in the Army, the couple started the Dairy Farm. They had 4 children. In 1970, Paul married Alice Harmon-Wright and they then merged their blended family. Paul wore many hats over the years: long time dairy farmer, 4H leader and board member over 20 years, advocate for Oneida Township, serving as supervisor for 20 years, assessor for 28 years and board of review. Paul was a member of St. Michael Church and loved his large extended family along with his flower gardening and lawn care. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 43 years, Alice; their children, Mike Edwards of Perry, Rochelle (Gary) Warner of Portland, Tamara (Russell) Barringer of Portland, Diane Edwards (friend Steve Botek) of Waverly, David (Connie) Edwards of Grand Ledge, Darcy (David) Carpenter of Grand Ledge, Angela Wright of Charlotte and Jennifer Edwards-Driver of Mulliken; 20 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; siblings, Marge Collins of Belleville, MI, Gerald (Fay) Edwards of Sunset, TX, Gayle Edwards of Natchez, MS, James (Audrey) Edwards of Templeton, CA. Preceding him in death are son, Thomas Edwards; grandson, Travis Edwards; siblings, Leo Edwards, Joyce Lott, Josephine Edwards and Wilma Salvatore.



A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013 by Rev. Fr. James Eisele at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday, 2-4 and 6-8p.m. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care or 4H. Online condolences can be shared at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com).

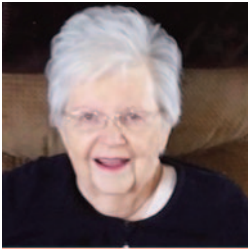


## **Marianne Mitzie Eimer Burton**

**DATE OF PASSING: 3/3/2018**

### **Class of 1953**

Marianne "Mitzie" Burton  
Saginaw, MI  
(Formerly of Grand Ledge, MI)



Marianne, "Mitzie", passed away peacefully at her home in Saginaw, MI on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the age of 82. She was born October 4, 1935 in Grand Ledge Michigan to the late Orville and Thelma Eimer. Marianne served her country in the U.S. Navy, retired from Lansing Community College in 1998, and after her retirement, enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Burton-Hammond; 5 grandchildren, Gregory M. Burton, Chelsea Hammond, Jamie Burton, Brandon Burton & Bethany Burton; 8 great-grandchildren, Jayden, Cole, Tommy, Aliyanah, Dominic, Jordan, Juan & Jesse; and brothers & sisters Jim, Annie, Mary & Chuck.

Marianne was predeceased by her husband of 35 years, LeRoy Burton; son, Gregory L. Burton; brother, Robert Eimer; and son-in-law, Michael Hammond.

A Gathering to honor her life will take place on March 17, 2018 at the family home in Saginaw. Please contact any family member for more information. To sign online guestbook, visit [www.cremationsocietymidmi.com](http://www.cremationsocietymidmi.com) All sympathy store items must be sent directly to the family home.



## **Tom Eveleth**

**DATE OF PASSING: 9/23/2013**

### **Class of 1953**

Thomas C. Eveleth of Grand Ledge a loving husband, father and grandfather passed away September 23, 2013. Thomas was born in Grand Ledge on December 19, 1933 to the late Kyle James and Florence (McKay) Eveleth. Tom was a Korean War Marine Veteran and a retired line worker and truck driver for General Motors. Tom was also very active in the UAW, Local 652 where he served in several capacities including union steward. Tom was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-one years, Marlene J. (Howe) Eveleth who passed away April 9, 2013. He is survived by children, Kyle, Mark (Suzanne), Chuck (Thelma), Becky (Terry) Lawrence, Mindy Eveleth, Karen Eveleth and Sharron Moline; 25 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren and sister Jean Farnsworth.



The family will receive friends Thursday, September 26, 2013, 4-6:00 P.M. at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. A military graveside service will be held Friday, September 27, 2013, 10:00 A.M. at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society, Mid-Michigan Office, 1755 Abbey Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.



## **Dorothy Feldpausch**

**DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN**

### **Class of 1953**

NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.



## **Joan Ardyth Garner Smith**

### **Class of 1953**

Birth: 13 Feb 1935  
Middleton, Gratiot County, Michigan, USA  
Death: 4 Aug 2013 (aged 78)  
Burial: Restlawn Memory Gardens  
West Salem, Polk County, Oregon, USA

**DATE OF PASSING: 8/4/2013**



### **Joan Ardyth Smith**

The wonderful life of Joan A. Smith began on February 13th, 1935 in Middleton, Michigan, welcomed into this world by her parents George & Gladys Garner. She married the love of her life, Roger T. Smith on December 30th, 1954 after he returned home from the Air Force. They took their 2 children, Gordon and Linda and moved to California in the Fall of 1960. After retiring and selling their KFC franchises in California, they decided to relocate to beautiful Oregon with their 2 youngest children, Scott and Lori in June of 1981.

Joan loved to gather friends and family. She was the “Hostess with the Mostest” and enjoyed giving to others through her delicious food, beautiful watercolor paintings, poems, children’s books, seamstress creations, friendships, etc. She was a volunteer of 20 years at Salem Hospital. She was a devoted wife, a caring mother, a fun grandmother and a great friend. She will be missed by so many.

She is survived by her loving husband, 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 1 step grandchild, 2 step greatgrandchildren, a brother and a grandcat. She was preceded in passing by her parents.

A Celebration of Life is planned for August 18th at 2 p.m., to be held at the Paradise Island Clubhouse on Turner Rd in Salem. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make donations to Willamette Valley Hospice. Thank you to all her caregivers at the Tokarski House of Willamette Valley Hospice for taking such good care of her.



## **Robert L. Hazen**

### **Class of 1953**

Robert L. Hazen Eagle Robert “Bob” L. Hazen, age 74, born January 31, 1935 in Clinton County, MI, passed away at home on November 7, 2009. Bob was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, Class of 1953; a retired Journeyman Pipefitter from Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union #333 (388), and was a mechanic for the National Guards in Grand Ledge. He was a member of the North Eagle Cemetery Society; volunteered at the Eagle Park for many years and loved to work on his snow-mobile and enjoyed spending time with family. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Patricia “Pat” and their 3 sons: Michael P., Jeffrey L. (Sherri), and Chris L. all of Eagle; 5 grandchildren: Zachary, Amber, Mallory, Emmally, and Dustin, 1 great-grandson, Brenton and his brother, Alvin (Jan) Hazen of Lansing, many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hiram and Margaret (Beemer) Hazen; brother Ronald, sister Mable Higbee and nephew, Mark.

**DATE OF PASSING: 11/7/2009**

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2009 - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with Pastor Judy Scholten of the Eagle United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will follow at North Eagle Cemetery, Eagle Twp., Clinton Co. The family will receive friends Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. For those desiring, contributions may be made to the North Eagle Cemetery or the Eagle United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com).





## Gary J. Hershoren

**Class of 1953**

April 10, 2017 -- Farmington, MI

Gary J. Hershoren, a resident of Farmington, died on April 10th, 2017 at the age of 82. Funeral services arranged by The Dorfman Chapel.

Location of Service: The Dorfman Chapel- main chapel (map to our Chapel)

Date of Service: Friday April 14th, 2017. Time of Service: 10:00AM

Interment at: None: Just a memorial service will be held. Officiant: Rabbi Joshua Bennett

Shiva Information: The family will be gathering through Saturday evening at the residence of Ilene Harris 7160 Suncrest West Bloomfield, MI 48322 Phone: 248-432-7417. No religious services will be held. Charitable contributions to: Yad Ezra, 2850 W. 11 Mile Rd., Berkley, MI 48072, Phone: (248) 548-3663 or, Animal Aid Foundation.

Email info@myanimalaid.org Address P.O. Box 70033, Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307 or A charity of one's choice. Family Members: Beloved companion of Ilene Harris. Dear father of Mark (Deborah Donovan) Hershoren and Joel (Kathleen Ann Arnold) Hershoren. Dearest brother of Beverly (Vic) Hauter. Also remembered by many loving nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

**DATE OF PASSING: 4/10/2017**



## Clara L. Hodge Miller

**May 30, 1935 — March 13, 2001 (Aged 65)**

Clara L. Miller, Wacousta, age 65, passed away suddenly March 13, 2001 as a result of a house fire. She was a lifelong Grand Ledge area resident, GLHS 1953 graduate, and retired teacher's assistant at Wacousta Elementary School. Clara shared her artistic, creative, and musical talents in many ways. She formed and was very active in the Sweet Adelines Choral Group, Grand Ledge, Mason, and Okemos chapters, The Social Security Scandals, she taught piano lessons to many local young people, she was a member and past president of the Grand Ledge Jaycees, she earned several blue ribbons at Ionia Fair for her crocheting and knitting. Her appreciation for life, her value of memories, and poetic, creative spirit will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Robert; sons, Robert (Mary) of Charlotte, Garald "Gary" (LeeAnn), John, all of Wacousta, Michael (Teresa) of Waukeshaw, WI; daughter, Marjorie (Doug McFarland) Miller of Lansing; 8 grandchildren; brothers, David (Marcia) Hodge of Portage, and Charles Hodge of Perry; sisters, Doris (Lynn) Parks of Kingsley, and Leona Hodge of Boyne City; sister-in-law, Marlene (Ed) Dixon of Dimondale; several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Funeral services Friday, March 16, 2001, 11 a.m. at Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, Pastor Lyle Heaton, officiating. Interment Wacousta Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to Wacousta Elementary PTIA (Clara L. Miller Fund) would be appreciated.



**DATE OF PASSING: 12/12/1998**



## Mary Lou Hodge Shuert

**Class of 1953**

Birth: 28 Feb 1935

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Death: 12 Dec 1998 (aged 63)

Barry County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA





## **Marlene Howe Eveleth**

### **Class of 1953**

Birth: 3 Jun 1935  
Death: 9 Apr 2013 (aged 77)  
Burial: Fort Custer National Cemetery  
Augusta, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, USA

**DATE OF PASSING: 4/9/2013**



Marlene J. Eveleth of Grand Ledge, Michigan passed away April 9, 2013 in St. Johns, Michigan. Marlene was born June 3, 1935 in Saranac, Michigan to the late William and Agatha Howe. Marlene provided daycare through her home for nearly twenty years. She also volunteered at Ledge Craft Lane, loved to garden and enjoyed to feed the birds and animals in her backyard. Marlene is survived by her husband of over sixty-one years, Thomas; children, Becky (Terry) Lawrence, Mindy Eveleth, Karen Eveleth, Sharron Moline, Kyle Eveleth, Mark (Suzanne) Eveleth, Chuck (Thelma) Eveleth; 25 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren. and sister Dawn Ward.

The family will receive friends Friday, April 12, 2013, 4-6:00 P.M. at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. A graveside service will be held Monday, April 15, 2013, 10:00 A.M. at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, Capitol Area Region, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Building One, Lansing, Michigan 48911. Online condolences and memories at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)



## **George Robert Hunter**

### **Class of 1953**

**DATE OF PASSING: 9/25/2013**

George Robert Hunter, age 77, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday September 25, 2013. He was born at home in Millett, MI on Halloween 1935 to Laura Mae (Richmond) and Leslie Mark Hunter. He graduated Grand Ledge High School in 1953 and was a U.S. Army veteran serving from 1955 to 1957. He retired in 1997 after 33 years as a master mechanic at MDOT. George loved the outdoors, hunting, fast pitch softball, shooting pool, and was the epitome of a family man. He loved all travel, day trips, color tours, checking the bridges and post retirement trips to Europe and his beloved Zihuatanejo. George was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Alfred, Edward, and LaVerne. Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Vicki; his daughter Andrea (Jeffrey) Overweg of Virginia; his son Zachary (Tara) Hunter of Gregory; and 5 beloved grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters Jeanne Lobert of Dimondale, Betty Kring of Lansing, and brother Harold Hunter of Millett; sisters-in-law Jill Hockenberry of Grand Ledge, Ruth Highfill of Lansing; and several nieces and nephews. The family wishes to express gratitude to his doctors, Hospice and special friends Tom Hamilton and Gail Shoemaker. To honor George's memory, the family asks that you spend some time with a kid-- playing catch, taking them to the park, etc. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Lincoln Brick Park, Pheasants Forever, or Sparrow Hospice. A funeral service will be held Monday, September 30, 2013, 11:00 am at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with military honors to immediately follow. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday 2-4:00 pm and 6-8:00 pm. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)





## Gary Jaynes Jarstfer

**December 16, 1934 -- November 10, 2019 (Aged 84)**

Our precious husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather, Gary Jaynes Jarstfer, was called home to glory on November 10, 2019, just after 6:00 a.m.

Gary was born December 16, 1934, in Delta Mills Township, near Lansing, Michigan, to Stacy Clinton Jarstfer and Enza Lorene Howard. Gary married Marjorie Ellen Catey of Oneida Township, Michigan, on June 23, 1956. After studies at Michigan State University, Gary worked for the Massey-Ferguson Company for 24 years, in addition to being the owner/operator of Gary's Service in Williamston, Michigan. After the tragic loss of Marjorie on August 29, 1984, Gary married Betty Ann Cross on October 18, 1985. The two of them served with Wycliffe Bible Translators full-time in several capacities until poor health forced retirement.

Gary ran the race for the glory of God his Savior. He was a hands-on man who used his mind and members to help others. Whether in the classroom teaching diesel systems, hydraulics, machining, or a host of other technical areas, or teaching a Bible Study, he sought to honor God and live for His glory by the grace found in Jesus Christ his Savior.

Gary's great burning desire was for others to know, love, and serve his Savior Jesus Christ. To that end, he supported the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators for decades. Prior to this full-time service, he traveled twice to Columbia, S.A., as well as Ecuador and Brazil. After joining Wycliffe Bible Translators full time and moving to Waxhaw, NC; he and Mon gave 25 years to supporting Bible translation at the JAARS Center in a variety of capacities. When called upon, they spent time serving in Brazil and Kenya to help spread the Gospel.

For many decades Gary served in the church. He was a deacon for much of his adult life and became an elder and served well at Waxhaw Bible Church. He taught Bible Studies in nearly every church he was a member of for about fifty years. He frequently encouraged others to be involved in missionary endeavors according to their ability.

Our father encouraged his children to pursue a vocation where they could use their skills to serve the Lord. Although each went in different directions, all had his support. He loved his grandchildren deeply and shared the abundance of that love as the next generation arrived.

Our parents modeled a Christ-honoring marriage and were always ready to help others. Gary was generous and often given to hospitality. Our father was always in the Word and reading books; ready to gain further understanding of the truth of Scripture. His example will live on. For many years he dealt with back pain that could not be eliminated even after five surgeries. He walked through that and the humiliation of Parkinson's disease with grace and patience. After nearly 85 years he fought the good fight, finished his race, and kept the faith, and finished well. This is our prayer for each of you, brothers, sisters and fellow laborers; that you will finish well! In Christ alone, live by the Faith alone, to the glory of God alone.

Gary is survived by his wife of 34 years, Betty Ann, sister Nancy Jarstfer Bump (Charles). Children: Sue Ellen Jackson (Rick) of Garland, Texas; Daniel Jarstfer (Donna) of Richmond, RI; Amiel Jarstfer (Angelia) of Ashland, OH. By marriage to Betty Ann, Gary welcomed her children as his own: Frank Cross (Julie) of Portsmouth, VA; James Cross of Lubbock, TX; Victor Cross of Portsmouth, VA; Dawn Cales (Roy) of Salem, OR; Amy Crouch (Ron) of Wesley Chapel, FL; and Tony Cross of Charlotte, NC. (15 total children and spouses).

Grandchildren: Timothy Jackson (Amy) of Seagoville, TX, Gary Jackson, of Marion, IL, Stacey Jackson of Garland, TX, Shelley Jackson, Denton, TX, Derek Jarstfer (Rachel) of Kannapolis, NC, Danelle Jarstfer Jensen (Andrew) of Charlotte, NC, Dorothy Jarstfer Dillingham (Jared) of Barnardsville, NC, Deborah Jarstfer Linton (Evan) of Barnardsville, NC, Austin Jarstfer (Amber) of Tyler, TX, Ethan Jarstfer of Ashland, OH; Lisa Cross of Portsmouth, VA; Jeremy Cross (Charlotte) of Portsmouth, VA; Aaron Cross (Beth) of Portsmouth, VA; Brittany Coleman McCauley (Matthew) of Charlotte, NC; Cliff Coleman (Brooke) of Montgomery, AL; Abigail Coleman Alamalhodaiei (Abe) of Port Orange, FL; Dara Coleman Noel (William) of Naperville, IL; Gareth Cales (Kayleigh) of Jacksonville, FL; Courtney Cales Stover (Brenton) of Salem, OR; Liam Luna of Wesley Chapel, FL; and Reina Luna of Wesley Chapel, FL. (35 grandchildren and spouses)

Great grandchildren: Audra Tackett, Cadman, Ethan, and Lorelei Jackson; Hannah and Emma Jarstfer; Samuel, Nathaniel, Caleb, and Adelaide Jensen; Marjorie, Stella, Laurel, and Wesley Dillingham; Seth Linton; Gary, Matthew, Leigha, and Lexi Cross; Issac, Josiah, and Benjamin Cross; Ava McCauley; William "Lionheart" Coleman; Evelyn Alamalhodaiei; and Aemelia Cales; (26 in all) plus many nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Stacy and Lorene; his first wife, Marjorie Ellen Catey; brother, Dr. Bruce Jarstfer; and daughter, Wendy Cross Coleman. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Gary Jarstfer to JAARS. <https://www.jaars.org/give/> Designate for use on the JAARS Center. In the comment box you will add "In memory of Gary Jarstfer."



## **Maynard L. Keefer**

### **Class of 1953**

Birth 20 Mar 1935  
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA  
Death 29 Jul 2012 (aged 77)  
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA  
Burial: Meadowbrook Cemetery  
Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

**DATE OF PASSING: 7/29/2012**



Maynard L. Keefer, Mulliken, MI, age 77, died Sunday morning, July 29, 2012 at a Lansing hospital. Mr. Keefer was born March 20, 1935 in Lansing, a son of Lyle E. and Helen A. (Savage) Keefer. He was a retired farmer and a life member of the National Rifle Association. Maynard was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Betty Keefer, and an infant brother. Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Ronalda; four children, Cheryl (Mark) Baker of Charlotte, Craig, Dean and Denise Keefer, all of Mulliken; four grandchildren; two aunts, Lettie Keefer of Mulliken and Vena Wren of Georgia; several cousins. Services were held 2 P.M. Thursday at Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken, with Pastor Don Woolum officiating. Interment was in Meadowbrook Cemetery.



### **Class of 1953**

## **Larry Kingsley**

**DATE OF PASSING: Unknown**

**(No other information was available.)**



### **Class of 1953**

## **Jack Kirmman**

**DATE OF PASSING: Unknown**

**(No other information was available.)**



## **Marian E. Korroch Lomas**

**April 5, 1935 -- June 22, 2005 (Aged 70)**

Marian E. Lomas, 70, of Everett, died June 22, 2005, at home. She was born April 5, 1935, in Lansing, Michigan, and was a long time resident of Snohomish. Marian was a bookkeeper at K & H Printers, retiring in 2000, and was a long time member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Fabian and Sandy Lomas, of Snohomish, and Christopher Lomas, of Meridian, Idaho; daughters and sons-in-law, Andrea and Ken Told, of Shoreline, Lisa and Jeff Reid, of Everett, Michelle and Charlie Green, of Snohomish, and Stephanie and Dean Brown, of Everett; grandchildren, Alison, Alicia, Nathan, Luke, Morgan, Laura, Anthony, Bailey, Nicholas, and Payton; and extended family in Michigan.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, and 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, at Bauer Funeral Chapel, Snohomish. The Funeral Mass will be 2 p.m., Monday, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with burial following at G.A.R. Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Snohomish County.





# Norman Lavern Koos

DATE OF PASSING: 7/24/1966

## Class of 1953

SSGT Norman Lavern Koos  
Birth 14 Jan 1935  
Olivet, Eaton County, Michigan, USA  
Death 24 Jul 1966 (aged 31)  
Quang Tri, Vietnam  
Burial: Meadowbrook Cemetery  
Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan



Norman was born in the small town of Oneida, near Olivet and grew up in Charlotte, until he enlisted in the Marines at the age of 17 on his birthday 14 January 1952 in Michigan. His last enlistment was 23 September 1961, while stationed at Bridgeport, CA. Norman arrived in Vietnam and was assigned to Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st

Marine Division. During Operation Hastings Lima Company was in the vicinity of Razorback Ridge (Hill 361) when they were engaged by hostile forces, 12 west of Cam Lo. Norman died of a gunshot wound penetrating the head posterior occipital region, while engaged in action against hostile forces. Tour of duty unknown. SSgt Koos served his country for 14 years. Survived by his wife; Justine N Koos and his daughter, Donna Kaye Koos of Gardnerville, NV and his parents, Mr & Mrs George Koos of, Charlotte, MI.

### SERVICE DETAILS

Enlisted in the Marine Corps. Entered via Regular Military. Served during the Vietnam War. Koos had the rank of Staff Sergeant. Occupation or specialty was Infantry Unit Leader. Service number was 1377114. Served with 1st Marine Division, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, L Company.

### CASUALTY CIRCUMSTANCES

Koos experienced a serious casualty which ultimately resulted in loss of life on July 24, 1966. This occurred in or around Razorback Ridge Hill 362 Near the DMZ, South Vietnam, Quang Tri province. Circumstances of the casualty were attributed to: "Died through hostile action .. small arms fire"

### REMEMBERED and MEMORIALS

Honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, VVM Wall, Panel 09e, Line 69.

### AWARDS and COMMENDATIONS

Listed are some of the awards and medals that Staff Sergeant Koos either received or may have been qualified for. This is probably not a complete accounting. There may be other awards received we do not have records of.

- National Defense Service Medal • Purple Heart • Vietnam Campaign Medal

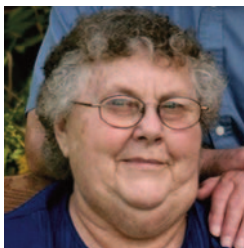


## **Nancy Landon Rust**

**Class of 1953**

**DATE OF PASSING: 2/26/2018**

Nancy L. Rust lifelong Grand Ledge resident passed away February 26, 2018. Nancy was born January 19, 1935 in Lansing, Michigan to the late William H. and Laura C. (Durham) Landon. Nancy graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1953. She was a stay at home mom and enjoyed crocheting and sewing. Nancy was a former member of the Grand Ledge Lioness Club and was a member of the Waverly Church of the Nazarene.



She is survived by her sons, William (Debbie) and Mark (Kathy Price) Rust; grandchildren Tym (Ashley), Michael (Chrissy), Shane (Shelby), Jackie (Tom) and Shanadua (Cole) ; great grandchildren, Peyton, Zooey, Addison, Brody, Jameson, Charlotte, Sierra and Jaylyn; sisters, Shirley (Wayne) Johnson and Jan Landon; brother, Gary Landon along with several nieces and nephews. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Norman on October 10, 2011.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, March 1, 2018, 1:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Pastor Timothy E. Harmon, officiating. Interment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 1:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association, 20700 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076

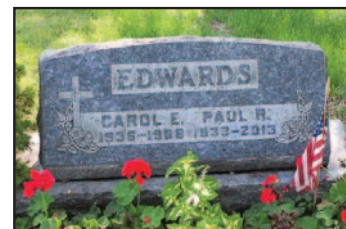


## **Carol Lawless Edwards**

**Class of 1953**

Birth: 17 Jun 1936  
Eaton County, Michigan, USA  
Death: 9 Nov 1968 (aged 32)  
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA  
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery  
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA A

**DATE OF PASSING: 11/9/1968**



## **Edward L. Lonsberry**

**Class of 1953**

**DATE OF PASSING: 12/6/2010**

Edward L. Lonsberry -- Grand Ledge

Edward L. Lonsberry, loving husband, father, and grandpa, age 76, passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family on December 6, 2010. He was born November 19, 1934 in Lansing, MI, son of Earl and Helen (Wattrick) Lonsberry. Edward was a retired Facility Engineering Manager for General Motors Corp.; graduate of Grand Ledge High School (1953); and was a leader of a dance band for 25 years. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer and boater; enjoyed bowling, riding his Harley, and especially enjoyed spending time with his family at the family cottage on Lake Missaukee. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Jean; son, Scott (Judy) Lonsberry of Wacousta; daughters, Kim (Richard) Whitacre of Eagle and Sherry (Thomas) Graham of Grand Ledge; 6 grandchildren, Michael and Matthew Lonsberry, Taylor and Ryan Whitacre, Nicole and Kelsey Graham; brother, James Lonsberry of Grand Ledge; half-sister Kathy Turner of Detroit. He was predeceased by his sister-in-law Nola Lonsberry.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 10th - 2:00 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with interment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge.

The family will receive friends and family Thursday 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. For those desiring, contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc. or the American Cancer Society in honor of granddaughter, Kelsey Graham. On-line condolences may be made at [www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com).



## **Arlene Maier Brinkey**

### **Class of 1953**

Birth 1935 -- Michigan, USA  
Death 1983 (aged 47-48)  
Michigan, USA  
Burial: Rosedale Memorial Park  
Tallmadge, Ottawa County, Michigan, USA

**DATE OF PASSING: 1983**



## **Edward Lee Meredith**

### **Class of 1953**

Edward Lee Meredith of Grand Ledge, aged 68, passed away January 24, 2004 at his home in Grand Ledge. Born March 1, 1935 in Lansing. Proudly served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army four years where he was awarded his parachute badge and National Defense Service Medal. Retired in 1997 from Jackson County Road Commission as County Highway Superintendent. He cherished his devotion to God, country, and family. He inspired his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews with his love of music. Preceded in death by his mother, Grace Marie (Sherman) Meredith; his father, Verl Charles Meredith. Survived by his wife, Doris Edna (Campbell) Meredith; five children, Vicky (John) Schwartz of Grand Ledge, John (Penny) Meredith of Grand Ledge, Paul (Caroline) Meredith of Shanghai, China, Debora (William) DeWitt of Silver Lake, Indiana, Sarah (Keith) Eaton of Leslie; nine grandchildren; sisters, Pearl Sealy, Lois Baker, Marilyn Meredith; brother, David Meredith.

**DATE OF PASSING: 1/24/2004**

Funeral services Thursday, January 29, 2004, 2:00 p.m. Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitation at the funeral home Wednesday, January 28 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials to Grand Ledge High School Music Department.



## **Janet Mesecar**

### **Class of 1953**

NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

**DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN**



## **Duane C. O'Boyle**

### **Class of 1953**

Birth 27 May 1935  
Michigan, USA  
Death 10 May 2008 (aged 72)  
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA  
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery  
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

**DATE OF PASSING: 5/10/2008**



Duane C. O'Boyle of Grand Ledge, Michigan, age 72, passed away May 10, 2008 in Lansing.

Duane was born May 27, 1935 to Cecil and Beatrice (Jones) O'Boyle. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1953, served in the U.S. Army, and retired from General Motors where he worked as an electrician. He enjoyed gardening, motorcycles, and golf. He loved time shared with his family and caring for animals.

Duane is survived by his wife of 45 years, Carol (Brunette); daughters, Kim (Mike) Spagnuolo of Eaton Rapids, Lisa (Steve) Kill of Nashville, and Marcy (Adam) Baumgartner of Chicago; grandchildren, Dustin Meyers, Nick and Bailey Miller, Collin and Erika Spagnuolo; and brother, Lyle (Kathleen) O'Boyle of Grand Ledge.

A funeral service will be held May 14, 2008, 11 a.m. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery.





## **Kendall Lee Pearl**

**Class of 1953**

**DATE OF PASSING: 1/25/2015**

Kendall Lee Pearl, 79, of Kalkaska, passed away on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at his home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



## **Caroline Marie "Carrie" Plunkett Gunn**

**September 27, 1935 — April 19, 2020 (Aged 84)**

Carrie died in the arms of her husband on April 19, 2020. "You were the best thing that ever happened to me," they would tell each other. Born September 27, 1935 in Lansing, MI. She was a 1953 graduate of Grand Ledge High School. She was a member of St. Gerard Church. Carrie was an avid golfer and bowler, but traveling to Arizona in winters and Grand Marais in summer were some of the best times. She was honored to throw out the first pitch at a Lansing Lugnuts game.

Surviving are her devoted husband of 41 years, Gerald "Jerry" Gunn; 6 Children Steve (Janice) Van Kirk, Cindy (Mark) Bennett, Joanie Van Kirk, Connie (Dave) Waddell, Jim (Shannon) Van Kirk, and Sharon (Dennis) Evans; her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought her great joy; 5 sisters, Marilyn (Ken) Sohn, Shirley (Stan) Smith, Pat (Mike) Thelen, Eileen (Bud) Thelen, and Lynda Plunkett; 2 brothers, Ray (Rosie) Plunkett, and Dale (Marion) Plunkett; many nieces, nephews, and friends. Carrie was preceded in death by her 2 sons, Doug and Steven Gunn; Parents, Aurelia "Jim" and Edward Plunkett; 4 brothers, Don, Phil, Pete, and Gordon Plunkett.

Private mass will be at St. Gerard Church with rite of committal at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. We would like to thank Theresa Albright, dear friend and caregiver, staff at Bookdale Senior Living, and Careline Hospice for their support and love to Carrie. Contributions may be made to St. Gerard Church or Careline Hospice in memory of Carrie. Arrangements by Tiffany



Funeral Home. Friends may visit the guest book at [www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com)





## **Melvin Plunkett**

**DATE OF PASSING: 4/10/2017**

### **Class of 1953**

Melvin Plunkett -- Grand Ledge

Melvin "Pete" Plunkett of Grand Ledge a loving father, brother, uncle and friend passed away November 5, 2017 after a long illness. Pete was born October 1, 1934, the third of twelve children of the late Edward and Aurelia (Motz) Plunkett. Pete graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1953 and went on to work for Bert Howard Equipment, Motor Wheel, Montgomery Ward Warehouse and Big L Lumber for over 20 years. He enjoyed bowling, golf, baseball, especially the Detroit Tigers, and was a big Spartan fan. Pete was a big cheerleader for the G.L. Comets and volunteered many hours for the booster club for various sports. He also helped each year set up the stage for Mudge's Follies during Yankee Doodle Days.



Pete is survived by son, Dan (Debbie) Plunkett; sisters, Marilyn (Ken) Sohn, Carrie (Jerry) Gunn, Shirley (Stan) Smith, Pat (Mike) Thelen, Eine (Bud) Thelen and Lynda Plunkett; brothers, Ray (Rosemary) and Dale (Marion) Plunkett along with numerous nieces, nephews great and great great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers and sisters-in-law, Don (Jane), Phil (Irene) and Gordie (Bonnie) Plunkett.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, November 9, 2017, 11:00 a.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Grand Ledge. Interment will be at Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns. Visitation will be Wednesday from 6-8:00 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. The family would like to thank the nurses, therapists and staff at Medilodge of Lansing (formerly TenderCare West) and Great Lakes Caring Hospice for the care they provided Pete over the past several years. Memorial contributions may be given to Grand Ledge Football Boosters or Great Lakes Caring Hospice. Share your memories and condolence online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)



## **Donald Patrick Purtill**

**DATE OF PASSING: 7/24/2013**

### **Class of 1953**

Donald Patrick Purtill, age 78, of Berkley for the past 48 years, passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2013. Mr. Purtill was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He served as a Paving Inspector with M.D.O.T. for 44 years. He was an active member of Sons of the American Legion Unit 374 of Berkley. Donald is survived by his wife, Judith A.; children, Tracy (Elizabeth) Purtill and Holly Purtill; brother, Thomas (Laura) Purtill; sister, Mabelle (Lee) Scott. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Edward, Robert, John, Allan and Helen.

Private cremation services took place. Memorial contributions suggested to American Heart Association. Share a memory at [www.sawyerfuller.com](http://www.sawyerfuller.com)





## **Doyle Franklin Root**

**February 16, 1934 — January 21, 2020 (Aged 85)**

Doyle Franklin Root, age 85, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Doyle was born on February 16, 1934 in his grandmother's house in Mulliken, Michigan to George L. and Irma F. Beck Root.

Doyle was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Dema Wright. Surviving are his wife of 62 years Sharon, and their children; Lisa M. Root-Moore (Roger Rosentreter), Jeffrey A. Root (Staci Westjohn Robinson), and Michael D. Root. Also surviving are grandchildren; Dr. Philip W. Moore, Andy D. Moore (Katie), Sarah M. Moore Nava (Stefan) and Tyler Nicole Root, great-grandchildren; Jayden, Camden, Ethan and Eleanora Moore, Doyle's brother David L. Root (Barbara) and special friends Marvin Schultz, Dennis Reniger, Wayne Chaffee and Arthur Hartig.

A graduate of Grand Ledge High School and a veteran of the U.S. Army, Doyle was a doer of dreams, noted for his hard-working ethic, ambition, meticulous nature and resiliency. His many accomplishments included owning Root Electric, Inc. (Lansing), co-founder of the Bank of Commerce (Lansing) and developer of Willoughby Woods Subdivision (Holt). Doyle's many interests included beekeeping, fishing and raising Clydesdale horses.



Please join his family for Visitation on Friday, January 24, 2020 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes (900 East Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI 48912). Additional Visitation will

begin at 10 AM on Saturday, January 25, 2020 until the time of his Funeral Service at 11 AM also at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Gunnisonville Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a thank you to McLaren Hospice nurses, and special volunteers at Mother Teresa House for the care shown to Doyle and his family. Memorial contributions may be made to Mother Teresa Hospice House (308 North Walnut Street, Lansing, MI) and the Capital Area Humane Society (7095 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI).



## **Oleta P. RUMBAUGH Koeppen**

**May 19, 1933 — January 7, 2020 (Aged 86)**

Oleta Pearl Koeppen, 86, passed away at SKLD of Ionia on January 7, 2020. Oleta was born moments before her twin sister, Waneta, on May 19, 1933 to Ruby and Earl Rumbaugh. When she was 3, her mom passed away and the twins went to live with Mabel and Earl Rowland, the guardians who raised them. She attended Grand Ledge High School.

Oleta married Loile Koeppen on July 10, 1954. Farming really was their bread and butter. While her husband milked cows and worked on the farm, Oleta spent her days raising their five children: Donna, Louis, Marlene, Earl, and Mary. Oleta worked as a nurses' aide at the Ionia manor for 25 years, retiring in 1998. She always had a canine companion at her side, enjoyed going to the post office, and taking her great-grandkids to the 99-cent store. She was a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Portland.

Oleta is survived by her children: Donna (Dennis) Helmer, Louis (Kathy) Koeppen, Earl (Patty) Koeppen, and Mary (Raymond), 9 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Loile, daughter Marlene, and grandsons Frank and Scott Towers.



Memorial services will be held at Lake Funeral Home on Monday, January 13th at 2 p.m. Visitation will be at 1p.m. Those wishing may make memorial contributions to the Ionia County

Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be made at [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com)



## **Sylvia K. Simon Sheldon**

### **Class of 1953**

Birth: 28 Mar 1935  
Michigan, USA  
Death: 6 Dec 1989 (aged 54)  
Yavapai County, Arizona, USA  
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery  
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, US

**DATE OF PASSING: 12/6/1989**



## **Glenn M. Smith**

### **Class of 1953**

Glenn M. Smith Jr., 80, of Petoskey and Rotonda, FL, passed away Monday, June 8, 2015. Glenn was born and raised in Grand Ledge, Mich., He then received his degree from the General Motors Institute and had a long career at Oldsmobile and Pontiac Motor Divisions in the sales area. Glenn enjoyed his time on Walloon Lake with his family and friends. He loved traveling and was an avid sports fan. He spent many, many days playing his favorite golf courses.

He was loved by all.

Glenn is survived by his wife, Nell Oakley-Smith; his children, Debbie (Bob) Maples of Colorado, Greg (John Gehringer) Smith of Maryland, Gary (Brenda) Smith of East Lansing and Robert Oakley of California; his grandchildren, Heather, Jason, Ian, Grey, Gage, William and Eliza; great-grandchildren, Jasik, Adalei, Aksel and Ryder; and his sisters, Mary Ann (Don) Garlock of Grand Ledge and Marlene (John) Saum of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Thursa Smith; and sisters, Donna and Bonna Smith.

A gathering to share the joys of Glenn's life will be held at a later date in Petoskey.

Those wishing to remember Glenn with a charitable contribution are asked to consider the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society.

Friends are welcome to share memories and condolences online at [www.itorial.com/glennsmith](http://www.itorial.com/glennsmith).

**DATE OF PASSING: 6/8/2015**



## **Jane Ann Smith Carpenter**

### **Class of 1953**

Jane Ann Carpenter, aged 77, went home to her savior Monday morning, Jan 2. Surrounded by her family. Jane Ann was born to Norah & Frank Smith July 30, 1934. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1953 and married Karl Carpenter with whom she loved and raised 6 children. Jane was devoted to her Lord, her pastor husband of 50 years and her family. She made a home in Grand Ledge, a farm in Charlotte, then Pontiac, Dimondale, Mio, Munising and Riverdale where she served with Karl in ministry for Jesus. Then as Karl's health declined, they moved back to Mio to retire. Jane has been involved in children's and women's ministries over the years and has been actively involved at Mio Baptist Church. she has been working with the foster grandparent program at Fairview school.

Like a heart out of rhythm, she will be missed by her children, but only for a season until they will be reunited in their home above.

She is survived by her daughter Karen Robinson (Craig), Milinda, Steve, Lonnie, Scott (Julie), Faith Bowen (Dean), 15 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Karl, her parents and her 3 brothers and 1 sister.

Jane's family and friends will celebrate her home going on Thursday, January 5th, at Mio Baptist Church at 11 am with viewing preceding at 10am. Visitation and a time of remembrance will be held on Wednesday evening from 3pm to 9pm at Lashley Funeral Home in Mio.

**DATE OF PASSING: 1/2/2012**







## **Theodore J. Stoll**

### **Class of 1953**

Birth 1935  
Death 1991 (aged 55–56)  
Burial  
Hurd Cemetery  
De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

**DATE OF PASSING: 1991**



### **Class of 1953**

## **Beverly Tasker Jordan**

**DATE OF PASSING: January 6, 2024**

Beverly Tasker Jordan of Bridgeport, Michigan passed away unexpectedly on January 6, 2024, of a heart attack. Beverly was a 1953 graduate of Grand Ledge High School. Beverly married Rodney Carl Jordan from Woodland, Michigan, on March 14, 1974, and together they had one son, and four daughters. Beverly is survived by her children and their spouses, Robert Jordan, Lake Odessa, MI; Kathy and Mark Bitney, Grand Ledge, MI; Linda and Jerry Valentine, Saginaw, MI; Cathy and Don Stadler, Mayville, MI; Connie Schnell and Mark Tanner both of Saginaw, MI; and several nieces and nephews. Beverly was predeceased by her husband Rodney Carl Jordan on April 3, 2016, after 42 years of marriage.

Burial will take place in the Bridgeport, Michigan area. No other information was available at the time of her passing.



## **Darlene Marilyn TIEDT Nollen**

**June 17, 1935 — August 23, 2020 (Aged 85)**

Darlene M. Nollen age 85 of Grand Ledge passed away August 23, 2020. She was born in Grand Ledge on June 17, 1935 to the late Floyd and Mary Ann (Morris) Tiedt. Darlene was a retired Lansing Dairy employee and enjoyed spending her free time with her family as well as sewing and quilting. She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Henry J.; brothers, Merlin and Melvin Tiedt. Darlene is survived by her daughter, Janet (Dan) Steward; son, Jim Nollen; grandchildren, William (Melissa) Steward, Kendra Nollen, Katie (Jon) Minich along with great grandchildren, Broderick and Harrison Steward.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, August 27, 2020, 11:00 am at N. Eagle Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Darlene's name may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Great lakes Chapter, 2111 University Park Drive, Suite 200, Okemos, Michigan 48864



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Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.





# Annabelle R. Tomlinson Esch

**September 19, 1934 -- November 12, 2021 (Aged 87)**

On November 12, 2021, Annabelle went to be with her beloved Mother Mary and Jesus with whom she has so fervently prayed these many years, and her earthly sweetheart, Arn. Many family members were at her side the night before to say goodbyes to this wonderful woman who has so positively influenced our lives.

Born September 19, 1934, Annabelle grew up on the family dairy farm in Eagle. Her brother Bob worked the fields with her father (AC Tomlinson) and she and her sister Marie worked in the house and yard with her mother (Hilda (Pohl)). A young, hired farm hand (Arnold Esch, also of Eagle) took a shine to the kind, pretty, happy Annabelle and asked her to marry him. Annabelle's parents, gave them a 60-acre wedding present. Arn and Annabelle built their ranch house and proceeded to fill it with a family of 5 kids: Tom & Nancy (Nathan & Conrad), Julie & Dennis Strahle (Doug & Audrey), Teresa (Carolyn, Caitlin, Caelah, Caleb, Kaydence, Alexis, Gabrielle, Rachel & Maddie), Joe & Carol (Clarice) and Dan & Becky (Katie and Jennifer) and great-grandson, Xavier. Annabelle and Arnold were married 59 years and 8 months when Arn passed in 2017.



While maintaining the busy household, Annabelle also participated in several groups at St. Michael Church in Grand Ledge, worked as a secretary for the State of Michigan and spent many late evenings praying in her rocking chair. Annabelle kept a very tidy house, baked lots of cookies and was also keenly interested in picking up the fallen tree branches and sticks from the yard. The pile of gathered sticks came in handy for family, outdoor hotdog roasts.

Annabelle loved her family. She and Arn hosted birthday celebrations, the holidays and any other occasion to gather the family. Annabelle enjoyed getting the family together and having a grand meal. She would tease us by saying that she made a "P.I.E." and that there would be several flavors of ice cream as well. However, it was not uncommon for Annabelle to request just a little more meat after the meal, especially if it was chicken that Arn had grilled. P.I.E. and ice cream were wonderful, but she just loved having that last little bite of chicken! And, of course, do not forget the Saturday night after church pizzas with a little bit of extra meat on them.

Only the last two years were spent off the family farm at Grand Ledge's Independence Village, in the memory care unit. Annabelle's Alzheimer's required that she have 24-hour care and we could have found no better facility or group of people to care for her than those at StoryPoint. Annabelle made many friends there and was always, as she told us, busy and had to get things taken care of. She often talked about her past and she wondered where Arn was. Well, now, as son Joe has noted, she knows where dad is. Rest in peace Annabelle. We love you!

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 11:00am at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be at the church from 10-11:00am. Rite of Committal will follow at North Eagle Cemetery. Donations may be made to: Cristo Rey Community Center or Grand Ledge Food Bank. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



## **Robert A. Tomlinson**

**DATE OF PASSING: 6/1/2018**

### **Class of 1953**

Robert A. Tomlinson -- Eagle

Robert A. Tomlinson of Eagle passed away June 1, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. Bob will be missed for his gentle kind spirit and willingness to always lend a hand to help others. Bob was born September 30, 1935 in Eagle to the late AC and Hilda (Pohl) Tomlinson. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1953 and went on to serve his country in the United State Army. After returning home, Bob continued operating his family's dairy farm until retiring 20 years ago. He was a longtime volunteer at the Grand Ledge Senior Center, enjoyed bird watching and was a great cook. Bob's family enjoyed and looked forward to his French silk and apple pies. Bob also enjoyed working with his son Mike in his woodworking and craft business and spending time with his grandkids.



Bob is survived by his wife of over 56 years, Nancy Jean (Legal); children, Deborah Tomlinson, Michael (Karen), Rich (Molly) and Jeff (Yseult); grandchildren, Emma, Sarah, Nate, Ben and Noelle; sisters, Annabelle Esch and Marie Tomlinson along with several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, June 4, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by The Reverend Fr. James Eisele. Interment will follow at North Eagle Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 3-7:00 p.m. with a Scripture Service and Rosary at 6:30 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and Monday at the church from 10-11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Michael Catholic Church 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837.



## **Charleen Torrey Milligan**

**DATE OF PASSING: 2/11/2018**

### **Class of 1953**

Charleen Alyce Milligan  
Grand Ledge - 3/10/1935-2/11/2018

Charleen, age 82, entered Heaven Sunday, February 11, 2018. Born 3/10/1935 to Charles C & Lucille H (Austin) Torrey. Graduate of Grand Ledge High School 1953. Married Larry L Milligan August 14, 1954.



Preceded in Death by her parents, Brother-in-law William Milligan, Sister Carolyn (Donald) Rorrick and nephew Joseph Milligan. Survived by her husband, Sister-in-law Phyllis Milligan, Brother Conwell (Georgie) Torrey, loving children Larry Lee Milligan Jr., Lynda Milligan of Grand Ledge, Lon (Ruth) Milligan of Mulliken, Loren Milligan of Columbia KY, Lesley (Leslie) Milligan of Marquette, LaRae (Robert) Dorman of Drummond Island, Lou Ann (Michael) Flitton of Jupiter FL, 18 Grandchildren, 42 Great Grandchildren, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews.

Celebration of Life Service 2:00, March 24, 2018, Sunfield Methodist Church 227 Logan St, Sunfield MI. Luncheon to follow.



## **Lawrence VanderMoere**

**Class of 1953**

**DATE OF PASSING: 3/11/2017**

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



## **Gerald "Jerry" VanNeste**

**Class of 1953**

**DATE OF PASSING: 12/4/2014**

Gerald VanNeste -- Mulliken

Age 79, passed away Wednesday, December 4, 2014 at his home with his family at his side, following a brief battle with cancer. Jerry was born February 10, 1925 in Springport, a son of Gerald and Celina VanNeste, and moved to Mulliken at the age of 11. He married Vonda Dunham and had four children, Gil, Karen, Brian and Joanne. Vonda died in 1997. Jerry then married Jean Giles of Sheridan and she has two children, Todd Giles and Darcy McWilliams. In the early years Jerry enjoyed shooting competitions, snowmobiling and back packing. He was an avid Civil War enthusiast and spent hours reading and traveling the West scouting the ancient American Indian culture and served as a snowmobile guide at Togwotee Mountain Lodge (WY). Jerry was a member of St. Edward Catholic Church, Lake Odessa, and was on the Board of Directors at the Sunfield Historical Museum. Jerry will be remembered for his smile and easy manner of conversing with people, his music, singing and playing guitar.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Vonda; sister, Germaine Suurs and step-son, Brent Giles.



Surviving are his wife, Jean; four children, Gil (Cindy) VanNeste of Charlotte, Karen Holtrust (Kid Salas) of Vermontville, Brian (Kim) VanNeste of Lake Odessa and Joanne (Bill) Wilson of Mulliken; two step-children, Todd Giles and Darcy McWilliams; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Roy (Berit) VanNeste of Thonotosassa, FL and Rene' VanNeste of Charlotte; two sisters-in-law, Charlene Pearson of Mulliken and Janice Sholty of DeWitt; several nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 A.M. Monday at St. Edward Catholic Church, Lake Odessa with Fr. Thomas Buford and Fr. Luis Garcia as celebrants. Interment will be in Meadowbrook Cemetery, Mulliken. The family will receive friends Sunday at St. Edward Family Center from 3 to 7:30 P.M. with a scripture services at 7 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Edward Catholic Church, Old Trail Town (Cody, WY) or Sparrow Hospice.



**Class of 1953**

## **Harry Louis Wells**

**January 7, 1934 — January 26, 2022 (Aged 88)**

Harry Louis Wells of Morley, formerly of Crystal and Wacousta, passed away January 26, 2022 at the age of 88. Harry was born in Grand Ledge, MI on January 7, 1934, the son of Nathan and Helen (Hayes) Wells. He retired from General Motors as a Tool Room Welder in 2007 after 29 years. He was in the Michigan Guard and the Michigan National Guard. Harry enjoyed being active in the programs his children were involved in and he was the leader of the Cubs Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Webelos. A memory his kids will remember fondly is the sandbox that Harry built them and the playhouse he made out of a shed. It brought Harry joy to do things for others.



Harry is survived by his children; Clint (Linda) Wells, Kimberly (Robert) Morris, Kevin Wells, grandchildren; Patrisha Wells, Joseph (Rebecca) Wells, Claire (Jacob) Filiatreau, Nathan (Becky) Morris, Aaron Wells, Ryan (Karrie) Wells and Christopher (Emma Lee) Wells, great grandchildren; Mildred, Arthur, J.R, Ethan, Isabelle, Molly, Wade and Carson, siblings; Milo Wells, Bertha (Ronnie) Smith, as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Donna (Oswald), infant daughter Angel, son Craig Wells, grandson Craig Robert Wells Morris, daughter-in law Patricia Wells, siblings; Nathan, Barbara, Lucille, Dorothy, Franklin and Charles "Chuck".

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, February 5, 2022 at the Mills Funeral Home, Peters and Murray Chapel in Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at Ferris Center Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday from 5-7 pm and one hour prior to the service. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project in memory of Harry Wells. The family has entrusted the arrangements to the Mills Funeral Home, Peters and Murray Chapel. Online condolences may be placed at, [www.millsfuneral.com](http://www.millsfuneral.com).

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, February 5, 2022 at the Mills Funeral Home, Peters and Murray Chapel in Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at Ferris Center Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday from 5-7 pm and one hour prior to the service. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project in memory of Harry Wells. The family has entrusted the arrangements to the Mills Funeral Home, Peters and Murray Chapel. Online condolences may be placed at, [www.millsfuneral.com](http://www.millsfuneral.com).