



THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1954

- Sandra AINSWORTH Falor (2008 — 2/25/2008)
Nedra Baker (1997 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Joann BALMER Cole (2012 — 10/31/2012)
Melvin Barrett (2013 — 3/5/2013)
Johanna Louise BECK Richardson (2020 -- 4/22/2020)
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Lynda Decke (1998 — 11/27/1998)
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Lois Dexter (1999 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Mary Ellen DOBSON Pfingsten (2015 — 6/21/2015)
Charles Dove (2014 — 8/2/2014)
Dean Dukes (1991 — 2/24/1991)
Betty DURLING Conrad (2012 — 9/24/2012)
Sally EATON Briggs (1998 — 5/6/1998)
Florence EVELETH Mestamaker (2012 — 7/26/2012)
Mardelle Ann EWING Weymouth (2015 — 10/31/2015)
Arlene FEYERABEND Weaver (1985 — 6/7/1985)
Nancy Jo FREEMAN Wickens (2017 — 5/30/2017)
Ken Frisbie (1978 — 11/24/1978)
Roberta Pauline GALVIN Fortino (2024 -- 1/15/2024)
Lucille GRIESE Robinson (1998 — 6/1/1998)
Jack Arden Harris (2021 -- 11/27/2021)
Betty HAYWARD Leonard (2000 — 6/12/2000)
Ralph Heath (1996 — 7/25/1996)
Bonnie HENNEY Babbitt (2014 — 10/6/2014)

James Himeline (2003 — 4/25/2003)
Joyce Hosey (1951 — 4/30/1951)
Anna Mary HOY Emmons (2022 -- 6/16/2022)
Nina HUSTED Pastorick (2004 — 7/15/2004)
Raymon Jolley (2014 — 1/4/2014)
Dwight Jones (1980 — 1/30/1980)
Betty Jo Anne Keefer (1952 — 11/16/1952)
Fred Kellogg (2001 — 12/8/2001)
Forrest Kelsey (2010 — 10/4/2010)
John Edwin Kinne (2021 -- 12/7/2021)
John Hubert Lehman (2019 -- 9/6/2019)
Rose MCCABE Dunkelberg (2007 — 3/25/2007)
Joan Arlene MCCAFFREY Nelson (2022 -- 3/27/2022)
Gail Lawrence McCrumb (2019 — 1/14/2019)
Norbert John McIntyre (2023 -- 7/17/2023)
Bruce Merchant (1997 — 6/25/1997)
Norman Miles (2011 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Pat MINGUS Powers (2018 — 2/25/2018)
Betty MISENER Schneider (2016 — 5/8/2016)
Kenneth Morgan (1992 — 9/15/1992)
Louis Donald Pastorick (2023 -- 2/4/2023)
Donald C. Patrick (2006 — 2/3/2006)
James Peabody (2010 — 9/23/2010)
Charles "Charlie" T. Peiffer (2022 -- 4/28/2022)
Susan PETTIT Shaul (1972 — 8/19/1972)
Leon Pitchford (2013 — 10/24/2013)
Billie Frank Pitchford (2018 — 5/29/2018)
Peggy Joan REED Baldwin (2017 — 1/24/2017)
Leo J. Rogers (2024 -- 2/24/2024)
Dolores ROSS DeMougin (2015 — 1/28/2015)
Donna RUECKERT Myers (2006 — 12/12/2006)
Jerry Russell (2007 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Amanda Jean SACKETT MacDonald (2024 -- 4/12/2024)
Kenneth LeRoy Schultz (2021 -- 6/10/2021)
Barbara Ellen SCHWARTZ Sealy (2020 -- 11/17/2020)
Nancy Shepard (1980 — 11/19/1980)
Richard "Dick" Earl Sheren (2022 -- 6/26/2022)
Robert K. Simons (2019 -- 7/20/2019)
Duane Sleight (2009 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Judy STACKMAN Baker (1992 — 12/5/1992)
Doreen STEWARD Duzenbury (2008 — 3/14/2008)
Virgie STROUSE Murrin (2013 — 9/24/2013)
Larry D. Thompson (2023 -- 4/17/2023)
Carolyn A. TROMBLEY Spyker (2023 -- 11/15/2023)
Edith May TYLER Emery (2022 -- 12/28/2022)
Lorraine Joann VANDER STEEN Rogers (2023 -- 1/30/2023)
Tanya WELLS Winans (2016 — 6/3/2016)
Ronald E. Whitney (2010 — 1/8/2010)
Donald Woodard (2000 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)



Sandra Ainsworth Falor

DATE OF PASSING: 2/25/2008

Class of 1954

Birth 9 Dec 1935
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 25 Feb 2008 (aged 72)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Sandra I. Falor -- Grand Ledge, MI. Born December 9, 1935, in Grand Ledge, MI, February 25, 2008 at the age of 72. Sandra was a bookkeeper at the Grand Ledge Public Schools for 20 years; a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #48, American Business Women's Association, 1954 Gals Group, GLPS Retired Secretaries Group and a member of the Trinity Epsicopal Church Women and past member of the Altar Guild. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Duane, son Zachary W. (Judie) of Chicago, IL and daughter DuAnne E, (Dave) Masselink of Holland, MI; 4 grand children: Annie Falor, Samantha and Brett Talley and Jersey Masselink; 1 brother, Harry A. (Mary) Ainsworth of Sunbury, MA. She was predeceased by her parents, Harry and Pauline Ainsworth and son, Alexander P. Falor. Memorial services will be held Thursday , February 28, 2008.



Nedra Baker

DATE OF PASSING: 1997

Class of 1954

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Joann Balmer Cole

DATE OF PASSING: 10/31/2012

Class of 1954

Joann L. Cole -- Tiffin, OH

Joann L. Cole, 76, of Tiffin, Ohio passed away at 12:56 a.m. Wednesday, October 31, 2012. Joann was born January 7, 1936, in Lansing, MI, to the late Roger and Velma (Wood) Balmer. She married Virgil E. Cole in Lansing, MI on October 29, 1954 and he preceeded her in death on February 24, 2007. Joann is survived by her children, Rebecca (Jeffrey) King, Esther (Cole) Chilcutt, Stephen (Maria) Cole, all of Tiffin, David E. (Carol) Cole, of Attica, brother, George R. Balmer of Dimondale, MI, sister, Kay A. Schmidtman of DeWitt, MI, nineteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Funeral services for Joann will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 3, 2012, at the Engle-Shook Funeral Home & Crematory in Tiffin with Rev. John Wildman officiating. Visitation will also be held on Saturday, from 10-11 a.m., at the funeral home. Burial will follow the services on Saturday, at Woodlawn Cemetery.





Melvin V. Barrett

Class of 1954

Melvin V. Barrett -- Lansing

DATE OF PASSING: 3/5/2013

Melvin V. Barrett, age 78, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at the Masonic Pathways in Alma. Melvin was born Jan. 31, 1935 in Lansing the son of Basil H. and Agnes Belle (Bissell) Barrett and was a life resident of the Millett area. Surviving are: his wife of 57 years, Sharon (Vaughn) Barrett; daughter, Bev (Doug) Wilkinson of Dewitt; sons, James Barrett of Lansing and Terry (Tennie) Barrett of Perry; 4 grandchildren, Tambi (Sam) Helmick, Dillon Barrett, Dan Wilkinson and Jake Wilkinson; 2 great grandsons, Gabe and Royce Helmick; Siblings, Cecelia Still, David (Betty) Barrett, Jack Barrett and Lucille (Ray) Rice; Mother-in-law, Bernadine Vaughn; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jerry and Sandra Vaughn and sister-in-law, Nancy Hatz. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Harry Barrett. Mel was a member of the Charlotte Lodge #120 F. & A. M. and the Brookfield O. E. S. #352. He had a good sense of humor and was an avid Outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing and all outdoor activities. He was comfortable talking to anybody.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2013 at the Dimondale United Methodist Church with Pastors Joe Huston and George Ayoub officiating. Visitation will be held on Monday prior to the services at the Church from 2-4 p.m. with a Masonic Service being held at 3:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may go to the Alzheimers Ass'n. or to the Masonic Pathways. Envelopes will be available at the Church. Arrangements by Burkhead-Green Funeral Home of Charlotte. www.burkhead-greenfuneralhome.com



Johanna Louise Beck Richardson

July 13, 1936 — April 22, 2020 (Aged 83)

Mrs. Johanna Richardson, age 83, passed away, April 22, 2020. She was born in Lake Odessa, MI on July 13, 1936 to William & Rosetta (Puff) Beck and married Carl L. Richardson on April 16, 1955. Johanna and Carl lived in Las Vegas for 30 years until moving back to Grand Haven. Johanna enjoyed sewing, traveling, class reunions and Keno.

SURVIVORS

Sons, Tom (Jordan), Steve (Sue); daughter, Carla (Les) Brand; 12 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren, She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl Richardson on February 17, 2019, son, Bill in 2019 & grandson, Scott Richardson.

SERVICE

Per Johanna's request, there will be no services. Please visit www.clockfuneralhome.com to leave a memory or sign the online guestbook. Clock Funeral Home - Muskegon.



John Betty

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 2016

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Jerry F. Bonofiglio

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 1/5/2011

Jerry F. Bonofiglio -- Grand Ledge

Jerry F. Bonofiglio, age 75, passed away January 5, 2011 at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. Jerry was born in Borgo Partenope, Italy on November 25, 1935, son of Joseph and Elvira Bonofiglio. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1954 and proudly served 3 years in the US Army, Combat Engineers, stationed 2 ½ years in Munich, Germany. He married Betty L. Sands in 1958; was formerly employed as manager of Fortino's Party Store in Grand Ledge; was a partner in Sam & Jerry's Bar and Restaurant in Grand Ledge, and was employed by liquor distributors for 29 years, retiring in 1994. Jerry loved to cook and bake; enjoyed fishing, playing golf, and especially spending time with family and friends at the summer home on Lake Missaukee, Lake City, MI. The most enjoyment was spending time with his wife, a pillar of strength by his side for 52 years. He is survived by his wife and children: Francis M., David A. (Carrie), Nicholas J.; also grand children: Michael, Spencer, Dominic and Madison Bonofiglio; sisters: Mary (Jon) Ezzo, Esther (Paul) Fabiano, and Gloria Baird, brothers: Michael Bonofiglio and Paul (Diane) Bonofiglio, and special friend Ron Cox. He was preceded in death by son Joseph P., sister Rose Fabiano and his parents.

A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, January 8th - 1:00 p.m. at the St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, with Fr. James Eisele as celebrant. Military Honors will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Lansing. The family will receive friends Friday 4-7p.m. with a Scripture service to begin at 7 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge. For those desiring, contributions may given to the St. Michael Catholic Church or the MSU Extension, Children's Garden. Online condolences may be made at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Winston E. Boyer

August 22, 1934 — December 4, 2020 (Aged 85)

Chelsea lost a true legend who many called the cookie man, but was also an avid card player. It must have been in the cards that he would die on National Cookie Day.

Winston Boyer, born August 22, 1934, died at home in Chelsea surrounded by family on December 4, 2020. He was one of the last of the greatest generation. Winston was called Winnie, Dad, Uncle Winston, Grandpa, and that guy who rides around on his bike picking up pop cans. He was easy to spot with his signature walk and yodeling. Singing or humming a tune he would nod his head to you and say, "Hello." He might even give you one of his homemade cookies or give your child a quarter.

Winston was frequently seen buying scratch off lottery tickets, delivering his cookies, and playing cribbage while drinking coffee at Seitz's Tavern. Customers may have heard one of his many phrases like, "Shake my bones and rattle my toes. Tickle my hide call me Moe."

The youngest of seven children, Winston grew up in Mulliken, Michigan in Eaton County. His father, Fremont Boyer, died when he was only nine months old, leaving his mother, Ruby Huffman Boyer, to raise him and his siblings. After graduating from Grand Ledge High School in 1954, he moved to Chelsea, Michigan following his Aunt Alice, sister Eulahlee and brothers Laurence, Fremont, and Duane. Winston worked at Central Fiber in Chelsea and met his future wife, Judith

Ann Karvel of Dexter, at Hartown Rollercoaster in Chelsea. After they married on March 30, 1957, Winston enlisted in the army. He served in the Army National Guard until 1961.

Winston was employed at Chrysler Proving Grounds in Chelsea while also working for Heydlauff's Appliance Store and Meabon's in Chelsea.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church on Park Street, and in addition to playing card games like euchre and cribbage, Winston loved going deer hunting, fishing, being a Scout dad (especially teaching firearm safety), listening to Bluegrass music and watching his children, grandchildren and their friends in sporting events. Winston had a heart of gold and loved people unconditionally. He wanted everyone around him to be happy. Those who knew him will never forget him.

In addition to his wife, Judy and his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Floyd Boyer, Keith Boyer, Laurence Boyer, Fremont Boyer II, and Duane Boyer; sister, Eulahlee Packard, daughters-in-law, Mary Beth Aspiranti Boyer and Kathy Dills Kime Boyer; and his grandson, Christopher James "CJ" Boyer.

He is survived by his children: Jamie Boyer of Gladwin, Bonnie Burchett of Chelsea, Jeff Boyer of Stockbridge, Joel (Betsy) Boyer of Irons, Heidi Ray of Chelsea and special friend, Jimmy Toon.

He is also survived by several grandchildren: Heather (Jimmy) Krichbaum (Peyton, Wyatt) of Gladwin, MI Victoria Boyer of Muskegon, MI, Haley Storm (Richard) Kopitsch of Laingsburg, MI, Cody (Kristen) Ray (Savannah) of Jacksonville, NC, Nick Boyer of Traverse City, MI, Courtney (Chris) McCauley (Liam) of Lake Elsinore, CA, Alexandria Ray of Walled Lake, MI, Ryan Berry of Allendale, MI, Caleb Boyer of Stockbridge, MI, Dani (Autumn) Boyer (Toby) of Caledonia, MI, James (Kristina) Wodarek (Anna, James, Isabelle) of Caledonia, MI, Emily (Marcus) Zahm (Amaya, Presley, Raegan) of Grand Rapids, MI, and Amber (Nate) Abbott (Natalie B, Jessica, Alexis) of Belmont, MI.

Memorial contributions can be made in Winston's name to: First United Methodist Church, 128 Park Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

A private burial will take place at Oak Grove East Cemetery.

Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.





Howard Brace

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 8/27/2016

Howard Brace, 80, of Lansing died August 27, 2016. Arrangements by Paradise Funeral Chapel & Arrangement Services. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Class of 1954

Stanley James Bryson

June 28, 1934 — January 29, 2024 (Aged 89)

Stanley James Bryson, of Bellevue, MI, unexpectedly passed away on Monday, January 29, 2024, at the age of 89. Born on June 28, 1934, in Mason, MI, he was the son of James and Alice (Thomas) Bryson. Growing up in the Mid-Michigan area, Stan graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1954.

Having been drafted into the United States Army, Stan proudly served in Berlin during the WWII era. In 1960, he married the love of his life, Shirley Smith, and they welcomed three beautiful children into their lives. Stan dedicated much of his working years to General Motors Fisher Body plant, retiring in 1990. In his retirement, he found joy in farming and had plans to continue this passion in the upcoming spring. Additionally, he, alongside his wife, ran an antique business for over 40 years.

A devoted collector of John Deere memorabilia and tractors, Stan was also an enthusiastic fan of MSU athletics. He held the honor of being a 32nd Degree Mason and was a member of the Brookfield Lodge 439 as well as the Eastern Star Lodge 352.

Stan is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Bryson, and their children: Sue (Jeff) Houghton, Dianna (Steve) Hyatt, Ronda Horton, and Larry Bryson. He is also remembered by his grandchildren: Ben (Melissa) Hyatt, Jeff (Katie) Whitaker, Shiria (Rachael) Kane, Stacey (Gary) Meyers, Rebecca (Frank) Purny, Erica (Dell) Porter, Amber Bryson, and Taylor Bryson, along with ten great-grandchildren. Stan is further survived by his brothers, Tom Bryson, and Tim (Diane) Bryson, and sisters, Susan Dunn, and Mandy Roberson, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, sister, Patricia Christman; brother-in-law's, James Dunn and Stan Robeson; and sister-in-law, Mary Bryson.

A memorial service is scheduled for 12:00 PM on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Skinner Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids chapel. The family will receive friends starting at 10:00 AM. For those wishing to make memorial contributions, donations may be directed to the Brookfield Eastern Star 2310 Swift Road Bellevue, MI 49021. Memories and condolences can be shared online at www.SkinnerFuneralHomes.com



Donald Buck

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 1986

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Ronald Buck

Class of 1954

Birth 31 Jul 1936
 Death 28 Oct 1994 (aged 58)
 Genesee County, Michigan, USA
 Burial: Evergreen Cemetery
 Grand Blanc, Genesee County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 10/28/1994



Ronald Buck, age 58, died Friday October 28, 1994 at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint. Mr. Buck was born in Morristown, MI; was a resident of the Grand Blanc and Flint areas for the past 10 years; and attended Bethel Park Free Methodist Church. He was a lifetime contributor to the manufacturing industry; the Founder and Vice-President of Buck Manufacturing; and former employee of TRW, Inc. and Dowding Tool Products. Mr. Buck married Jeanine Bouck on February 16, 1956 in Lansing, who survives him. Also surviving are daughter, Karen (Brent) Wright; 3 sons, Randy, Rick (Linda), Tom (Deanna); 6 grandchildren; mother, Montrose Buck; mother-in-law, Agnes Kempf of Grand Ledge; several nieces and nephews; many friends and business associates. He was preceded in death by his father, Fredrick W. Buck and twin brother, Donald Buck. Funeral services 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 1994 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 W. Hill Road, Flint, Pastor Jerry Badgley officiating. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Flint. Visitation will be after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday and on Monday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family.



Howard D. Caffee

Class of 1954

Howard D. Caffee -- Eagle, MI

DATE OF PASSING: 10/17/2017

Howard D. Caffee, loving husband, father and grandfather, was called home to his Lord on October 17, 2017. He was born January 22, 1935 in Chesaning, MI, son to Willie and Huldah Mae (Drake) Caffee. Howard lived in Eagle, MI for 50 years; was a former employee of Fisher Body and the Demmer Corporation in Lansing, MI, and a member of Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Family time was special to Howard, he enjoyed visiting his son in Japan and traveling to where the boys were stationed.



Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, C. Nancy and their sons, Thomas (Kim) and Ronald (Lisa), seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Daniel Caffee, brother John, four sisters: Eva Belle Caffee, Verna Pulver, Betty Hall, and Dorothy Marsh.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, October 21, 2017 - 11:00 a.m. at Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1001 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48917, with Pastor Paul J. Lindloff officiating. Interment to follow at Delta Center Cemetery, Delta Twp., Eaton County. Visitation will be held Friday from 4-7 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc. or Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Patrick Cain

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 10/20/1985

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



James Cody

Class of 1954

James A Cody
 Birth 15 Oct 1935
 Death 15 Jun 2001 (aged 65)
 Burial: Danby Cemetery
 Mulliken, Ionia County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 6/15/2001



James A. Cody of Ionia, age 65, passed away June 15, 2001 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born October 15, 1935 in Grand Ledge the son of Edward J. and Ursal (Wilcox) Cody. He would go on to marry Betty Magsig, May 31, 1957 in Chelsea. He worked for the Michigan State Police for 30 years from 1950 until retiring in 1990 as a sergeant. He was a member of LeValley United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Betty of Ionia; his parents, Edward and Ursal Cody of Grand Ledge; sons; Edward A. and Mary T. Cody of Grand Rapids, their children, Craig, Brett, Alyssa; Thomas A. and Mary E. Cody of Williamston, their children, Ashley and Chelsey; daughters; Liz and Richard Newport of Williamston, their children, Daniel, Nathan, Travis; Judy Cody of Kentwood; brother, Larry and Sonnie Cody of Charlotte, Jerry and Sherill Cody of Grand Ledge, Joe Cody of Grand Ledge; sisters, Marian Kinnison of Grand Ledge, Lorrene Cody of Charlotte and numerous nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place upon his request and memorial services will be held Monday, June 18, 2:00 p.m. at the LeValley United Methodist Church

with Rev. David Flagel officiating. Visitation will be Sunday, 5-8 p.m. at the Lake Funeral Home in Ionia. Anyone wishing may make contributions to LeValley United Methodist Church Building Fund, Ionia Area Hospice or the American Cancer Society. www.lakefuneralhomes.com.



Christine Ann Culp Rosenfield

May 6, 1936 — June 2, 2021 (Aged 85)

Christine Ann (Culp) Rosenfield of Moseley, Virginia formerly of Grand Ledge, passed away June 2, 2021 at the age of 85. Christine was born on May 6, 1936, the daughter of Harry and Edythe (Koebbe) Culp. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1954 as co-valedictorian. Christine then went on to continue her schooling and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. Upon completing her bachelor's degree, she went to the University of Alberta in Alberta, Canada and received her PhD in Biochemistry. Christine spent 3 years in Brazil as a Biochemist.

When she returned, she went back to the University of Michigan for her Medical Doctorate. In her free time, she enjoyed Astronomy, flower gardening, breeding and showing Chartreux cats.

Christine is survived by her sister Carolyn Kingsley, nephews Andrew, Michael, Matthew Bassar, and Christopher (Sabrina) Kingsley, great niece Natalie Kingsley and great nephew Theodore Kingsley; as well as several cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Rosenfield.

Private funeral services were held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S Cochran Rd, Charlotte, MI 48813 in memory of Christine Rosenfield. The family is being served by the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be placed at, www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Donald David

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 1960

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Lynda Decke

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 11/27/1998

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Class of 1954

Charles L. DeFore

January 26, 1936 — May 19, 2022 (Aged 86)

Charles L. DeFore, 86, lifetime native of Grand Ledge, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home after battling a long illness.

Charles is survived by the love of his life of nearly 70 years, Dorothy Ann (Corey) DeFore, son Charles Robert DeFore, daughters Kelly Lynn DeFore and Jennifer Sue DeFore.



Chuck, or Charlie as he was affectionately known by his family and friends, lived a very long community minded life. He served nearly 30 years as a volunteer and fulltime fireman at the Grand Ledge Fire Department. He was a local Barber to us all for most of his life. He entertained us as part of the original cast of the Mudges Follies. He was the senior of the original 5 Grand Ledge Bums, some of our most beloved best friends. He will eternally be a Grand Ledge Bum. Chuck was a pilot of his own plane, played softball on leagues, was an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman. He built the family home on the Grand River and loved to maintain his beautiful landscaping. While enjoying pontooning, he continually kept the river clear of debris.

A private graveside service has been held. Interment took place in Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. The family is being served by the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge.

His presence will be dearly missed by all who love him and that is many.

Thank you all, we love you too. God Bless

The DeFore Family



Frieda Maxine DeFore

DATE OF PASSING: 4/27/2009

Class of 1954

Frieda Maxine DeFore -- Dimondale

Formerly of Lansing, age 74, passed away April 27, 2009 in Dimondale, MI.

She was born June 13, 1934 in Grand Ledge, MI to the late Horace and Gladys (Brown) DeFore. She worked in the cafeteria at Motor Wheel in Lansing for many years, enjoyed caring for children, and was a devoted Elvis Presley fan.

She is survived by brother, Charles (Dorothy) DeFore and sister, Shirley (Richard) Sawyer all of Grand Ledge; half brother, Dennis DeFore and half sister, Pamela Norris all of Lansing. She was preceded in death by brother, Robert DeFore.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 29, 2009, from 1 p.m. until time of funeral service 2 p.m. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 105, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. www.holihanatkin.com.



Barbara DeLamater Morris

DATE OF PASSING: 10/18/1999

Class of 1954

Birth 6 Jun 1936

Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Death 18 Oct 1999 (aged 63)

Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Barbara S. Morris - - Vermontville

Mrs. Morris, age 63, passed away, October 18, 1999 at Lansing, MI. She has been a life area resident of Eaton County; graduate of the Grand Ledge High School class of 1954; former 4-H Leader and helped her husband Jonnie farm for the last 44 years. Survivors include her husband of 44 years; Jonnie; 2 daughters, Debra (Mike) Martin of Charlotte and Sherry (Michael) Jansen of Forest Grove, OR; 7 grandchildren, Monisa, Michael, Matthew, Andrew and Kristen Martin, Matthew and Christopher Jansen; parents, Edwin and Lena DeLamater of Grand Ledge; 3 sisters, Diana (Robert) Nourse and Kathryn (Robert) Havens all of Wacousta, Cynthia (William) Larsen of Grand Ledge several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 1 son, Michael in 1974. Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 21, 1:00 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with interment to follow at the Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge.



Lois Dexter

DATE OF PASSING: 1999

Class of 1954

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Mary Ellen Dobson Pfingsten

DATE OF PASSING: 6/21/2015

Class of 1954

Mary Ellen Pfingsten, 79, of Monticello, IL and formerly of Winter Haven, FL and Onarga, IL passed away on Sunday, June 21, 2015 at The Villas of Holley Brook in Monticello, IL.

Mary Ellen was born May 18, 1936 in Heart, MI, the daughter of Alton O. and Virginia M. Stafford Dobson and they preceded her in death in addition to one brother, Gene M. Dobson. She married Leroy G. Pfingsten on June 30, 1962 in Winter Haven, FL and he preceded her in death on September 16, 2013.



She is survived by two daughters, Jean Ellen (Gavin) Steele of White Heath, IL and Joan (Chuck) Brooks of Winter Haven, FL; three grandchildren, Gavin Steele V, Devon Brooks and Kendall Brooks; and two brothers, Bill (Judie) Dobson of St. Petersburg, FL and Larry (Brenda) Dobson of Leesburg, FL.

Mrs. Pfingsten was a member of Meadowbrook Community Church in Champaign and a former member of Grace Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, FL. She enjoyed knitting, spending time with her grandchildren and especially loved visits with dogs.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at the Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka. Pastor Ron Strack will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery at Woodworth immediately following the service.



Charles J. Dove

DATE OF PASSING: 8/2/2014

Class of 1954

Charles J. Dove -- Toledo, OH

Charles J. Dove, 79, passed away at home on August 2, 2014. He was born May 12, 1935 in Jackson, MI, son of the late Charles and Dorothea (Kuehn) Dove. Charles was retired from the U.S. Navy; worked as a tour bus driver, and loved to play golf.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Wanda "Marckel", three daughters: Carrie (Mike) Short, Carla (Glen) Spetz and Claire Dove; six grandchildren: Andrew, Brandie (Chris), Jason (Jennifer), Jennifer, Laura, and Robert; 12 great grandchildren, and one sister, Lucille Dove.

A Private Graveside service will were held Thursday, August 8, 2014 at the Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The family is being served by the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Gregory Dean Dukes

DATE OF PASSING: 2/24/1991

Class of 1954

Birth 30 May 1936
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 24 Feb 1991 (aged 54)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Gregory Dean Dukes, age 55, passed away Sunday, February 24, 1991. He was a member of the U.S. Airborne; member of Cole-Briggs American Legion V.F.W. #724; and retired from BOC. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; 1 daughter and son-in-law, Rachele and Michael; step-children, Dan and Deanna; 11 grandchildren; brothers, Neal Dukes, Gerald Dukes, Dick and Jean Dukes, Kent and Judy Dukes, Terry and Vicki Dukes, all of Grand Ledge; sisters, Barbara and Bill Swint of Grand Ledge, Suzanne Sparks and Tom Smith of Saranac, Deborah and Morris Fitchett; several nieces and nephews.



Betty Durling Conrad

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 9/24/12

Birth 14 Feb 1936
Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, USA
Death 24 Sep 2012 (aged 76)
Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
Burial: Saegertown Cemetery
Saegertown, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, USA



Betty Durling Conrad -- Cleveland, Ohio

Betty Durling Conrad, age 76, passed away at Season's of Life Hospice Home, in Parma, OH on September 26, 2012.

She was born on February 14, 1936 in Detroit and attended school in Lake Odessa, and graduated from Grand Ledge High School and received her BA degree from Western Michigan University. After college Betty moved to Cleveland and obtained her masters degree in library science. She was employed at the Cleveland Public Library System and retired after 40 years.

Betty and her husband Richard loved the theater, concerts, movies and traveling. They never missed the Holland Tulip Festival. They were both avid readers and belonged to a bridge club for many years. Richard passed away on July 4, 2012.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Duane Yager of Lake Odessa; her sister-in-law, Lynn Durling of Rapid City and 11 nieces and nephews, Denise Sue (Rick) Spagnuolo of Wixom, Michael (Mechele) Manshum of Columbus, TX; Jeffrey (Connie) Manshum of Mulliken; Scott (Nancy) Manshum of Austin, TX; Amy (Brian) of Lake Odessa; Kevin (Kathleen) Durling of Anchorage, AK; Valerie Bushman of Harrison, OH; Terri (Roger) Sarvis of Milford, OH; Charles (Elizabeth) Durling of Elk Rapids; Margaret (Dennis) Scott of Springboro, OH; Randy Durling of Chicago, IL; Shannon Durling of Austin, TX; and her faithful friend, Pat Strom.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband and her brother, William Durling.

Arrangements were made by Hathaway-Tedesco Funeral Home, Meadville, PA and burial was September 26, 2012 in Saegertown Cemetery, Saegertown, PA.

Memorial contributions in Betty's memory can be sent to Season's of Life Hospice Program, 7007 Powers Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44129-5495.



Sally Eaton Briggs

DATE OF PASSING: 5/6/1998

Class of 1954

Birth 15 Sep 1935
Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 6 May 1998 (aged 62)
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Sally, age 61, our loving wife, mom, grandma and daughter, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 6, 1998, after a brave battle with cancer.

Sally was born September 15, 1935 in Mulliken, the daughter of James S. and Mary J. (Dravenstatt) Eaton. Sally was a 1954 graduate of Grand Ledge High School. Sally and R. Graydon Briggs were married in the summer of 1954. Graydon was the love of her life. They shared many enjoyable vacations with their children, spent quiet times at their cottage in Pentwater and cherished the time they spent together just the two of them. During her children's growing years, she was their Den Mother, Brownie Leader, softball coach, etc., but most important of all, she was their mom, giving inspirational and unconditional love through the years. Mom was the heart of our family. Sally had a first-class devotion to her many friends who gave her strength and courage throughout this past year.

Survivors include her husband, R. Graydon; children, James (Karen) Briggs, Joni (Ken) Fuller and Mark (Renee) Briggs; grandchildren, Jamie and Garrett Briggs, Heather and Amy Fuller, Denise Briggs, Jeremy and Brandon Elliott; mother, Mary Eaton; step-sister, Pat Lugibihl; sisters- and brothers-in-law, Jan and Dan Hendrickson, Margery Briggs and Michael Judd; several close and caring cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Sally was preceded in death by her dad, James A. Eaton in 1991.

The family will receive friends Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday, 2-4 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Sally will then be taken to lie-in-state at St. Michael Catholic Church, 405 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, where the family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. The Wake Service is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Church.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. at the St. Michael Catholic Church with Fr. Robert McGraw officiating. Interment will be at the Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge.

For those desiring, contributions to the Eaton Community Hospice or to the Grand Ledge Fire Rescue Memorial Fund would be greatly appreciated.

She loved people and so many people loved her. So today, in memory of our wife, mom, grandma and daughter, please tell someone special to you that you love them . . .



Florence Eveleth Mestemaker

DATE OF PASSING: 7/26/2012

Class of 1954

Florence A. Mestemaker, 75, New Bern. Arrangements are by Pollock-Best Funerals & Cremations.

Florence Ann Mestemaker, 75, died Thursday, July 26, 2012 at Carolilna East Medical Center.

She is survived by two sons, Major Matthew Mestemaker of Fredericksburg, VA; and Shannon Mestemaker of Phoenix, AZ; and one daughter, Carol Mestemaker of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.



Mardelle Ann Ewing Weymouth

DATE OF PASSING: 10/31/2015

Class of 1954

Mardelle Ann (Ewing) Weymouth -- Grand Ledge

Mardelle Ann Weymouth departed to the arms of the Lord on October 31, 2015. Born April 28, 1936, Mardelle's parents were Roger and Ann (Borgman) Ewing in Grand Ledge, Michigan where she was a lifelong resident and respected member of the community.

Mardelle graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1954 and married Ronald Weymouth on October 2, 1955. Very active in her community Mardelle was the Executive Director of the Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce for 19 years during the course of she earned a certificate in Organizational Management from Notre Dame. Mardelle also became a Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Chapter E.O. charter member in 1986 and served on the Eaton County Jury Board since 1999. She was the city of Grand Ledge's first recipient of the Athena Award in 1994. She was also the recipient of the State of Michigan Minute Man Award. Mardelle and Ron attend South Church where she celebrated her faith, often sighting Psalm 23 and John 14:1-4 as her favorite scriptures.



Mardelle is survived by her husband Ron; three children, Ronelle (Mark) Bowen, Kurt (Laurie) Weymouth, and Sandra (Kevin) Mandeville. She is also survived by her brother Jerry Ewing; her sister RoAnne (Reynolds) Brokob; 6 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate Mardelle's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 7th at South Church in Lansing, with a time of visitation one hour before the service.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mardelle's memory may be given to Cottey College, Office of P.E.O. Relations, 1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.co



Arlene Feyerabend Weaver

DATE OF PASSING: 6/7/1985

Class of 1954

Birth 1936
Death 1985 (aged 48-49)
Burial: Benton Township Cemetery
Potterville, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Arlene Marie Weaver
 December 2, 1936⁵ June 7, 1985

Services
 Monday, June 10, 1985
 2:00 P.M.
 Pray Funeral Home
 Charlotte, Michigan

Officiating
 Rev. Austin Regier
 Elder Richard Garn

Organist
 Ella Nevins

Interment
 Potterville Cemetery
 Eaton County, Michigan



Nancy Jo Freeman Wickens

DATE OF PASSING: 5/30/2017

Class of 1954

Nancy Jo (Freeman) Wickens, 81, of Pierport, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2017 in Charlotte. She was born October 28, 1935 to William R. and M. Esther (Hall) Freeman. Nan graduated from Grand Ledge High School and attended Grinnell College in Iowa. She married Ronald Charles Wickens on August 27, 1955, together they raised three children. She trusted her faith in God to guide her through life.



Nan worked for John Curtis, DDS as a dental/office assistant and at Town and Country Animal Hospital as a receptionist. She was a member of Sparrow Women's Auxiliary and its Board. She volunteered at Eaton Township Board of Review, Center Eaton United Methodist Church where she also played the piano, and Plymouth Congregational Church. After her move to her beloved Pierport, MI home in 1992 she became a member of the Onekama Brethren Church.

Nan enjoyed socializing with her classmates from Grand Ledge, YMCA Sports Club and Sparrow Auxiliary. She was quick with a smile and she developed friendships everywhere she went. She was an excellent pianist, loved horses, dogs, cats, and tolerated numerous spider eggs hatchings on the kitchen counters and garter snakes in coat pockets. She will be greatly missed.

Nan is survived by daughter, Peggy (Jeff) Mariucci; son, David (Vicki) Wickens; five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Nan was preceded in death by her husband, Ron, her parents, her brother, William Freeman, and her daughter, Debra Jo (Wickens) DeLong.

The family wishes to make a special thank you to all of the wonderful staff at Sensations Memory Care. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Sensations Memory Care, 511 E Shepherd St, Charlotte, MI 48813 or the Manistee County Humane Society/Homeward Bound Animal Shelter, 736 Paws Trail, Manistee, MI 49660.

May her diamonds continue to sparkle on Lake Michigan.

Funeral services celebrating the life of both Nan and Ron will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with visitation prior from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Nan and Ron will be buried together at Deepdale Memorial Gardens. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Nan on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.



Kenneth Lyle Frisbie

DATE OF PASSING: 11/24/1978

Class of 1954

Birth 5 Mar 1936 -- Michigan, USA
Death 24 Nov 1978 (aged 42)
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA





Class of 1954

Roberta Pauline Galvin Fortino

January 13, 1935 — January 25, 2024 (Aged 89)



Roberta Pauline Fortino passed away on January 25th surrounded by her family. She was born in Grand Ledge on January 13, 1935 to Joseph and Anna Pauline Galvin. In 1953, she married Louie Fortino and they started their family. Two years later they moved to Lansing where they opened Fortino's Grocery, which they operated for twenty years. Roberta was proud of her German and Irish heritage and yet, became famous for her delicious spaghetti sauce, which she offered to anyone who came through her door. She was a proud, loving mother of eight children and cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be forever in our hearts.

She is survived by daughters: Lou Ann Michael, Linda (Laurie Thornton) Fortino, Cynthia (Tim) Brogan, Deborah Fortino; and sons: Frank, Joseph (Cyndi), Mark and Daniel Fortino; grandchildren, Stefani (Tony) Strouse, Kristy (Jeremy) Simpson, Joseph (Monica) Michael, Patrick (Jessica) Brogan, Ryan and Brendan Brogan, Kayla Fortino and Ashley Sobek; great grandchildren, Keegan Rankin, Jaden and Mia Michael, Stella Simpson, Braxton and Easton Brogan, Samantha (Nick) Foy and Samantha and Matthew Myers. Roberta was preceded in death by her husband, Louie, son-in-law Tim Michael, grandson, Louie Michael Fortino, and her siblings, Edward, Carl, Arlene, Robert, Marge, Marilyn, and Gertrude.

Visitation will be Tuesday at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge from 5-8:00 PM and at the church Wednesday from 10-11:00 AM. A Burial Mass will be celebrated by Father Steve Mattson on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 11:00 AM at the Church of the Resurrection, 1505 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48912. The Rite of Committal will take place at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Sparrow Foundation, Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, 1215 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912-9907 (<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/spaheasys>).



Lucille Griese Robinson

Class of 1954

Birth 4 Apr 1936
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 1 Jun 1998 (aged 62)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 6/1/1998



Lucille C. Robinson of Grand Ledge, age 62, passed away June 1, 1998 at Lansing, MI. She was born April 4, 1936 in Grand Ledge, the daughter of Frank and Flora Griese. Lucy graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1954 and from E.W. Sparrow Hospital School of Nursing as an RN in 1957. She was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church and church organist there for 26 years. She was also a member of the Grand Ledge Historical Society, Grand Ledge Garden Club, and Ledge Craft Lane volunteer. She also worked as a volunteer nurse for the Red Cross. She will be remembered for her strong faith, optimism and boundless energy. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Stanley; 2 daughters, Cynthia (David) Langenberg of Grand Ledge and Nancy (David) Poling of Colorado Springs, CO; son, Tom (Michele) Robinson of Shanghai, China; 5 grandchildren, Timothy and Emily Langenberg, Adam, Eric and Reid Poling; sister Hilda (Donald) Goetzka of Sparta, MI; several nieces and nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 6, 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, Lansing, with Pastor David J. Kilde officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday, 7-9 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



Jack Arden Harris

August 30, 1935 — November 27, 2021 (Aged 86)

Jack Arden Harris, age 86, passed away on November 27, 2021. He was born August 30, 1935 in Grand Ledge, MI to the late Arden L. and Mildred M. (Flester) Harris.

Jack worked as an electric engineer for Channel 13 for many years and was the founder of Glass City Single Dance parties. He enjoyed keeping busy with family and friends. He had a passion for bringing people together and making lots of new relationships.

Jack is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughter, Mary; and sons, Joe and Doug.



Betty Hayward Leonard

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 6/12/2000

Elizabeth L. Leonard, 64, of St. Louis went to be with the Lord Monday, June 12, 2000.

She was born in East Jordan September 15, 1935, the daughter of Lucius and Mildred (Cross) Hayward, formerly of Grand Ledge. She attended Grand Ledge High School before moving to the St. Louis area. She enjoyed the outdoors and cooking and was always in support of her church and volunteering for others.

She was preceded in death by her son Robert James, brother Gary Hayward and father, Lucius Hayward.

Surviving are her husband, Michael Leonard; sons Jonathan of St. Louis, Jerry (Georgeann) of St. Louis, Joel (LouAnn) of Alma, and Rickey of St. Louis; daughters Janella (Jeff) Newville of Riverdale and Tina Leonard of St. Louis; brothers Gene (Alice) Hayward of Minnesota, Lucius (Karen) Hayward of Olivet Ron (Ann) Hayward of Grand Ledge and Gordan (Lee) Hayward of St. Louis; sister Joanne (Gary) Ford of Grand Ledge; mother, Mildred Hayward; 15 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Coe Church of Christ, St. Louis, Michigan..



Ralph Lewis Heath

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 7/25/1996

Birth 1936

Death 1996 (aged 59-60)

Burial: North Eagle Cemetery

Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA



Ralph Lewis Heath, age 60, died July 25, 1996. Mr Heath was a retired Bricklayer; a 1954 Grand Ledge High School graduate; and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He is survived by his mother, Beatrice Heath of Lansing; son, Jeffery of Fulton, CA; daughters, Angela Weeks of Lansing and Bonnie Wheeler of Forestville, CA; 5 grandchildren; brothers, Ellsworth Heath, Jr. of Easy Lansing and Robert Heath of Oshkosh, WI; sisters, Ellen Baker of Grand Ledge, Marie Kelton of Lansing, and Carolyn Volk of Eagle. Funeral services will be Tuesday, August 27, 1996, 2 p.m. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with interment in North Eagle Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the family would be appreciated.



Bonnie Henney Babbitt

DATE OF PASSING: 10/6/2014

Class of 1954

Bonnie L. Babbitt, 78, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 6, 2014 in Grand Ledge, MI. She was born February 7, 1936 in Lansing, MI, daughter of Ward and Alice (Lance) Henney. Bonnie was a member of the Waverly Kingdom Hall. Bonnie loved to travel, and spending time with her dogs, whom she loved very much. Bonnie also was an accomplished knitter and crocheter.

She is survived by her three daughters: Teresa (Mark) Riley, Kathleen (Michael) Oviedo-Reese, and Patricia (Francisco Cabral) Burnett; son Gray L. Babbitt; 13 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 59 years, Ronald and brother, Larry Henney.

A funeral service will be held Friday, October 10, 2014 - 1:00 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with interment to follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Lansing. The family will receive friends Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be given to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



James H. Hineline

DATE OF PASSING: 4/25/2003

Class of 1954

Crete, Illinois

James H. Hineline, resident formerly of Chicago, Manager for Central States Pipe & Columbia Pipe & Supply, Air Force Veteran 54-62. Husband of Joann M. [nee Borman]. Father of James A. [Cheryl] Hineline of Crete, Illinois & Christopher W. [Nicole] Hineline Gurnee, IL. Grandfather of Jennifer & James D. Hineline. Brother of Thomas A. [Sharon Lee], Suzanne Griesser, Malvern, PA. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews & cousins. Visitation will be Thursday April 24, 2003 from 3:00-9:00pm at the Crete Funeral Home 1182 Main Street, Crete, IL 60417. Funeral Mass Friday April 25, 2003 10 AM St. Agnes Catholic Church, 15th & Chicago Rd. Chicago Heights, IL. Interment will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Elwood, Illinois. 708-672-7600

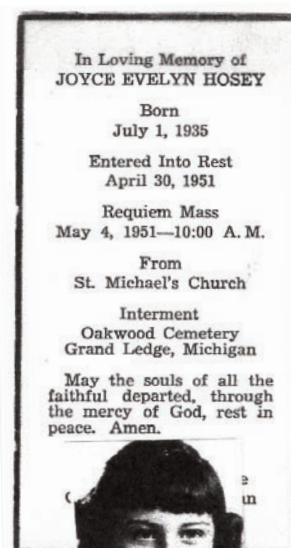


Joyce Evelyn Hosey

DATE OF PASSING: 4/30/1951

Class of 1954

Birth 1 Jul 1935
Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 30 Apr 1951 (aged 15)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA





Nina Husted Pastorick-Halifax

DATE OF PASSING: 7/15/2004

Class of 1954

Nina J. Pastorick-Halifax, age 68, passed away, Thursday evening, July 15, 2004 in Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, MI. She was born March 14, 1936 near Rockville, IN the daughter of William and Marian V. (Daniels) Duree. She had been a resident of Marcellus since 1975 and previous to that in Eaton County, MI. She presently was employed at Bronson Methodist Hospital and had been employed with the State of Michigan in government agencies. She was a member of the Episcopal Cursillo, the Daughters of the King of the Episcopal Church, and the National Republican Party. Surviving are four daughters, Deborah (Rick) Spencer of Paw Paw, MI, Robin (Jim) CruickShank of Grand Ledge, MI, Kimberly (Donald) Ellison of Dimondale, MI and Leslie (Randy) Blanchard of South Haven, MI; one son, Scott (Shannon) Pastorick of Marcellus; 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; and two sisters; Carole (Zbigniew) Tyszkiewicz of Grand Ledge and Cindy (Fred) Nawrocki of Grand Rapids, MI.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004 in the Mater Funeral Home, Marcellus with Rev. Dwight Hosteller, Pastor of the Edwards Corners Bible Church officiating. Burial will follow in Marcellus Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 23, 2004 in Trinity Episcopal Church in Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday in the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to Edwards Corners Bible Church.



Class of 1954

Anna Mary Hoy Emmons

December 6, 1935 — June 16, 2022 (Aged 86)

Anna Mary Emmons, 86 of Lake Odessa, Michigan passed away on June 16, 2022. Anna was preceded in death by her Father and Mother Cecil and Augusta Hoy, Her sisters Jean, Maxine, Polly, and Joanne. Anna is survived by her husband Lowell, son Tom (Jeannine), daughter Luanne (Dave) Fanning, Alan and (Loretta), and beloved niece Pam Attleburger, and her cherished sister Joyce Morris, 9 Grandchildren, and 14 Great Grandchildren, as well as many other nieces and nephews. Anna was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan on December 6, 1935. She married Lowell on August 30, 1958. She attended the Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene, the Eagle Wesley Chapel, and most recently the Sunfield United Brethren Church. More so than just attending church her whole life, she Loved God and accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour and allowed God to lead her and shape her to be a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She worked at Michigan National Bank, volunteered at church, loved and appreciated her neighbors. She was known by many as "the greeting card lady", and was loved by so many. Anna will be missed and we also look



forward to reuniting with her in the resurrection gift and provision of everlasting life by God the Father through our Lord-Saviour-King Jesus Christ. Contribution may be made to Missions at the Sunfield Untied Brethren Church. Celebration of Life service 11:00 AM – Tuesday June 21, 2022 at the Sunfield United Brethren Church, with viewing on Monday 5-8PM June 20, 2022 all at the Church.



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Raymon Jolley

DATE OF PASSING: 1/4/2014

Class of 1954

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Dwight G. Jones

DATE OF PASSING: 1/30/1980

Class of 1954

Birth 1936

Death 1980 (aged 43-44)

Burial

Memorial Park Cemetery

Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, USA



Dwight G. Jones of Battle Creek, age 44, missing as the result of a Kellogg Corporate plane crash, Wednesday, January 30. Surviving are his wife; Lili; daughter Michele Lili; son Andrew Dwight; parents Mr. & Mrs. Marion F. Jones of Grand Ledge, a sister Betty J. Skulstad, Battle Creek; brother Lloyd R., Riverside, California. He was a 1954 graduate Grand Ledge High School and valedictorian of his class. He was a U.S. Army Veteran & Product Manager for Kellogg U.S. Food Products Division. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Battle Creek, and the Sigma Chi Fraternity, Albion College Alumni Association and American Marketing Association. Memorial services will be conducted at the First Congregational Church in Battle Creek on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Battle Creek for the benefit of childrens educational programs. Arrangements are by Farley Funeral Home.



Betty Jo Anne Keefer

Class of 1954

Birth 16 Nov 1936
Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 4 Jan 1952 (aged 15)
Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Meadowbrook Cemetery
Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 11/16/1952



SUNFIELD, Jan. 5 - Betty Jo Anne Keefer, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Keefer of Roxand township, died Friday night after a four months illness.

She was sophomore in the Grand Ledge high school and a member of the Chester Champion 4-H club.

Besides the parents she is survived by one brother, Maynard, at home; her grandmothers, Mrs. Glen Keefer of Mulliken and Mrs. Elizabeth Savage of Charlotte.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Mapes funeral home, Theodore Seavolt officiating. Pallbearers will be Arthur Roll, Russel Franks, Welton Colby, Richard Ewing, James Walker and Harvey Mead. Burial will be in the Meadowbrook cemetery.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan)
Sun, Jan 6, 1952



Fredrick Newton Kellogg

Class of 1954

Birth 17 Jun 1935
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 8 Dec 2001 (aged 66)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Sunfield Cemetery
Sunfield, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 12/8/2001



Grand Ledge Independent
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan
Sunday, December 16, 2001

Frederick Kellogg, 66 of Grand Ledge, passed away December 8, 2001 in Lansing. Mr. Kellogg worked for Fisher Body for 30 years, was a great caregiver for his family, loved to hunt and fish, and enjoyed Grand Ledge football. He is survived by his beloved wife Pauline; son, Steve (Renee) Kellogg of Eagle; brothers, Jack (Sue) Kellogg of Grand Ledge, Ralph Kellogg of Sanford, Florida; sister, Mary Summersill of Charlotte; grandchildren, Heather and Drew; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Paul. Funeral services were held December 11, 2001 at Holihan-Atkin funeral Home Grand Ledge. Interment followed at Sunfield Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Huntington's Disease Society would be appreciated.

Buried in Sunfield Cemetery Sunfield Michigan



Forrest Larsen Kelsey

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 10/4/2010

Forrest L. Kelsey -- Grand Ledge

Forrest Larsen Kelsey, age 74, born March 7, 1936 in Grand Ledge, MI, passed away at his home on October 4, 2010. Forrest served as assistant plant superintendent with Formost Dairy Co. in Detroit prior to being appointed superintendent of the MSU Dairy Plant in 1963, and then spent the majority of his career as Director of Purchasing at MSU. Forrest graduated from Grand Ledge High School (1954) as class president and salutatorian. He was president of the FFA and received the State Farmer degree. In his junior year he was a delegate to Boys' State Convention and won the V.F.W. essay contest. He graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in dairy science and was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. After graduation in 1958 he entered the air force and was technical supply officer for the 5006th air transport squadron at Elmendorf AFB Alaska where he received the air force commendation medal. He was a member of the Lansing Emanuel First Lutheran Church, and active in Grand Ledge and District Jaycees. Over his lifetime he was a member of various athletic teams and was an avid supporter of MSU athletics, making numerous trips to MSU bowl games. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends at their cottages and winters in Florida. He was preceded in death by his first wife,



Lorraine Maier Kelsey, and parents, Elbert S. and Viola L. (Larsen) Kelsey. Survivors include his wife of 14 years, Barbara Noble Kowalk Kelsey; son, Daniel (Nicole) Kelsey of Spring Lake; daughter, Lynn M. Kelsey of East Lansing; 3 stepsons, Don Kowalk of Eaton Rapids, Steve (Cindy) Kowalk of Clarkston and David (Ingrid) Kowalk of Frederick, MD; stepdaughter, Diane (Dennis) Lunde of Carefree, AZ; 13 grandchildren; and sister, Carolyn (Robert) Harvey of Battle Creek. Funeral services will be held Friday, October 8, 2010 - 11:00 a.m. at the Emanuel First Lutheran Church, 1001 N. Capitol, Lansing, MI 48906, with Pastor Paul Lindloff officiating.

Military Honors will follow at Delta Center Cemetery, Delta Twp., Eaton Co. Memorial contributions may be made to the Emanuel First Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge F.U.M.C., or the Eaton Community Hospice in memory of Forrest Kelsey. Online condolences may be made at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



John Edwin Kinne

March 11, 1936 — December 7, 2021 (Aged 85)

John Edwin Kinne of Grand Ledge, passed away on December 7, 2021 at the age of 85. He was born in Grand Ledge on March 11, 1936, the son of Harley and Esther (Osmer) Kinne. He loved following all of the professional Detroit teams (especially the Tigers), the athletic program at the University of Michigan (especially the football and basketball teams), and women's softball. He was a wonderful family man, supporting his wife and children in all aspects of life. He retired in 1995 after teaching math for 2+ years at Mattawan High School and 34 years at Grand Ledge High School. He was a life-long active member of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church where he served on several committees throughout the years. He assisted with many painting projects throughout the Grand Ledge School District and within the church.

John is survived by his wife of 62 years Sandra, daughter Bonni Kinne, son Stephen (Jennifer) Kinne, granddaughters Angela and Allison Kinne, daughter-in-law Laurie Kinne, several nephews and nieces, and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Ethel Mae Arthur.

Private services with immediate family only will be held on December 11, 2021. The family plans to hold a celebration of life for John at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison Street, Grand



Ledge, MI 48837. To share memories or condolences please visit, www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



John Hubert Lehman

June 26, 1936 - September 6, 2019 (Aged 83)

John Hubert Lehman, a loving and caring, husband, father, and grandfather, of Charlotte, died Friday, September 6, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. John 83, was born June 26, 1936 in Portland, MI the son of Hubert and Lottie (Masiakowski) Lehman. After graduating from high school John joined the Army and proudly served his country. John worked at Bud Kouts Chevrolet as a Paint Technician, and later as a Truck Salesman. He also farmed his 223 acre farm and other farms around the area. When John was not farming he enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, traveling with his wife Linda, and watching Outdoor TV shows. His biggest passion in his life was his family.



John is survived by his wife, Linda; children, Karlene Lehman, Darrold (Trudy) Lehman, John (Jacquie) Lehman, Onna (Jim) Cross, Beth (Chris) Clarke, Bill (Jennifer) Sheldon, Bob (Eileen) Sheldon; 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; siblings, Rosemary Harrington, Ken (Gail) Lehman. He was predeceased by his brothers, Nicholas Lehman and Bill Lehman; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support John's family. Memorial services are Friday, September 13, 2019, at 12:00 Noon at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. Visitation is Friday, September 13, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The American Cancer Society. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of John on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.



Rosalie McCabe Dunkelberg

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 3/25/2007

Rosalie June Dunkelberg of Carp Lake, age 70, died Sunday, March 25, 2007 at home. She was born in Lansing on May 21, 1936 to Richard W. and Minnie M. (Lake) McCabe. Rosalie worked in accounting and bookkeeping in medical offices and later for an auto repair business. Along with her husband, George, she has been an avid scuba diver in the Straits of Mackinaw and other areas, and a USCG licensed boat captain. She was also a member of the Mackinaw City and Carp Lake Women's clubs. Rosalie is survived by her husband, George; four children, Penny (Duane Chumney) Laney of St. Johns, Rick (Debbie) Armstrong of Perrysville, OH, Barry (Laura) Armstrong and Cathy Armstrong of Grand Ledge; seven grandchildren; and three brothers, David (Sharon) McCabe of Crystal Lake, Jim (Barb) McCabe of Texas and Bill (Patricia) McCabe of Charlotte, NC. No Funeral services are scheduled at this time. A memorial gathering will be held this summer.



Joan Arlene McCaffrey Nelson

November 13, 1936 — March 27, 2022 (Aged 85)

On March 27, 2022, Joan A Nelson of Grand Ledge was called to her heavenly home following a valiant, three-year battle with cancer. Born November 13, 1936 in Lansing, Joan moved to Grand Ledge at age nine and remained there the rest of her life, and became a longstanding member of Saint Michael's church.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Evelyn McCaffrey, and patiently awaits the arrival of Frank, her devoted and loving husband of nearly 67 years. She leaves behind four children: Doug (Ocala, FL), Tom (Beth), Natalie Kiefer (Kelly), and Lori Spielman (Bill). Joan adored her grandchildren, Sara Keel (Jacob), Kelsey Kiefer and fiancé Michael Ames, Brandon Kiefer, and Benjamin Kiefer, as well as her great-granddaughters, Charlotte and Laurel Keel. She maintained a very close and special relationship with her sisters, Jackie Moyer and Julie Burkey, along with her beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and loyal friends and neighbors, including her lifelong friend, Sue Hatcher.

Joan graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1954 and attended Lansing Business College. She worked at Abrams Aviation before becoming a full-time mother.

Joan was a natural and selfless caregiver, first as a fabulous mother to her four children, later as an instructor at Lansing's Beekman Center, next as daycare provider to her surrogate grandchildren, Carrie, Andy, and Bob Thorson, and finally, for the love of her life, Frank.

Joan possessed an extraordinary gift for listening, demonstrating a genuine interest in others up until her final day. She had a terrific sense of humor and loved nothing more than a good belly laugh. She enjoyed reading, golfing, playing bridge, baking, and daytrips to the Casino. This strong little lady left a big footprint in this world and will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 1 at Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Grand Ledge . The family will receive visitors at the Church from 10:00-11:00. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Elara Care Hospice. The family has entrusted arrangements to Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. For online condolences please visit www.millsfuneral.com



Gail Lawrence McCrumb

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 1/14/2019

Gail Lawrence McCrumb passed away January 14, 2019 at Grace of Douglas Nursing Home, Douglas MI. Gail was 82 years old and was born June 23, 1936 to Lawrence and Doris (Maier) McCrumb in Grand Ledge, MI. Gail graduated from Grand Ledge High School class of 1954. He was a member of Michigan National Guard. Survivors include his sister Katherine Brokob and brothers George and Walter McCrumb and families.

Cremation has taken place at Gail's request, no service is planned.



Class of 1954

Norbert John McIntyre

February 27, 1936 — July 17, 2023 (Aged 87)

Norbert John McIntyre of Vermontville, Michigan, passed away on July 17, 2023, in Battle Creek, Michigan, at the age of 87. Norbert was born February 27, 1936, the son of Leo and Clara (Ramsey) McIntyre. He grew up in Mulliken, Michigan, and was a 1954 graduate of Grand Ledge High School. Norbert married Susan Pettit in 1955 and together they had four children; Janet, Joan, Mark, and Brian.

Norbert was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Clara (Ramsey) McIntyre; brother Leo McIntyre, Jr., sisters Eileen (McIntyre) Frantz, Ruah (McIntyre) Dow, and Margaret (McIntyre) Kuhns.

(NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING.)



Bruce J. Merchant

Class of 1954

Birth 5 May 1936

Death 25 Jun 1997 (aged 61)

Stanton, Montcalm County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Dimondale Cemetery

Dimondale, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 6/25/1997



Bruce J. Merchant, age 61, passed away at his home on Wednesday, June 25, 1997 after a two year battle with brain cancer. He was born May 5, 1936 in Lansing, MI, the son of James and Dorothy Merchant, who preceded him in death. He retired from General Motors in 1992 after 37 year. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his children, Debra Jones, Diane (Rick) Lopez, Sandra Haught and Scott Merchant; 5 grandchildren; and his brother, Lloyd Merchant. Visitation will be 2-4 and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Stebbins & Simpson Funeral Home in Sheridan, MI. Funeral Services will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 27, at Resurrection Life Church, 714 S. Main Street, St. Louis, MI. Graveside service will be at Windsor Township Cemetery on Canal Road in Dimondale, MI, Friday, June 27, 2:30 p.m.



Norman R. Miles

DATE OF PASSING: 10/24/2010

Class of 1954



Norman R. Miles, 75, of Eagle passed away October 24, 2010 after a brief illness. He was born on the family farm in Westphalia Township on February 13, 1935 to Bernard and Margaret (Dumond) Miles and resided in the Grand Ledge and Eagle communities his entire life. Norm graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1954 and served in the National Guard, Grand Ledge Battalion for eight years. As a teenager, he worked on several Grand Ledge area farms. After high school, he worked for the State of Michigan Highway Department, Garlock Equipment Sales and General Motors where he retired in 1984. Norm loved to “tinker and putter” and spent many happy hours working in his pole barn. He was preceded in death by his parents, aunts, uncles and numerous cousins. He is survived by his children, Rick Miles, Wendy (Mark) Menosky and Kathy (Earl) LaFleur; six grandchildren, Zach Menosky, Erin Miles, Allison LaFleur, Leah Miles, Jake LaFleur and Katy Menosky as well as several cousins. A celebration of Norman’s life will be held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, November 6, 2010 at Eagle Park, 14331 S. Grange Road Eagle, Michigan 48822. The family would like to give special thanks to the Westphalia First Responders, the Portland Ambulance Service, and the wonderful and caring staff at Ingham Regional Medical Center and McLaren Visiting

Nurse & Hospice. Memorial contributions may be given to McLaren Visiting Nurse & Hospice, 2316 S. Cedar Street, Suite 600, Lansing, Michigan 48910. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences and guest book entries may be made at www.holihanatkin.com



Pat Mingus Powers

DATE OF PASSING: 2/25/2018

Class of 1954

Patricia Ann (Mingus) Powers, 81, passed away on Sunday, February 25, surrounded by her children. The daughter of Harland and Charlotte (Myers) Mingus, she was born on October 26, 1936, and grew up in Delta Mills, graduating from Grand Ledge High School. After marrying Larry Powers on April 21, 1956, she and Larry raised their family in Williamston, Michigan. She is survived by her five children: Tim (Lynn Rogers) Powers, Tom (Deb Schneemann) Powers, Becky (Mike) Moore, John (Kathleen Campbell) Powers, and Joe (Cyndi Boss) Powers as well as her fourteen grandchildren: Gabe (Dana) Powers, Gina Powers, Grant (Kristin) Powers, Jenny (Jess) Guasco, Greg Powers, Raymond (Caitlin) Moore, Luke Moore, Annie Moore, Josh Powers, Alex Powers, Daniel Powers, Tyler Powers, Flynn Powers, and Esabella Powers. Along with her grandchildren, whom she cherished, she has seven beloved great-grandchildren: Merilee, Jovee, Kerstee, Jakob, Sammy, Finnegan, and Georgia. She is also survived by her brother, Butch (Margaret) Mingus and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry, on April 4, 1990; her parents; her sister, Sandy; and her daughter-in-law; Leslie.



After her children had grown and started their new lives, she returned to college and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Family Education. With this degree in hand, she found her heart's calling in the work of Hospital and Grief Chaplaincy.

Her love of music, playing instruments and singing, is a gift she had passed to many of her children and grandchildren, who have shared many fun moments singing with Mom and Grandma. She was also passionate about dancing and took every opportunity to do so joyfully.

Pat was always up for an adventure and enjoyed going on trips with her family and friends, such as the time she combined her love of adventure and music by flying to England to attend the concert of her favorite signer, Neil Diamond.

Faith in God was a foundation for Pat, and she spent many years at St. Mary's Parish in Williamston helping where she could as well as spending time studying the Bible and her Catholic faith with fellow pilgrims on the faith journey, a group of women who have been close friends with Pat for many years.

However, Pat's passion was her family whom she loved deeply, cherishing special times with them, from lazy days at the lake to fun-filled birthdays and delightful Christmas get-togethers. The legacy that she leaves with her children is a deep commitment to family, where all find time to laugh, share stories, and play games. (She was a formidable foe when it came to playing Monopoly.) Her happiest days were those spent with her family.

All family and friends are welcome to the visitation at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Home – Williamston Chapel from 4:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, February 27. There will also be a visitation from 10:00-11:00 am on Wednesday, February 28 with the celebration of her funeral mass following at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's church in Williamston, Michigan with Fr. Peter Clark presiding. The burial will follow the mass in Mount Calvary Cemetery on Rowley Road.

Instead of flowers, please consider making a donation in Pat's name to one of the following charities: Camp Sancta Maria where many of her grandchildren have enjoyed their faith-filled summer programs (5361 M-32, Gaylord, MI 49734), Crohns & Colitis Foundation (crohnscolitisfoundation.org), or St. Vincent Catholic Charities (stvcc.org)



Betty Misener Schneider

DATE OF PASSING: 5/8/2016

Class of 1954

Betty V. Schneider

Born Oct. 16, 1935, passed away on May 8, 2016 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born and raised in Grand Ledge and graduated high school in 1954. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Louis Schneider Sr., 2 children, Teresa (Russ) Dykstra and Louis (Sue) Schneider Jr., 3 sisters and 1 brother, Mary (Don) Jorgensen, Liddie (Lynn) Zimmerman, Linda (Rick) Booher, and Howard (Bev) Misener. 4 Grandchildren, Shane Ruthruff, Heather (Harley) Blough, Louis (Elissa) Greenhoe and Misty (Aaron) Lepley. She has many Great Grandchildren, nieces and nephews. After getting married she spent many years traveling as a military wife. She loved children, baking, crocheting and traveling. She is preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Ione Misener. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements made by Smart Cremations and Cole Funeral Home in Chelsea.



Kenneth R. Morgan, Sr.

Class of 1954

Birth 28 Jul 1936
Death 15 Sep 1992 (aged 56)
Burial: Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery
Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 9/15/1992



Kenneth R. Morgan, Sr., age 56, died Tuesday in Ann Arbor. He was a retired Major of the Michigan National Guard, serving for 25 years. Surviving are his wife, Dianne; 5 sons, Kenneth Jr., of St. Johns, Michael of Glen, NH, David of St. Johns, John of Hope, MI and Shawn at home; 2 daughters, Marianne Starr of Beaverton, MI and Cheryl Devereaux of Hope, MI; 14 grandchildren; 1 brother, John Morgan of Grand Ledge; 1 sister, Mary Waldron of Delton; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Francks of Ionia; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Ionia. Visitation hours: 2-4 and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Cook Funeral Home, Rich Street Chapel, Ionia, with a Prayer Vigil Service held at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions to his son's educational fund or Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church of Ionia.



Class of 1954

Louis Donald Pastorick

March 20, 1935 — February 4, 2023 (Aged 87)

Louis Donald Pastorick, 87 of Marcellus, Michigan passed away Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Three Rivers Hospital.

He was born in Sunfield, Michigan on March 20, 1935 the son of Louis Bernard Pastorick and Donna Jean (Horvath) Pastorick.

On April 1, 1995, in Las Vegas, NV he married Mary Frances Freestone who survives him in death.

Don was a saw mill owner most of his life, he started in Sunfield and later moved to Marcellus in the mid 1970's. In later years he and Mary owned Pork Chop Diner in Marcellus.

Don is survived by his wife Mary, daughters; Deborah J. (Rick) Spencer of Flowerfield, Twp, Robin (Jim) Cruickshank of Grand Ledge, son; Donald "Scott" Pastorick of Marcellus, step-children; Dana (Chad) Benkert of Des Moines IA, Carl Bombrys of Marcellus, Clay Bombrys, Amanda (Buddy) Maggert of Marcellus, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, 3 step great-grandchildren, and sister Violet Hough of Lansing.

Don is preceded in death by his parents Louis and Donna, daughters; Kimberly Ellison and Leslie Northrup, step-granddaughter; Kylie Benkert, brother-in-law Murray Hough and sister; Helen (John) Hebert and first wife Nina (Pastorick) Halifax.

Cremation has taken place. The family will receive friends for a celebration of life at 11:00a.m on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Edwards Corner Bible Church, 51047 Chamberlain Rd, Marcellus, MI 49067 with Pastor Josh Wiggins officiating. Memorial donations may be directed to the Edwards Corners Bible Church General Fund. Online condolences may be left at www.materralstonfuneralhome.com.



Donald Patrick

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 2/3/2006

Donald C. Patrick, age 69, lifelong resident of Grand Ledge, passed away February 3, 2006 at Hospice House of Mid-Michigan. Donald was born February 16, 1936 in Eagle, MI to the late Charles and Cora (DeLaVergne) Patrick. He was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, class of 1954. Donald Served in the United States Army, retired from General Motors after 39 years of service in 1993, and was a proud member of the U.A.W. Local No. 652. Donald was a true "blue" sports fan of Grand Ledge High School and the University of Michigan. Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Norma (Porter) Patrick; daughters, Marlene (Robert J.) O'Brien, Jr. of Columbus, OH, Christine (Paul) Petroit of Haslett and Shannon Patrick of Grand Ledge, 2 grand daughters, Amy and Charleigh O'Brien of Columbus, OH; Sister Marlene (Ralph) Merrill of Sunfield; brother, Lyle (Mary Lou) Patrick of Eagle; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2006 -- 11:00 am at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with the Reverend Molly Turner of Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church officiating. The family will receive friends Sunday 1-3 pm and Monday 5-8 pm at the funeral home. Contributions in memory of Donald Patrick may be made to the Grand Ledge High School Athletic Association, 820 Spring Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus, OH 43214. Don's family wishes to thank Dr. Carol Rapson and staff and the staff of Mid-Michigan Hospice for their loving care and dedication.



James Peabody

Class of 1954

Birth 18 Jan 1935
 Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
 Death 23 Sep 2010 (aged 75)
 Muir, Ionia County, Michigan, USA
 Burial: North Plains Cemetery
 Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 9/23/2010



Class of 1954

Charles "Charlie" T. Peiffer

December 13, 1935 — April 28, 2022 (Aged 86)

Charles "Charlie" T. Peiffer, 86, of Grand Ledge, passed away on April 28, 2022. Born to parents George and Pauline Peiffer on December 13, 1935, in Grand Ledge, MI as their oldest child. In 1958, he married his sweetheart, Thelma "Tea" Anderson, and the couple had two children. Charlie was employed by the Michigan National Guard from the time he was 18 until age 30 before building a very successful communications business from which he would later retire. Charlie enjoyed many years of travel and camping with family and friends, hunting, cooking, classic western films, and absolutely loved the view from his seat at the dining room table. Charlie is survived by his daughter, Jan Strouse; his son, Chris Peiffer; grandchildren, Ashley (Joe) Wohlscheid and Joe (Shelby) Peiffer; and four great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Thelma "Tea"; his parents George and Pauline; parents-in-law, Elof and Gladys Anderson; and son-in-law, David Strouse. A memorial service may be scheduled at a future date to be determined. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.





Susan Pettit Shaul

Class of 1954

Birth 1936
Death 18 Aug 1972 (aged 35–36)
Burial: Maple Hill Cemetery
Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 8/19/1972



Billie Frank Pitchford

Class of 1954

Billie Frank Pitchford, longtime local farmer, born September 21, 1934, passed away May 29, 2018 at the age of 83. Billie was retired from General Motors, served in the United States Army, and attended the Eagle United Methodist Church. He enjoyed racing go-carts, riding motorcycles, flying and being part of Civil Air Patrol.

Billie is survived by his daughter, Sharon (Jack) Wolf, sons Raymond (Pamela) and Wayne (Danielle) Pitchford; 7 grandchildren: Melisa & Mark Wolf, Jeana (Richard Drown), Madelyn & Connor Pitchford, Reese Waters & Rylee Pitchford, 2 great grandsons: Bentley Waters and Grayden Drown; brother Robert (Roberta), sister Rose Elston; brother-in-law, Jerry (Sandy) Barker, sister-in-law Brenda Barker; also several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Geneen (January 2018), and great grandson Erik Laming, Parents Frank & Margaret Pitchford, Brother Leon (Diane) Pitchford, In-Laws Robert & Mary Barker, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Robert (Ann), Paul, and Norman (Patci).



Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with Military Graveside service to follow at North Eagle Cemetery, Eagle Twp., Clinton Co. Visitation will be held Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. For those

wishing, memorial contributions can be made to the Special Olympics, American Cancer Society, or Great Lakes Hospice. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com

DATE OF PASSING: 5/29/2018



Leon Joseph Pitchford

Class of 1954

Leon Joseph Pitchford -- Eagle

Leon Joseph Pitchford, 77, passed away October 24, 2013. He was born November 25, 1935 in Clinton County, MI, son of Frank and Margaret (Wells) Pitchford. Leon was a lifelong resident of Eagle; retired from General Motors after 30 years, and served in the United States Army, along with singer, Elvis. He was an avid collector of John Deer memorabilia, animal lover and outdoorsman.

Survived by his wife of 52 years, Diane and their 3 daughters: Katrina (Greg) Miller of Charlotte, Lori, and Susan Pitchford both of Eagle; 2 sons Leon Jr. of Eagle and Jon (Wendi) of Portland; 8 grandchildren: Alex, Tye, Brett, Mykaila, Jacie, Levi, Maggie, and Jaylee; 2 brothers, Billie (Jean) and Robert (Roberta), and sister Rose Elston all of Eagle. Cremation has taken place. No Services will be held at this time. For those desiring, contributions made to the Capital Area Humane Society in memory of Leon Pitchford will be greatly appreciated. Online condolence may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.

DATE OF PASSING: 10/24/2013



Peggy Joan Reed Baldwin

DATE OF PASSING: 1/24/2017

Class of 1954

Peggy J. Baldwin -- Delta Township

Peggy Joan Baldwin, loving mother, grandmother, sister and dear friend of many passed away at home on January 24, 2017. She was born January 23, 1936 in Lansing, MI, daughter to Lawrence and Ethel (Wilson) Reed. Peggy was a daycare provider for many years. After her late husband, Richard's retirement, she enjoyed six months of the year in Punta Gorda, Florida and also enjoyed 30 years at their cottage on Gun Lake. Peggy was very giving; kind, compassionate and caring soul, always putting others before herself. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ; above all loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughters: Cheryle (Randy) Kemp, Penny Bensinger, Brenda Baldwin and Lori Kidd; seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; sister Shirley Pierce; many loved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Richard 'Dick' in 2014, grandson Cole Brown, son-in-law Tim Bensinger, three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 27, 2017 - 12:00 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday 4-8 p.m. and also one hour prior to service time. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to

American Cancer Society or Compassus Hospice & Palliative Care. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Class of 1954

Leo J. Rogers

September 15, 1936 — February 24, 2024 (Aged 87)

Leo J. Rogers, age 87, of Lakeland, Florida, died suddenly while he was at home on Saturday, February 24, 2024. He was born on September 15, 1936. He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Joan, and his daughters, Stephanie and Catherine Rogers.

Leo was born and raised in Grand Ledge, Michigan, and graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1954. After high school he did a tour of duty with the Marines and was a "Semper Fi" guy all his life. After 35 years as a businessman and entrepreneur, Leo enjoyed his retirement in Lakeland, Florida. While in retirement he achieved his lifelong ambition of being a novelist. His book, *The Path of Evil*, was published in 2009 and is still available on Amazon.com.

Leo loved to read books, to drink Famous Grouse scotch, to play Bingo, and being from Michigan, he also loved cars. He was a collector of German steins and foreign currency. He was an avid WWII buff. His favorite cable channels were The History Channel, and Turner Classic Movies.



A natural extrovert, Leo made friends wherever he went. He loved to be with people and make them laugh. Those who knew him will long remember the twinkle in his eye, how his laugh would ring out as clear as a bell, and his smile - to which one could only smile back. His memory will be a blessing.



Dolores Ross DeMougin

DATE OF PASSING: 1/28/2015

Class of 1954

Dolores Louise DeMougin -- Dimondale

Dolores Louise DeMougin, 79, born August 9, 1935 in Mount Morris, MI, passed away January 28, 2015 in Charlotte, MI. Dolores grew up in Grand Ledge and was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School. She is a former employee of Lansing General Hospital and also worked for Dr. Grewal. When she married John DeMougin they moved to Sheridan, MI and enjoyed the winter months in Las Vegas.

Survivors include Uncle John Ross of Grand Ledge, MI, eleven nieces and nephews; brother-in-law, Rev. Doyle McDaniel; and special friend Dee McCabe. She was preceded in death by her husband of 25 years, John; one nephew; two brothers, and three sisters.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, January 31, 2015 - 1:00 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, MI, with Rev. Tom Fox officiating. The family will receive friends two hours prior to service time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society or Eaton Community Palliative Care in memory of Dolores DeMougin. The family extends a special thanks to Cathy Rademacher and Sam (therapy dog). Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Donna Rueckert Myers

DATE OF PASSING: 12/12/2006

Class of 1954

Birth 11 Sep 1935
Saint Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, USA
Death 12 Dec 2006 (aged 71)
Saint Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Union Home Cemetery
Saint Johns, Clinton ounty, Michigan, USA



Donna Mae Rueckert passed away December 12, 2006, at the age of 71. she was born in St. Johns on September 11, 1935, the daughter of Lloyd and Alberta (Thompson) Myers.

Surviving are her sons, Ron Myers of St. Johns, James (Kathy) Forest of Clearwater, FL Lloyd Rueckert and Mark Rueckert both of St. Johns, daughters Kim (fiance' Jerry Perez) Darnell of Ionia, Sandra Barnette of St. Johns, Lori (Frank) Race of Six Lakes, MI and Michelle (Gary) Parish of Cadillac, 23 grandchildren, 16 Great Grandchildren, brother, Gary (Joanne) Myers of Owosso, sisters Joyce (Maynard) Failing of Carson City, Mary Gallager of St. Johns and Barbara (Gary) Werner of Ovid, many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Brenda Thomas and brother Richard Myers and Father Lloyd Myers.

She was married to Clifford Rueckert on 4/28/1962 and he died in 1988 and had remarried.

Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Saturday, December 16, 2006 at the Osgood Funeral Home, Burial at Union Home Cemetery with Pastor Don Ruff Officiating. The Family will receive friends 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. Friday at the funeral home.



Jerry Russell

DATE OF PASSING: 2007

Class of 1954

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Class of 1954

Amanda Jean Sackett MacDonalD

January 13, 1936 — April 12, 2024 (Aged 88)



Amanda Jean MacDonalD, a loving mother and grandmother with a passion for nature, died peacefully on Friday, April 12, 2024 at the age of 88. Amanda was born at home on January 13, 1936 during a snowstorm in Sunfield Township, the daughter of Noble Henry and Neva Irene (Bell) Sackett. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School before attending Michigan State University. Amanda grew up on a farm where she learned the importance of hard work. She loved raising her Jersey Cows. As a child, Amanda also spent many hours in the woods with her father and grandfather, which led to her love of the outdoors, a love she passed on to her children and grandchildren. Several generations of the family enjoyed countless camping trips across several decades, including to the Woods in the North. Amanda's children not only remember special trips, but also always stopping along the roadside to look for "Lady's Slippers" flowers in the spring. Amanda was a 4H leader, focusing especially on sewing, cooking and baking, and entomology. She developed a beautiful collection of pressed flowers and insects. She was lifetime member of NCHA/FCRV, and a dedicated member of the

Order of the Eastern Star. Above all, Amanda loved her family.

Amanda is survived by her children, JoDee Naan (Tony) Pruden, Kent Neil (Teresa) MacDonalD, Kelly Nona (Stanley) Karamol; grandchildren, Paddy (Holley) MacDonalD, Heather (Robert) Youngs, Gregory (Courtney) Pruden, Dallas (Kelly Jo) Hartman, Cassandra Hankins, Mark Hankins, Amy (Mike) Restauri and Michael Karamol; several great-grandchildren; brothers, William (Christine) Sackett and Robert (Susan) Sackett; sisters-in-law, Kate and Susan MacDonalD. She was predeceased by her husband, Bryce Lee MacDonalD; daughter, Nika Lisle Hankins; sister, Vanya Ackerson; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Amanda's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation will be on Thursday, April 18, 2024 from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00, with an Eastern Star Service at 8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024 at Vermontville Congregational Church with Pastor Izzy Young officiating. Interment will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery in Vermontville. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Amanda's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smartphone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Vermontville Congregational Church, the FCRV Conservation Fund, or Woldumar Nature Center. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.



Kenneth LeRoy Schultz

June 8, 1935 — June 10, 2021 (Aged 86)

Kenneth LeRoy Schultz 86 of Lake, Michigan went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at Munson Health-Grayling Hospital, Grayling, Michigan. Kenneth was born June 8, 1935 in Lakeview, Michigan the son of John and Lolabel (Loomis) Schultz. Kenneth graduated high school in 1954 from Grand Ledge High School. He then furthered his education and attended and graduated from Walter Ruther UAW Camp. Kenneth was united in marriage to Arlene J. Alden on June 10, 1978 in Lansing, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz had resided in Lake since 1984, moving from Grand Ledge, Michigan.



Mr. Schultz retired from General Motors Corporation after thirty-one years of dedicated service. Kenneth was a member of Clare Assembly of God Church, Clare. In years past, Kenneth was a Sunday School Teacher for over thirty years and a Lay Minister. Mr. Schultz enjoyed square dancing, playing euchre, camping, traveling, hunting, boating and woodworking.

Surviving Mr. Schultz is his loving wife and best friend of forty-three years, Mrs. Arlene J. Schultz of Lake, two daughters: Lori Anne White of St. Augustine, Florida and Julie Jean Arnold and husband Donald of Fenton, Michigan, five grandchildren: Andrew Jonathon, Luke John, Randa, Sarah and Andrea, one great-grandson, Charles, one brother, Robert Schultz and wife Janet of Grand Ledge and next-door neighbor, Sheria Johnson and husband Billy of Lake, plus many nieces,

nephews and extended family members. Mr. Schultz was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Andrew Charles Schultz, one brother, Elwood Schultz and one sister-in-law, Patricia Ackerman.

Funeral services honoring Mr. Schultz will take place Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. from Clare Assembly of God Church, 3557 East Colonville Road, Clare, Michigan, with Pastor Scott Harper officiating. Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 15, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. until time of service at Clare Assembly of God Church. Burial will be in Garfield Township Cemetery, Lake. Memorial gifts in memory of Mr. Schultz may be considered to: Clare Assembly of God Food Pantry. To share an online memory or condolence with Kenneth's family, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements for Mr. Schultz and his family are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989)539-7810.



Barbara Ellen Schwartz Sealy

February 14, 1936 -- November 17, 2020 (Aged 84)

Barbara Ellen (Schwartz) Sealy went to meet her lord Jesus Christ on November 17, 2020 with her loving daughter and caregiver, Shelly, by her side. She was born on February 14, 1936 in Eaton Rapids, the daughter of Francis and Myrtle Schwartz.

Barb was a graduate of Grand Ledge High, class of 1954, and a graduate of Lansing Community College with an interior design degree. Barbara was a life-long member of the Grand Ledge Baptist Church. She was a wonderful grandmother whom provided daycare for her grandchildren.

Barbara was preceded in death by her loving, wonderful husband Melbourne "Mel" Sealy; her parents, and in-laws, Loyd and Noreen Sealy. She is survived by two daughters, Kathleen (Ronnie) Thornton and Michelle "Shelly" (Gregg) Chappuies; three grandchildren: Steve Holwerda, Seth (Ashlynn) Kenoyer, and Hannah (Justin) DeLonghe; brother, James (Shirley) Schwartz and great-granddaughter, Clara Kenoyer.

A graveside service will be held Friday, November 20, 2020 11:00 a.m. at Delta Center Cemetery, 7301 W. Joseph St, Lansing, MI. The family has entrusted arrangements to Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, MI. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com





Nancy Shepard

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 11/19/1980

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Class of 1954

Richard "Dick" Earl Sheren

February 11, 1936 — June 26, 2022 (Aged 86)

Richard "Dick" Earl Sheren of Grand Ledge, passed away on June 26, 2022 at the age of 86, he was born in Oneida Township, MI on February 11, 1936, son of Reo and Viola (Kornmeyer). Dick was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School class of 1954, a co-owner with his brother Jerry Sheren of Sheren's Gulf Service Station, and Sheren Brothers Trucking and Excavating Company, worked for E.T. Mackenzie Co., Mayor of Grand Ledge 1989-1990, and member of Grand Ledge Jaycee's. He ended up retiring from Grand Ledge High School as a bus driver. Dick belonged to the Weslyn Fellow Ship Club; member of Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, and an active supporter of the Opera House. He enjoyed being the Grand Ledge area Santa Clause for over 20 years.



Dick is survived by his children: Rick Sheren, Dave (Kimm) Sheren, Karol (Chris) Iskra, Joyce (Don) Sheren-Starr and adopted son Quentin Colby; 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; sister Judy (Bill) Zomerman, and sister-in-law Jean Sheren. He is preceded in death by his parents, love of his life and soulmate wife of 53 years Jackie (Meister) Sheren, brothers Jerry (Jean) Sheren and Duane Sheren, grandson K.J. Sheren;

daughter-in-law DeAnna Graszler-Sheren.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. at Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge with a visitation one hour prior to the service. The family has requested casual attire for the service. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in loving memory of Dick to Friends of Eaton County Parks, 133 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or the Grand Ledge Opera House, 121 S. Bridge St, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The family has entrusted arrangements to the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be placed at www.millsfuneral.com.



Robert (Bob) Kendall Simons

DATE OF PASSING: 7/20/2019

Class of 1954

Robert (Bob) Kendall Simons of Grand Ledge, passed away July 20, 2019 at the age of 83. He was born on December 24, 1935 the son of Fred and Winifred (Chaplin) Simons. Robert retired from Olofsson Corporation after 35 years of service as a Machinist. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending winters with his wife in Mission, TX

Robert is survived by his sons: Mark (Diane) and Mitchell Simons; daughter: Margo (Emily Good) Simons; 4 grandchildren: Michelle (Dan) Hess, Rob (Amber) Simons, Brandon Griffes, and Adam (Amanda) Simons; 4 great grandchildren: Avery, Foster, Jack, and Reese and his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Keva (Dec. 8, 2018), his parents, brother: Donald Simons; sisters: Barbara Laws, Eleanor Whiting and Freida Knisely.

Private services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made directly to the Alzheimer's Assoc. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurray-funeralhome.com



Duane Sleight

DATE OF PASSING: 2009

Class of 1954

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Judy Stackman Baker

DATE OF PASSING: 12/25/1992

Class of 1954

Birth 9 Mar 1936
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 25 Dec 1992 (aged 56)
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Judy Ann Baker, 56, of Grand Ledge died December 25, 1992, in her residence.

Mrs. Baker was born March 9, 1936, in Lansing, the daughter of John and Bernice (Butler) Stackman. She was a 1954 graduate of Grand Ledge High School and a former employee of the J.W. Knapp Company. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and enjoyed painting.

Surviving are her husband of 32 years, James; two sons, Mark (Carolyn) Baker of Lansing and Scott (Gayla) Baker of Grand Ledge; three grandsons, Kyle, James Russell, and Thomas Baker; four step-grandchildren, Ricci, Roni, Jamie, and Terry Wagner; mother, Berniece Shetterley of Lansing; six sisters, Patricia Uhl, Constance Mann, and Annette Dornbos, all of Lansing, Sandra Wight of Grand Ledge, Joan Pentecost of Chippewa Lake, and Diane Hamilton of Los Angeles, CA; and several nieces and Nephews.

Services were December 28 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Delta Township; with Rev. Leicester Longden officiating. Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge.

The Peters and Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, handled the arrangements.

Contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church Love in Action program or to the American Diabetes Association.



Doreen Steward Duzenbury

DATE OF PASSING: 3/14/2008

Class of 1954

Doreen was born on February 22nd, 1936 in Wacousta, MI to Vern and Helen Steward (Zischke). She went to be surrounded by her angels on Friday March 14, 2008. She married Richard Duzenbury on September 10, 1960, and was the loving mother of three. Doreen enjoyed camping, reading, traveling, knitting, and sweepstaking. She was a past President of the Wolverine Winners Sweepstakes Club of Michigan, a member of the Shiawassee County Board of Canvassers for fifteen years, a Woodhull Township Trustee, and employed at Target stores in Okemos, MI. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother Edwin Steward and one daughter, Janice. Also waiting for her is her special angel, Bennita Sweeter. Doreen enjoyed her time at Burcham Hills and also was appreciative of the care and tender touch of all the nurses at Sparrow Hospice. Surviving are her loving husband of forty-seven years, Richard, two children, Tamara Sue (Greg) of Laingsburg, MI and Richard, Jr. (Diane) Of Panora, IA, and three grandchildren ("her boys"), Justin, Jeremy and Jarred. One sister, Shelby Sage of Okeechobee, FL and one Sister-in-law Marsha Steward of Lansing. Also left to cherish her memory are many nieces and nephews.



Funeral services will be held at Watkins Brothers Funeral Home in Perry on Wednesday March 19, 2008 at 11:00 AM. with burial to follow at Oak Plains Cemetery in Shaftsburg. The family

will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday 2-4 & 6-8 PM. Memorials are suggested to Sparrow Hospice in her memory. Online condolences may be sent to www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com



Virgie Strouse Murrin

DATE OF PASSING: 9/24/2013

Class of 1954

Virgie Lee Murrin -- Lansing

Mrs. Virgie Lee Murrin, age 77, passed away on September 24, 2013. Born on March 21, 1936 in Lansing, MI, daughter of Floyd and Grace (George) Strouse. Virgie enjoyed crocheting and especially spending time with children and family. Survivors include her 7 sons: Michael (Linda), Frances (Dee), Matthew, Anthony, Sean, Kevin, and Vincent (Nicole), 3 daughters; Melody (Michael) Osgood, Theresa Kline (Bob Rey), and Shelly (Richard) Muenchen; 21 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 2 great great-grandchildren; brother Michael Strouse, and sister Patty (Kelly) Lewis. She was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Francis, brother David Strouse, and sister Sharon Upright.



Funeral services will be held Monday, September 30, 2013 - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, 301 E. Jefferson Street, with interment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitations will be held Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Class of 1954

Larry D. Thompson

November 2, 1935 — April 17, 2023 (Aged 87)

Larry D. Thompson passed away peacefully on April 17, 2023, in Summerfield, Florida, at the age of 87. He was born in Lansing, Michigan, November 2, 1935 to Don and Ida Thompson. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1954 and wed Barbara (Berryhill) Thompson on Sept. 15, 1956, sharing 66 wonderful years of marriage.

Larry worked for 36 years as a pipefitter at General Motors in Lansing.

He thoroughly enjoyed a good cup of coffee, playing euchre, family gatherings and outdoor adventures. Larry dove into numerous outdoor activities including: canoe trips in Canada, bowhunting whitetail deer, fishing and camping, and he was an accomplished runner.

Larry's kindness, generosity, compassion and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him. The strong family bonds he and Barbara built will forever be his legacy.



Larry is predeceased by his mother and father, and granddaughter, Allison

Rademacher. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Thompson; brothers Charles (Bonnie) Thompson and Gary (Kathy) Thompson; son Mark (Dee) Thompson; daughters Tammie (Mark) Rademacher, Linda (Dean) Hanna, and Janay Thompson; 10 grandchildren and 8 great grand-children.

Memorial contributions can be sent in Larry's memory to: Cornerstone Hospice, 601 Mariposa Way, The Villages, Florida, 32162.

(ph 352-751-3160)



Class of 1954

Carolyn A. Trombley Spyker

January 21, 1937 — November 15, 2023 (Aged 86)

Major Carolyn Ann Spyker of Grand Ledge, 86, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on November 15, 2023 in Arkansas; she was born at the end of the Great Depression on January 21, 1937, daughter to Clarence and Marian (Wollpert) Trombley. She grew up on a small farm with her three sisters, Kathy, Margaret, and Loretta.

Carolyn attended a one room school house growing up, the Watson Country Schoolhouse, which was founded by her great-great grandmother, and later in life Carolyn was a member of the Watson School Restoration project. She learned how to garden and cook, and she was very musically inclined learning to play the piano, accordion, clarinet, as well as singing. Carolyn also learned the value of hard work, dedication, and serving others as she grew up. Most importantly, Carolyn dedicated her life to Christ as a teenager and was baptized "down by the river" through the Oneida Gospel Church.

She was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School class of 1954. She then entered nursing school graduating Merry School of Nursing Detroit Nursing Degree 1957.

Carolyn truly loved everyone she served. Her compassion and nurturing spirit touched hundreds of lives. Carolyn was always quick to listen, keep confidence, and encourage people. She enjoyed spending time with loved ones especially her family. She had a great love of gardening, reading, cooking, singing, studying the Bible, and playing the piano. It was no secret to her family that she made the best apple pie ever!

Her favorite bird was the cardinal and often looked for them while enjoying the outdoors and God's creation. Carolyn loved relaxing at the beach in Pentwater, Michigan when given the chance. She fulfilled her calling through nursing initially at St Lawrence Hospital where she met her husband William Spyker Sr. They were married by Pastor Nagel of Oneida Gospel Church in 1958. Together they entered The Salvation Army School for Officer Training (SFOT) were ordained as ministers of the gospel and commissioned as Officers of The Salvation Army in 1962. She enjoyed her various appointments through the many years: Cadillac, Holland, Chicago (SFOT), Minneapolis, Des Moines, Ft Wayne, Chicago, St Louis and back to Chicago. Her favorite appointment was when she served at the SFOT helping to train many officers as they came through the college. Carolyn had the opportunity to go to the Holy Land twice and spoke fondly of those trips through the years. She continued to keep her nursing credentials and additionally helped on staff with the students. After her "retirement" from The Salvation Army in 1997, she continued to serve as a camp nurse at The Salvation Army Camp Little Pine Island Camp in Grand Rapids for an additional 20 years, and also worked with SFOT on many landscaping, gardening projects, as well as continuing to mentor Cadets as they came through training until her husband passed away suddenly in 2018. At that time, she lived with her son's family for a year until she moved into an assisted living facility close to Bill and then moved in 2022 with Bill to Arkansas. Carolyn continued her faithful walk with Jesus to the end of this life and is now joined in heaven with her Lord and Savior.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband of 60 years William Spyker Sr. Carolyn is survived by her son, William Joseph Spyker Jr (Dana); daughter, Marian Elizabeth Rogers (Brian); sister's: Katherine Pore (Joe), Margaret (Jim) Pike, and Loretta Gaunt ; grandchildren: Nora and Grace Spyker, Sydney and Noah Rogers; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and loved ones.

A Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at the Oneida Gospel Church, 3048 Strange Hwy, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The family will receive guests beginning with light refreshments at noon until 3:00 PM. The funeral service will begin at 3:00 PM with interment to follow at Union Cemetery. The family has entrusted arrangements to Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. For online condolences please visit www.millsfuneral.com.





Class of 1954

Edith May Tyler Emery

August 12, 1935 — December 28, 2022 (Aged 87)

Edith May Tyler Emery, age 87, of Lansing, Michigan passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2022.

No public services will be held at this time.

(NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)



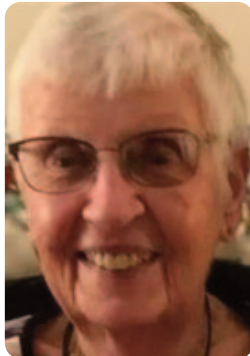
Class of 1954

Lorraine Joann VanDerSteen Rogers

April 14, 1936 — January 30, 2023 (Aged 86)

Lorraine Joann Rogers resident of Grand Ledge and Evert passed away peacefully on January 30, 2023. Lorraine was born April 14, 1936 in Grand Ledge to the late Paul and Henrietta (VanDenHauvel) VanDerSteen. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in the Class of 1954 and initially worked as an Executive Assistant at American Bank and Trust and later an Administrative Assistant at the Evert Public Schools. Lorraine loved to cross stitch, read and was a big snoopy fan. She looked forward to spending time with her family and close friends during holidays, special occasions and she always enjoyed a ride on the pontoon.

She is survived by her sister, Eileen Dick; daughters, Val (Bob) Wiltsie, Darcy (Brad) Krause, Shawn Rogers; grandchildren, Brad (Tamie) Krause and Casey Krause; great grandchildren, Langston Bray and Charli Krause. Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Danial; brothers, Norb, Ray and Tom VanDerSteen.



A Celebration of Lorraine's life will be held Sunday, February 5, 2023, 2:00

pm at the American Legion Cole-Briggs Post 48, 731 N. Clinton Street, Grand Ledge 48837. The family would like to thank the staff of Independence Village and Fairview Adult Foster Care for the wonderful support they provided Lorraine. Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Chapter, 25200 Telegraph Road, Suite 100, Southfield, Michigan 48033

(https://www.alz.org/gmc?form=alz_donate) or the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Contributions – VE01FS, 4100 John R., Detroit, Michigan 48201 <https://www.karmanos.org/karmanos-foundation/tribute-gifts-karmanos-foundation>.

Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com



Tanya Wells Winans

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 6/3/2016

Tanya Jean Winans died Sunday July 3, 2016, at the age of 80. Tanya was born in Lansing, Michigan. Tanya Loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and her family. She was preceded in death by her husband Larry Winans and great grandson Matthew Rohde. She is survived by her eleven children, 37 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. The memorial service for Tanya will be Wednesday, July 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church in Santa Maria.



Ronald Earl Whitney, Sr.

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 1/8/2010

DOVER, DELAWARE



MSG Ronald Earl Whitney, Sr., U.S. Army Retired, 73, of 217 Wilson St., died Friday Jan. 8, 2010 at Lenoir Memorial Hospital. He was a retired Army MSG. – Sgt. with 23 years of service. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm, Good Conduct Medal, U.S.A. recruiter Badge, Four overseas Bars, two tours in Vietnam and was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. He was also retired from The Noland Co. Funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday Jan. 11, 2010 at Edwards Funeral Home in Kin-ston with the Rev. Benny Gutierrez officiating. Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday Jan. 12, 2010 at Westview Cemetery in Kinston with military honors. He was pre-ceded in death by his parents Myron and Lila Mae Hatton Whitney and a brother Phillip Whitney. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joann Jackson Whitney of the home; sons, Ron Whitney Jr. and wife Cindy K. Whitney and Charlie Whitney and wife Cindy C. Whitney, all of Dover, daughters, Phyllis West and husband T.C. West, of Kinston, Stephanie Creech and husband Tommy Creech of La Grange, brother, Malcolm Whitney of Grand Ledge, Mich.; sisters, Myrna Greer of Grand Ledge, Mich. and Louanna Anston of Arizona; grandchildren, Ryan and Tyler Whitney, Brent West, Jordan, Jacob and Luke Creech. The family will receive friends Monday evening following the service at Edwards Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements by Edwards Funeral Home. Sign the guestbook at kin-ston.com.



Donald Woodard

Class of 1954

DATE OF PASSING: 2000

Death January 2000