



THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1956

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Barbara BAKER Armstrong (2017 — 4/25/2017)
Arnold Bassett (2012 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
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Victor E. Comstock (2014 — 6/15/2014)
Bruce Cotter (2013 — 12/7/2013)
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Rodney Culy (2012 — 3/23/2012)
William D. Cushing (2018 — 7/14/2018)
Gary Lynn Dailey (2022 -- 6/16/2022)
Diana DELAMATER Nourse (2014 — 6/6/2014)
DeAnna DELONG Brown (2004 — 3/3/2004)
Eugene Dobson (2014 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Nancy EASTMAN Wells (1998 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Douglas Edington (2011 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Wilma EDWARDS Salvatore (2011 — 10/18/2011)
Maynard Jay Elder (2022 -- 11/8/2022)
Eugene Everingham (1991 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Richard "Dick" L. Foster (2023 -- 5/27/2023)
Stephen Frederick Graszler (2016 — 11/2/2016)
Daniel Haag (1982 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Joyce K. HARPER Meister (2024 -- 4/30/2024)
Larry Haueter (2022 -- 5/7/2022)

Janice I. HAYES Cotter (2019 — 3/31/2019)
 Connie HODGE Giller (2015 — 9/21/2015)
 Pauline HOY Kellogg (2005 — 2/7/2005)
 John Peter Huhn (1992 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
 James Irish (2017 — 11/25/2017)
 James Donovan Kennedy (2022 -- 1/10/2022)
 Wilbur Dennis Kingsley (2015 — 10/3/2015)
 Joan Elaine Kraft (2014 — 10/7/2014)
 Ronald E. Krupp (2022 -- 12/9/2022)
 David Arthur LaCombe (2019 -- 11/22/2019)
 Larry Law (2005 — 12/23/2005)
 Shirley LAW Enness (1995 — 12/1/1995)
 James "Jim" Cleon Lyon (2021 -- 1/16/2021)
 David Laurence McCabe (2020 -- 10/1/2020)
 Jackie MEISTER Sheren (2008 — 3/8/2008)
 Douglas Meister (2013 — 8/2/2013)
 Wanda MESECAR Guilford (2001 — 6/1/2001)
 Patsy MILLER Schutt (2013 — 11/24/2013)
 Gloria Moon (1998 — 6/8/1998)
 Eugene Moore (2012 — 12/14/2012)
 Shirley Ann MORROW Richards (2022 -- 4/6/2022)
 Robert C. Nourse (2015 — 2/1/2015)
 Helen Louise Perrott (1994 — 6/3/1994)
 Annette PETERSON Burwell (1973 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
 Ronald G. Petersen (2016 — 4/12/2016)
 Betty PHILIPS Hankins (2018 — 10/7/2018)
 Keva Elaine PRATT Simons (2018 — 12/8/2018)
 Jack D. Ream (2017 — 1/18/2017)
 Gary Reed (1989 — 6/26/1989)
 Rosanne Resseguie (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
 Bonnie RICHARD Tousignant (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
 Richard Robinson (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
 John Delbert Rogers (2014 — 1/4/2014)
 Marilyn Rosier (2012 — 6/29/2012)
 Vanya SACKETT Ackerson (1993 — 1/13/1993)
 Martin Robert Sands (1984 — 4/3/1984)
 Raymond Schafer (2018 — 4/4/2018)
 James Shepard (2009 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
 Birta J. SIMPSON Cline (2023 -- 12/3/2023)
 Margaret SMITH Troyer (2014 — 1/29/2014)
 Roger Tooker (2012 — 10/5/2012)
 Janet Louise TWITCHELL Eimer (1982 -- 3/15/1982)
 Joyce TWITCHELL Kaminski (1960 -- 12/2/1960)
 Ronald VanDriesen (1965 — 7/15/1965)
 Raymond Ward (1996 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)



Thomas L. Altland

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 6/2/2005

Thomas L. Altland, 66, of Hart, passed away Thursday, June 2, 2005 in his home. He was born Oct. 26, 1938 in Hasting to John and Charlotte Altland. He married Barbara Wakeman at White Pine Village in Ludington, Mich. Aug. 17, 1996. He attended Michigan State University and was a life long Spartan fan.

Thomas was a Michigan State Police officer for 34 years, serving 22 years as commander of the Hart Post. He was integral in the creation of 911 services for Oceana and Mason counties and served as the director of 911 for 9 years. During his tenure, he oversaw the construction of a new Michigan State Police Post and 911 Emergency Center.

He was named the 2005 Citizen of the Year by the Hart Rotary Club for his commitment and many years of service to his community. He was involved in the Oceana County Community Foundation, a strong promoter of the Hart Area Performing Arts Series, chaired the campaign to build the new Hart Public Library, and served on the Hackley Lakeshore Hospital Board and local fire and gun boards.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Barbara Altland of Hart; his mother, Charlotte Altland; five children, Jeff (Denise Heims) Altland of Florida, Denise (Mike) Wils of Grand Ledge, Brad (Melissa) Altland of Hart, Greg (Colleen Murphy) Altland of Grosse Pointe, and Melanie (Mike) DuMonte of Ohio; three step-children, Angela (Bryan) Aerts of Hart, Patricia Primozich of Ann Arbor, and Paul Primozich of Ann Arbor; and eight grandchildren, Robert, Alison, Rachel, and Emmett Altland, Amanda Rose Wils, Brittany DuMonte, and Brenna and Audrey Aerts.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Altland, and his wife, Kathy Fekken Altland.



Barbara Baker Armstrong

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 4/25/2017

The Armstrong Family would like to announce that Barbara Anne (Baker) Armstrong, their beloved mother, has passed through the heavenly gates of Glory from her daughter's home in Lansing, Michigan. Her brother Steven, several children, grandchildren, and former husband of 30+ years Douglas D. "Pink" Armstrong were at her side. Barb embarked on her glorious journey at 6:06 pm on the 25th of April 2017, and a graveside service will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge, MI on Monday, the 1st of May at 11:00 am.

Barb was born in Grand Ledge, MI on August 12, 1938 to Elmer F. and Dorothea "Dorothy" (Bohr) Baker. She is survived by four brothers Richard (Dick) Baker of Enolia, MO; Harry Baker of Grand Ledge, MI; Daniel Baker of Lake City, MI; and Steven Baker of Lansing, MI.

Barb's greatest achievement is being the proud mother of nine children, Eric J. (Akiko) Armstrong stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany; Edward D. (Lot) Armstrong of Lansing, MI; Anne T. (Carl) Cranson of Grand Ledge, MI; Beth L. Armstrong of Lansing, MI; Aaron M. Armstrong of Lewistown, MT; Brenna A. Armstrong (pre-deceased 1972); Brent T. Armstrong of Three Forks, MT; Douglas E. Armstrong of Bozeman, MT; and Noah A. Armstrong (pre-deceased 1976). She has also basked heavily within the love and joy of her 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Her love of babies and children is evident by the many years she spent assisting young women with their pregnancies while working at Hannah's House, Inc. Her family asks that donations in Barbara's name be sent to Hannah's House (www.Hannahshouselansing.org) to continue their work helping young adults and their babies through difficult times.

The Armstrong family also wishes to send a special Thank You to the staff of Senior Community Care of Michigan PACE for their professional medical and in-home End of Life assistance provided during this sensitive period. Their level of experience, hard work and humorous attitude made this transition a smooth experience for both Barb and her entire family. Immediately following the graveside service there will be a reception at the Log Jam in Grand Ledge. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



Arnold Bassett

Class of 1956

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: 2012



Donna Bassett Bishop

Class of 1956

Birth 10 Mar 1939

Death 8 Aug 1990 (aged 51)

Burial

Delta Center Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 8/8/1990



Forest William Beckwith

Class of 1956

Birth 1938

Death 1956 (aged 17-18)

Burial: Union Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1956





Darrell Edwin Bell

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 5/1/2012

Darrell Edwin Bell -- Sunfield



Darrell Edwin Bell, 75, of Sunfield went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 1, at his home, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Darrell was born on March 13, 1937, in Charlotte, MI to Lyle and Zoe (Coats) Bell, who both preceded him in death. His sister, Wilma Ingalls, also preceded him in death. Darrell married Doris (Coppess) Bell on May 24, 1957. They have lived in Sunfield for the last 54 years in the house that they built together. He worked at Hough Brothers in Sunfield for 27 years and then at TRW in Portland in skilled trades for 25 years until his retirement in 1999. Darrell loved to work with his hands and was a very gifted craftsman, building numerous pieces of equipment and machinery. Camping, traveling, and being out of doors were favorites. He snowmobiled and had a go cart when he was younger. He loved spending time with his family and going to his granddaughter's music events. Darrell is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Doris, 2 daughters, Dyan Cornish (Cyle), Dawn Lazo (Milo), 1 granddaughter, Crysten Cornish, a sister, Wanda Green (Larry), and numerous in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Visitation will be Thursday, May 3, at the Sunfield United Methodist Church from 1-3 and 6-8pm. Funeral services will be held

on Friday, May 4, at 11:00am at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Association in care of the Rosier Funeral Home, P.O. Box 36, Sunfield, MI 48890. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.legacy.com The family is being served by the Independent Family Owned Funeral Home in Sunfield: Rosier Funeral Home.



Phil Knox Bomersheim

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 1/21/2018

In memory of Phil Knox Bomersheim, class of 1956, who passed away at the age of 80.

Phil K. Bomersheim (Col. Ret.), 80, a long time resident of Newport News passed away on Sunday, January 21, 2018. He served in the U.S. Army for 30 years, retiring as a Colonel. He went from serving his country to serving the state of Virginia, even participating on Gov. George Allen's transition team. He worked diligently to design Public Private Partnerships and authored laws that are still in effect to the present.



As a person never wanting to be idle, he participated in many organizations; President of Crime Watch Coalition, treasurer for the Newport News Republican Party, and even assisted the Newport News Police Dept. He volunteered his time to the last Census and worked part time doing taxes and as a tram driver at Busch Gardens. He frequently helped those less fortunate by being a mentor, providing financial guidance and assistance with taxes.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine and daughter, Lynda and son-in-law John of Arizona, his two brothers Bill (AK) and Richard (CA) and his sister Julie (AZ).

Viewing will be from 11:00 am -4:00 pm Monday, January 29, 2018 at Cooke Bros. Funeral Chapel with the funeral service starting at 4:00 pm.

Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery.



Robert K. Bomersheim

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 3/4/2009

Robert K. Bomersheim, Evart, MI , formerly of Lansing and Grand Ledge

Robert K. Bomersheim, age 71, passed away March 4, 2009 at his home. He was born April 18, 1937 in Delta Mills, MI to Kenneth and Dorothy (Dempsey) Bomersheim. He worked most of his life as a plumber and briefly at Evart Products. He was a nice person who enjoyed and appreciated the simple things in life. He is survived by his sons Douglas K. of Canton, Brian of Kalkaska, and William of Manistee, daughter Kristi of Six Lakes, 6 grandchildren, sister Jeannie (Ron) Roberts of Evart, and loving friend Gloria.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, March 9, 2009, 11:00am at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge.



Ronald "Lefty" Henry Brokob

December 11, 1936 — December 8, 2020 (Aged 83)

Ronald "Lefty" Henry Brokob, age 83, of Lansing, Michigan passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Ronald was born December 11, 1936 in Lansing, Michigan the son of the late Henry Brokob and the late Marguerite Seigler. Ronald served proudly in the U.S. Marine Corps, he had a long career as an aircraft mechanic, he enjoyed Hunting and fishing but especially enjoyed spending time with his beloved wife of 60 years Mary Ann at their cottage at Trout Lake, Michigan. He is survived by his wife; Mary Ann, his children; Eric (Robbie) Brokob, Julie (Shawn) Simons, Monica (James) Allen, grandchildren; Matthew, Makayla, Brandon and Lauren, great grandchildren; Shane and Silas. Ronald is also survived by his brother; Reynolds "Rennie" (Roanne) Brokob, special cousin; Daryl Kesler and sister in law Kate Brokob. Also surviving are many extended family members and friends. Ronald was preceded in death by his brother, Roger Brokob. Due to the pandemic a memorial service will be held in 2021.



Gary J. Brunette

Class of 1956

Gary J. Brunette of Grand Ledge went to be with the Lord March 29, 2017 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. Gary was born January 12, 1938 in Alpena, Michigan and was one of twelve children born to the late Russell and Lorina (Richard) Brunette. Gary graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1956 and went on to serve his country in the United State Ma-

rine Corps. He was a Golden Gloves Boxer, an avid golfer and huge MSU fan. He also enjoyed reading God's word and playing the guitar where his first performance was playing in the high school auditorium. Gary retired from Michigan State University as a print press operator.

He is survived by children, Amy (Robert) Crawford, Karen (Timothy) Backus, Kelly (Dean) Austin, Gary Jr. (Alice), Kristina (James) Vernon, Kevin (Amy) and Jodi (Cesar Guzman) Brunette; 20 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; siblings, Charles (JoAnne), Roger (Pauline), John (Linda), Mary Ann (Floyd) Reid, Danny (Mercedes) and Greg (Leona). Gary was preceded in death by wife, Dianne; siblings, Carol O'Boyle, Mary Lou, Kenneth, Richard and Donald Brunette.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, April 6, 2017, 11 a.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery with military honors. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be

given to The National Parkinson Foundation, 1501 NW 9th Avenue/Bob Hope Road, Miami, Florida 33136 or Great Lakes Caring Hospice, 900 Cooper Street, Jackson, Michigan 49202.

DATE OF PASSING: 3/29/2017





Allen Butler

Class of 1956

Allen's Obituary

DATE OF PASSING: 10/1/2004



Allen K. Butler passed away Friday October 1, 2004 at his residence in Sunfield at the age 66. He was born December 27, 1937 in Lansing, MI; Son of Cecil Allen and Agnes Mae (Davidson) Butler. Allen was one of the Founding members of the Sunfield JC's. He was on the Sunfield Village Council, and a member of the Sunfield Lions Club. He was employed at General Motors Oldsmobile Division Local 652 retiring after 30 years. Allen was preceded in death by his Father, in-laws Pete and Yvonne Coon. Surviving are his Wife, Jacqueline (Jackie) Butler, 2 Sons, Scott A. (Mary Baileys) of Troy, Ohio, Jeffrey L. of Grand Ledge, 3 Daughters, JoDee (Joe) Eaton of Hastings, Julie (Russ) King of Dayton, Ohio, and Allison (John) Aldrich of Laingsburg, Grandsons, Lance Allen Eaton, Darren Jeffrey Eaton of Hastings, Granddaughters, Zoe Kiersten King of Dayton, Ohio, Sister in law, Sue A. Piper of Lake Odessa, Mother, Agnes M. Butler of Charlotte, sisters Eileen Stevens of Charlotte, and Susan (John) Brandt of Pottersville, Brother, David Butler of Charlotte. Funeral services will be held 11:00 A.M. - Tuesday October 5, 2004 at the Rosier Funeral Home, Mapes-Fisher Chapel, Sunfield, MI with the Rev. Gene Moore officiating. The family will receive their friends on Monday from 5-8 P.M. at the funeral home. For those wishing, contributions may be made to the ALS of

Michigan, or the Sunfield Area Sponsors of Programs for Youth Scholarship Fund in Memory of Allen K. Butler C/O RFH P.O. Box 36 Sunfield, MI 48890. The family is being served by the Independent family owned funeral home in Sunfield, The Rosier Funeral Home. The Pallbearers are Wendell Peabody, Tom Allen, Mark Piper, Mike Piper, Ivan Suntken, and Joe Eaton. Interment will be in the Sunfield Cemetery. For more information log onto www.Legacy.com.



Charles Paul Catey, Sr.

Class of 1956

Birth 3 May 1938

Death 20 Apr 2002 (aged 63)

Burial

Strange Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 4/20/2002





William 'Lloyd' Catey

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 12/4/2018



On December 4, 2018, William Lloyd Catey completed the last wish in his bucket list to see the Panama Canal. Later that night he died unexpectedly while on the cruise ship. Lloyd, 80, was born on May 3, 1938 in Grand Ledge MI to Wilford and Frances (Strange) Catey. Lloyd shared the womb with twin brother Charles, but was the first to enter the world. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School. He retired in 1992 after working 23 years as a welder at Michigan State University. On August 24, 1955 he married Linda Cagle, and together they created their legacy before her passing in 2012. Following Linda's death, Lloyd moved to Florida where he married Phyllis Smith. With this new union, Lloyd gained daughters Susan (Chris) Smith Kihle and Lori Smith Escareno and grandchildren Tyler and Kaitlyn Vetter and Connor Escareno. Lloyd enjoyed deer hunting, square dancing for 50 years, going to casinos and traveling. Lloyd was extremely proud of his 22-year sobriety. ABOVE all, Lloyd's BIGGEST passion in life was his family. A proud, brother, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, he had a heart that was filled with love for everyone.

Lloyd is survived by his wife Phyllis; Children; Shannon Lovaas and Shari Alber. Grandchildren; Jason Pearson, Melissa Pohl, David Pearson, Erika (Dane Porter) Lovaas, and Mollie Alber, Great Grandchildren; Tyler, Hazel, Rhyan, McKenna, Vincent, Gabriel, Cyrus, and Jude; Siblings Fannie

Mae O'Neil, Mary (Tommie) Hahn, Tom (Shirley) Catey, and Sam Catey. Lloyd was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Linda; daughter Alisa Pearson; granddaughter Sallie Lovaas; Brothers, John, Joe, Dan, and Charles Catey; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Lloyd's family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to a charity of your choice. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Lloyd on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.



Jerdian "Jerry" M. Cheesmond

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 7/24/2017

Jerdian "Jerry" M. Cheesmond, 79, born March 10, 1938 in Grand Ledge, MI, passed away July 24, 2017 in Lansing, MI. Jerry was retired from United Glazed Products; former employee of General Motors and Vitrified Products of Grand Ledge; a member of Wesleyan Fellowship, and former member of the Michigan National Guard.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Beverly and their children: Angela (Douglas) Hale, Arthur (Jane) Cheesmond, and Susan Hazen; 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Monday, July 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with visitation from 12 p.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery,



Annette Louise Church John

June 24, 1938 — February 27, 2019 (Aged 80)



Annette Louise Church John died unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 while attending a noontime concert at the Lexington Presbyterian Church. Annette was born on June 24, 1938 in Ann Arbor, Mich., daughter of the late Carolyn and Donald Church. In addition to her parents, her husband, Lewis George John, preceded her in death. She is survived by her sons; Andrew and his wife, Amy of Baltimore, Md. and their children, Kathryn and Michael; and Christopher and his wife, Jill of New Hope, Pa. and their children, Jordan Flynn, Alexander and Kendall; sisters, Carolyn, Linda and Kathryn and their families also survive her. Annette received her B.A. in English from Oberlin College in 1960, and a Masters of Library Science degree from the Syracuse University School of Information Science in 1967. She was employed at the Washington and Lee University Library as Acquisitions Librarian from September 1968 until her retirement in July 2000. Throughout her retirement, she was an active volunteer at the Rockbridge Regional Library, and was a member of the Lexington Garden Club, Lexington Presbyterian Church, Friends of the Rockbridge Regional Library, Ignorance Club, and English Speaking Union. Annette and Lewis became residents of Kendal at Lexington in June 2015. Annette was a very active member of the community, noted for her energy and ability to organize, along with her willingness to take on projects and see them through. She had many interests, which she enthusiastically shared with

others. She is remembered especially for her love of gardening and travel. A memorial service will be held at Lexington Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, followed by a celebration of her life at Kendal at Lexington. The Washington and Lee undergraduate Class of 1958 established the Class of 1958 Lew and Annette John Honor Scholarship to provide scholarship support for eligible undergraduate students. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to this fund in memory of Annette John may be mailed to: Washington and Lee University, University Development, 204 W. Washington St., Lexington Va. 24450. Arrangements by Harrison Funeral Home & Crematory, Lexington, Va.



Marliene Cierlik Fine

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 1/21/2018

Marliene Fine, 81, of Ooltewah, TN, passed away on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Marliene was born on October 23, 1936 in Grand Ledge, MI. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who loved her family and always put them first. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, and reading and writing poetry.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Grace Cierlik; sister, Carol Taylor; and grandson, Jeremy Fine.

She is survived by her loving husband, George Fine; children, Patricia (John) Taylor, Peter (Shelly) Fine, Tony (Debbie) Fine, Teresa (Pat) Whary; brothers, John, Charles, Stanley, and Frank Cierlik; grandchildren, Alexian Brown, Jackie Payne, Stacy Henry, Ryan Whary, Justin Fine, Joshua Fine, Tyler Whary, Natalya Seal, Corbin Fine, Jim Fine, Jason Fine; 19 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 PM on Tuesday, March 20 in the funeral home chapel with Joshua Fine and Jackie Payne officiating.

Please visit www.heritagechattanooga.com to share words of comfort to the family.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 20, from 1-3 PM at Heritage Funeral Home, 7454 E. Brainerd Rd.





Robert Closson

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Victor E. Comstock

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 6/15/2014

Victor E. Comstock -- Grand Ledge

Victor E. Comstock, age 78, formerly of Mulliken, died June 15, 2014. Mr. Comstock was born December 23, 1935, a son of Marshall and Hazel Comstock. He was a member of the Mulliken United Methodist Church for over 50 years, a retired G.M. employee, Assistant Chief and 40 year member of Roxand Township Fire Department, and had been "Santa Claus" for 26 years in the greater Mulliken-Grand Ledge area. Vic was preceded in death by an infant son, Kim; son-in-law, Paul Weller; 2 sisters and 1 brother.

Surviving are his wife of almost 60 years, Bonita; children, Darlene Weller of Portland, LuAnn (Dan) Spitzley of Mulliken, Cindy (Larry) Pudvay of Irons, Tamee (Tom) Cross of Grand Ledge; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; brother, Jerry (Janice) Comstock of Lansing; sisters, Henrietta Elliott of Lake Odessa, Geraldine (Wayne) Cole of Charlotte; several nieces and nephews. Services 3 P.M. Thursday at Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken, with Pastor Don Woolum officiating.

Interment will be in Meadowbrook Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. Wednesday at the funeral home.



Bruce Michael Cotter

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 12/7/2013

Bruce Michael Cotter -- Weidman

Bruce Michael Cotter, age 75 of Weidman, MI, formerly of Grand Ledge passed away December 7, 2013 at Woodland Hospice House in Mt. Pleasant with his family by his side. He was born April 14, 1938 in Lansing, MI, son of Harold and Helen (Beutler) Cotter. Bruce married Janice Hayes on November 2, 1957. He served 38 years with the Michigan Army National Guard. He retired as an aircraft maintenance supervisor November of 1993. Bruce was a member of the Quiet Birdman Lansing Hanger, Weidman Lions Club, St. Joseph The Worker Church, and the Knights of Columbus of Beal City. His many interests was a great love and knowledge of aviation, snowmobiling in the U.P. and Canada with family and friends; fishing, reading, golf, traveling and camping with friends; also a loyal and big fan of the "Spartans". Bruce is survived by his loving wife Janice of 56 years, one son Todd (Julie) Cotter of Grand Ledge, two daughters, Kim (Tim) Sheerin of Grand Ledge and Jeanine Reeder of Fenwick; six grandsons, three granddaughters and four great grandchildren; three sisters: Sandra Brammel of Lansing, Nancy Cotter and Janice (Vern) Smith of Grand Ledge; sister-in-law Ingrid Hayes of Lansing; several nieces, nephews and two uncles, John (Donna) Beutler of Lansing and Ernest (Betty) Beutler of Traverse City. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Jill Marie, his son-in-law Gordon Reeder; parents Harold and Helen Cotter; his in-laws Lisle and Alma Hayes; brothers-in-law Harold Hayes and Milton Brammel; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Richard and Joan (Hayes) Young. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2013 - 11:00 a.m. at the St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, with a hour of visitation before Mass. Father James Eisele as celebrant.

Military Graveside Services will follow at North Eagle Cemetery, Eagle Twp., Clinton County. The family will receive family and friends at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home Wednesday from 5-8 p.m., with a Vigil service to begin at 7:00 p.m., in conjunction with a service by the Quiet Birdmen. For those desiring, memorial donations made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation or Woodland Hospice will be greatly appreciated. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Julaine Cramer Kern

May 7, 1938 – August 2, 2019 (Aged 81)

Julaine (Cramer) Kern, 81, passed away peacefully, on Friday, Aug. 2, 2019, at her home in Barryton, when her heart finally gave out after loving so many people for so long.

She was born in Grand Ledge on May 7, 1938, the daughter of Lloyd and Ilene (Fults) Cramer.

She moved to Barryton at the age of 18 to start a family and had three children. In 1967, she married Wes Kern, and had two new sons. Wes and Julaine lived out their lives together for almost 50 years.

Most of her working life was spent at Evert Products, retiring after about 30 years. Her passions, however, were music, writing and volunteering. During her life, she taught piano lessons, wrote numerous stories and shared her time and talent as a den mother, school grandma, nursing home clown and at the Barryton Historical Museum.

Julaine is survived by sons, John (Connie) Kern, of Warren, Texas, Jack (Susie) Kern, of Ashley, Don (Betsy Peterson) Kern, of Grand Rapids and Tom Kern, of Adrian; son-in-law, Brian Emmons; grandchildren, John (Stephanie) Kern Jr., Caroline Marie (Calvin) Roe, Ashley Bruguier, Janice Howell, Jason Speegle, Jeremy (Krysta) Kern, Eric Kern, Katherine Burch, Donald (Angie) Kern II, Thomas Kern Jr. and Linda (Frank) Hevel; great-grandchildren, Chase, Casey, Daniel, McKinsey,

Spencer, Bradley, Raelynn, Skyler, Tyler, Austin, Aiden, Ashley, Amber, Alexis, Integra, Owen, Annalisa, Megan, Baker and Lelia; sisters, Mary (Bob) Whinnen and Vickie (Herschel) Jensen.

Julaine was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Wes Kern and a daughter, Lauraine Emmons.

The family will greet friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019, at the Daggett Funeral Home, in Barryton and one hour prior to funeral services from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9.

A celebration of Julaine's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, at the funeral home with Pastor Rick Lippert officiating. She will be laid to rest with her husband, Wes, at East Fork Cemetery, in Barryton.

Memorial donations in Julaine's name can be made to Elara Caring Hospice.

Share a memory online at daggettgilbertfuneralhome.com.



Rodney D. Culy

Class of 1956

Rodney D. Culy -- Mecosta

DATE OF PASSING: 3/23/2012

Rodney D. Culy, age 74 of Mecosta passed away Friday March 23, 2012 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 28, 1937 in Grand Ledge, Michigan the son of Noble and Ersma Mae (Heilman) Culy. Following graduation from Grand Ledge High School he served in the United States Air Force. Upon returning from service Rodney went to work for Consumers Power Co., retiring in 1996 after 31 years of service. He was a hunter safety instructor at the Mecosta Rod and Gun Club and was an avid fan of high school athletics. Rodney is survived by Sally, his wife of 53 years; one daughter, Amy Sue Cantrell of Mecosta; seven grandsons, Justin (Annie) Kobus, Matthew (Teri) Cantrell, Corey Culy, Tyler (Tisha) Cantrell, Casey Culy, Jesse (Krista) Cantrell, and Nicholas Culy; plus 9 great grandchildren, Hunter, Mikayla, Logan, Preston, Callan, Blaine, Kyrin, Camden and Jaedyn. Rodney was preceded in death by his parents, and one son Blaine William Culy.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Share a memory or express condolences at www.mohnkefuneralhome.com





William D. Cushing

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 7/14/2018

William D. Cushing died Saturday, July 14, 2018 at the age of 82. He was born July 2, 1936 in Lansing, MI the son of William and Abigail (Stevens) Cushing. William was an active member of South Riley Bible Church where he served as a deacon and was the song leader for over 40 years. He enjoyed painting especially landscapes and was an accomplished wood worker and wood turner. He was a member of the Michigan Association of Woodturners and UAW Local # 652. William retired from General Motors as a toolmaker. On February 15, 1958 he married Marion Doty and she survives him. Also surviving is a son, Caleb; one niece, Linda Richardson and two nephews, Terry and Steven Cushing. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Barry and Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at Keck-Coleman Funeral Home, St. Johns with Pastor Edward Holsworth officiating. The family will receive relatives and friends from 10:00 AM until service time on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the South Riley Bible Church.



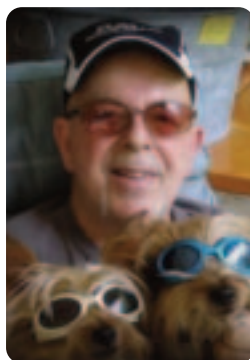
Class of 1956

Gary Lynn Dailey

December 31, 1937 — June 16, 2022 (Aged 84)

Gary Lynn Dailey, age 84, of Williamston, Michigan passed away on Thursday, June 16, 2022. Gary was born December 31, 1937 in Grand Ledge, Michigan to Bernath and Margaret "Marie" Dailey. Gary graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1956 and went on to honorably serve in the United States Navy. Gary was the owner and operator of Gary's Campus in East Lansing, Michigan for 40 years. On May 7, 1983, Gary married Sandra (Jones) Dailey. Gary is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Dailey; 3 step-daughters, Christina (Joel) Gough, Deborah Trelstad, and Patricia (Ethan) Eickelberg; 7 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Bernath and Margaret Dailey; brother, Kent Dailey; and granddaughter, Holly LaJoie. A 10am visitation will be held Thursday, June 23, 2022 with an 11am mass to follow at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Williamston, 157 High St. Williamston. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Mary's School. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.grwilliamston.com for the family.





Diana DeLamater Nourse

DATE OF PASSING: 6/6/2014

Class of 1956

Diana L. Nourse -- Eagle

Diana L. Nourse, loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister, passed away at home, surrounded by her loving family, on June 6, 2014. She was born October 24, 1938 in Oneida Twp., Eaton Co., Michigan, daughter of Edwin and Lena DeLamater.

Diana was co-owner with her husband, Bob of Nourse Farms & Trucking. She was a member of Eagle Methodist Church and served as the treasurer of the Eagle Park Board for many years. She enjoyed gardening, trips to the casino and playing cards with friends.

Surviving to cherish her memory is her husband of 33 years, Bob, children: Robbie Cooley, Teresa (Frank) Wilkinson, Kimberly (Steve) Grass, Bobette Nourse, Susan (Leo) Heiler and David (Mary) Cooley; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; two sisters, Kathy (Rob) Havens and Cindy (Bill) Larsen, and brother-in-laws Jonnie Morris and Neil Nourse. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Barbara Morris; sister-in-law, Sue Nourse; and grandson, Justin Tupper.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2014 - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Pastor Judy Scholten and Rev. Amee Paparella officiating. The family will receive friends Monday from 5-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718,

Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or Gateway Community Services, P.O. Box 472 St. Johns, MI 48879 in memory of Diana Nourse. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



DeAnna Delong Brown

DATE OF PASSING: 3/3/2004

Class of 1956

Birth 19 Sep 1938

Portland, Ionia County, Michigan, USA

Death 3/3/2004 (aged 65-66)

Burial

Schoolcraft Township Cemetery

Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, USA



Eugene Dobson

DATE OF PASSING: 2014

Class of 1956

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Nancy Eastman Wells

DATE OF PASSING: 1998

Class of 1956

Birth 7 Nov 1937

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Death 29 Sep 1998 (aged 60)

Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

Burial

Sunfield Cemetery

Sunfield, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Doug Edington

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 2011

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Wilma Edwards Salvatore

Class of 1956

Birth 6 Mar 1938

Berrien County, Michigan, USA

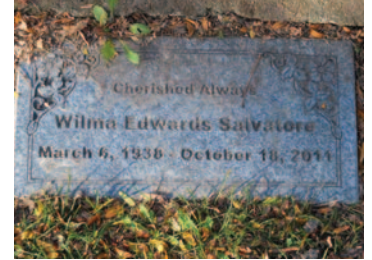
Death 18 Oct 2011 (aged 73)

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 10/18/2011



Class of 1956

Maynard Jay Elder

May 16, 1938 — November 8, 2022 (Aged 83)

Maynard Jay Elder a lifelong Grand Ledge resident passed away unexpectedly on November 8, 2022. Maynard was born May 16, 1938 in Grand Ledge to the late Thomas and Mildred (Walford) Elder. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1956 and immediately went to work for General Motors in November of 1956 as Tool & Die Maker, retiring after 40 years on December 31, 1996. Maynard love to hunt and fish. After retirement, he started making wood crafts that he would sell at local arts and crafts shows. For many years, Maynard waited to hear a knock on his front door and the person on the other side proclaim that he was the "Publishers Clearing House Winner". He loved his family and looked forward to spending time with them, especially during special occasions and holidays.



He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara (Wisniewski); sons, Jack (Diane) Elder and Dave (Heather) Elder; grandchildren, Danny Holmes, Justin Elder, Dylan Elder, Madison Elder, Michael (Christina) Bellner, Amber (Matt) Key, Kayla Elder and Derek Elder; several great great grandchildren; sister, Judy (Theron) Unrath along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Maynard was preceded in death by infant daughter, Sarah M. Elder; sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara (Kenneth) Clemens and Joan (Al) Putman and brother and sister-in-law, Paul (Sharon) Elder.

No service is planned at this time. Memorial contributions in Maynard's name 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). Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com



Eugene Everingham

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 1991

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Class of 1956

Richard "Dick" L. Foster

March 4, 1938 — May 27, 2023 (Aged 85)

Richard L. Foster, 85, passed away on May 27, 2023, of natural causes. Dick was born on March 4, 1938 in Clinton Township, Michigan, to Ollie Foster and Dorothy (Kelly) Foster. He was raised on a farm near Grand Ledge, Michigan, property he lived on for sixty years until he moved to Indianhead Lake in Montcalm County.

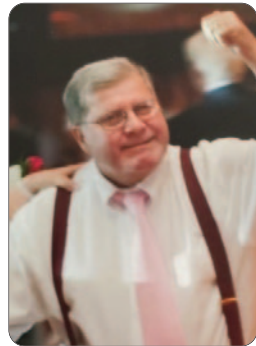
Dick graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1956. On October 9, 1971, he married the former Marilyn Barratt.

Dick is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Marilyn, daughters Debbie Fox (Larry) of Portland, Penny Simington (Dick) of Saranac, and by stepdaughters Debbie Cerasoli (Steve) of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, and Chris Bentley (Shawn Pederson) of Appleton, Wisconsin, as well as numerous grandchildren and step-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, daughter Laurie Foster, and stepson Brian Fish.

Dick served honorably in the Michigan National Guard, and spent many years in the building trades as a carpenter and builder, before joining the staff in the physical plant at Michigan State University, where he was employed as an estimator.

He was a member of the Lansing Elks Lodge where he served a term as Exalted Ruler. In his younger days, Dick loved fast cars and snowmobiles. Later in life, Dick loved farm tractors. After retiring from MSU, he would be found in his well-equipped shop making up all varieties of woodworking projects, fishing for bluegills or taking a booze-cruise on his beloved Indianhead Lake, or playing gin rummy with anyone he could find to play.

In keeping with Dick's wishes, no funeral services will be held. For online condolences please visit www.verkuilenfh.com.





Stephen Frederick Graszler

DATE OF PASSING: 11/2/2016

Class of 1956

Stephen Frederick Graszler of Grand Ledge passed away November 2, 2016, while surrounded by his loving family. Steve was born in Portland, Michigan on November 28, 1937 to the late Francis Harold and Helen Elizabeth (Humphrey) Graszler. He was a long time member of the Grand Ledge community and a graduate of Grand Ledge High School in 1956. Steve served in the Michigan Army National Guard in Grand Ledge and worked for Servomation for over 20 years.



Steve has always had a great passion for music, listening and performing. He was a vocalist and guitarist for the "Stardusters" band for many years. When he retired, he opened up the "50's and Such" malt shop in a couple of different locations in Grand Ledge. In doing so, he was not only able to share his talents as an entertainer, but help others develop their skills as well. Steve's priority was his family. He was very fortunate to have also acquired a community family and many special friendships along life's path through his many community involvements including Color Cruise, Island Art Fair and Mudge's Follies. For these activities and others, he will surely be missed.

His love of music has been passed down to his family. Memories of Steve's hobbies of motorcycles, admiration of classic cars, photography, family camping and boating, will be cherished as well.

Steve was an earlier parishioner of St Michael Church where he and his wife, Patricia G (Jenerou) Graszler were married over 56 years ago. He is also survived by his four children, DeAnna L. (Rick) Sheren, Stephanie G. Beals, Stephen J. (Carolyn) Graszler, and Bethany A. (Jack) Pahl; seven grandchildren, Lelia Thomas, Stephen Sheren, Stacey Rice, Phil Graszler, Shelby Sheren, Emma Pahl, and Olivia Pahl; he was blessed with seven great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his sister, Mary (Dan) Backus. Steve was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Lawrence H. Graszler.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 1:00 PM at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, with the Reverend Fr. James Eisele officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitations will be on Monday from 4:00 - 8:00 pm and Tuesday noon to 1:00 PM, both at the funeral home. There will be a luncheon held at St Michael Church Parish Hall after the burial.



Daniel Haag

DATE OF PASSING: 1982

Class of 1956

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Class of 1956

Joyce Harper Meister

September 24, 1938 — April 30, 2024 (Aged 85)

Joyce K. Meister, age 85, passed away with the love of her family by her side on April 30, 2024.

She was born September 24, 1938, in Lansing, Michigan, the daughter of Claude and Wilma Harper.



Joyce was predeceased by her husband, Douglas, in 2013. Doug and Joyce were married November 15, 1957, and celebrated 56 happy years together in Delta Mills, Michigan. Joyce retired from the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources. Doug and Joyce will share a gravesite marker made of a stone from the one lane bridge, built in 1892, that crossed the Grand River in Delta Mills, torn down in 1966. Joyce was a member of Delta Mills United Methodist Church.

Joyce is survived by her two sons, Dennis (Kelly) Meister of Lansing, and Jim (Karen) Meister of Eagle, MI; one granddaughter, Jameson Meister; three grandsons, Ryan (Maggie) Meister, Grant Meister, Evan (Erin) Meister; four great-grandchildren, Makayla, Makenzie, Delaney, and Cohen.

Also predeceased was Joyce's brother, Dale Harper, sisters, Barbara Scheidt, and Rebecca Gesselman. Joyce is also survived by her sister-in-law, Roseanna Harper of Grand Ledge.

Special thanks and appreciation to the amazing care that Joyce received from Fairview Assisted Living in Grand Ledge.

A Memorial Service will be held Monday, May 6, 2024 12:00 p.m. at Mills Funeral Home - Peters and Murray Chapel in Grand Ledge, officiated by Pastor Joe Spackman of the Delta Mills United Methodist Church, with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Joyce will be laid to rest at Hillside Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in loving memory of Joyce to Fairview Assisted Living or CorsoCare Hospice. Condolences may be shared at www.millsfuneral.com.



Class of 1956

Larry Haueter

June 16, 1938 — May 7, 2022 (Aged 83)

Larry Haueter of Grand Ledge, passed away May 7, 2022 at the age of 83. Larry was born on June 16, 1938 in Grand Ledge, the son of Harland and Ethel (Williams) Haueter. He served in the Army National Guard. Larry retired from Michigan State University as a Supervisor of their food stores. He then went to work for Feldpausch for the next 12 years. Larry was members of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church and the Grand Ledge Lions Club.



Larry is survived by his wife of 64 years, Judy, daughters Tina (James) Seifert and Vicki Dadswell, sons Jeff (Linda) Haueter and Mark (Gladys) Haueter, 9 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and one on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Margaret Hart.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, 11:00 a.m. on May 19, 2022 at the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, with visitation one hour prior to the service. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Wounded Warrior Project or to the Grand Ledge Lions Club. The family is being served by the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. For online condolences please visit www.millsfuneral.com



Janice I. Hayes Cotter

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 3/31/2019

Janice I. Cotter, age 80 of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away March 31, 2019 in Lansing, MI. She was born May 6, 1938 in Lake Odessa, MI, daughter of Lisle and Alma (Brovont) Hayes. Janice was a retiree of Michigan Agri-Business Association; graduate of Grand Ledge High School, Class of 1956; a member of St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge and the Birthday Girls Card Club. Janice and her husband, Bruce were quite the social couple...enjoying their retirement years at Lake of the Hills, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her son Todd (Julie) Cotter, daughters, Kim (Tim) Sheerin and Jeanine Reeder (Andrew Geister); grandchildren: Amy (Michael) Horton, Michael (Alaina) Sheerin, Jake (Sarah) Reeder, Eric Reeder, Todd Cotter, Jessica Cotter, Nicholas Cotter; great grandchildren: Braden Horton, Ava Horton, Leah Horton, Johanna Reeder, Maggie Reeder, Jase Sheerin and Arya Sheerin. She is preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Bruce Cotter (2013), daughter Jill Marie, son-in-law Gordon Reeder, parents, sister Joan Young and brother Harold Hayes.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with interment at North Eagle Cemetery, Eagle Twp., Clinton County. The family will receive family and friends at the funeral home Tuesday from 5-8 p.m., with a Scripture service to begin at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. For those desiring, memorial contributions can be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care, American Cancer Society or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in

memory of Janice Cotter. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Connie Hodge Giller

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 9/21/2015

Connie L. Giller -- Grand Ledge

Connie L. Giller, age 77, passed away surrounded by her loving family on September 21, 2015 in Charlotte, Michigan. Connie was lifelong area resident and born in Grand Ledge on May 17, 1938, daughter to Willard and Vera (Morgan) Hodge. She was a piano teacher in the community for over 20 years, and a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, where she enjoyed playing

the piano and organ.

Connie will be greatly missed by her husband of 55 years, Charles Jr.; their children: Cynthia (Mark) VanEpps, Catherine (Jim) Piecuch and Charles III (Tina) Giller all of Grand Ledge; eight grandchildren; four great granddaughters and another on the way; also sister-in-law, Sharon Hodge. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Jim Hodge.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, September 25, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Hwy., Grand Ledge, with Pastor Nicolette Siragusa officiating. Inurnment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Those wishing, memorial donations may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation, Capital Area Humane Society or Eaton Community Palliative Care. www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Pauline Hoy Kellogg

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 2/7/2005

Pauline L. Kellogg 65, of Lansing Michigan formerly of Woodland and Grand Ledge, passed away Feb 7 2005. She was a former State of Michigan and Michigan Miller employee.

She was preceded in death by husband, Fred; son Paul; sisters, Dorothy Jean Hoy Curtis, Maxine Misener, and Joanne Attleberger.

Surviving her are son, Steven (Renee) of Eagle, grandchildren, Andrew and Heather Kellogg of Eagle, sisters, Anna (Lowell) Emmons of Lake Odessa, and Joyce Morris of Lansing, several nieces

and nephews.

Services were held Feb 11 at Holihan-Atkins Funeral Home of Grand Ledge Michigan. Contributions may be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America.

Burial was at Sunfield Cemetery Sunfield Michigan.



Reverend John Peter Huhn

Class of 1956

Birth 1938

Death 1992 (aged 53–54)

Burial

Niles Cemetery

Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1992



James Bruce Irish

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 11/25/2017

In memory of James Bruce Irish, class of 1956, who passed away at the age of 79.

James Bruce Irish of Grand Ledge passed away November 25, 2017 after a courageous 2 year battle with cancer. He was born in Lansing, Michigan, at his Grandma Finnis' house on Center Street on July 9, 1938. He was preceded in death by his parents Ward H. and Adeline Irish, Brother Stephen; Stephen's wife Susan and special nephew, Jim Vermeersch. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1956. He was hired into the apprenticeship program with McConnel's Sheet Metal, got laid off and then in January 1957, he joined the Marine Corp with his friend, Dan Hankins. He fulfilled his obligation and was discharged February 1959. He hired into Fisher Body and later transferred to Oldsmobile where he retired in 1992 after 33 years of service. He met his wife to be, Carol Uschuk, the summer of 1959 and they were married May 15, 1961.

Right up to the end he loved high school sports and MSU basketball and football. He was also active in the Grand Ledge Bullpen Club and Old Newsboys for 30 years, plus Jim and Carol delivered Meals on Wheels for 20 years. He was honored to be inducted into the GL Bullpen Hall of fame along with pillar of the community, Mr. Ron Richmond in 2015.

He enjoyed yard work, his garden, fishing trips to Canada, their family cottage on Horsehead Lake, New Years Eve at Maguire's cabin, playing no limit poker, and fast-pitch softball. Carol and Jim also enjoyed 25 winters on the Gulf in Alabama. His biggest satisfaction, even before he retired, was visiting men and women whom he felt had an impact on his life growing up and taking them to lunch or on road trips and to GL Baseball and football games when possible. This included an occasional trip to Preston's for an adult beverage with a special friend, Stub. He also enjoyed taking Mr. Carl Wagner to St. Gerard mass on Saturday and out to dinner until Carl was placed in a retirement home. Jim truly enjoyed his family life. He is survived by his wife Carol; 3 children: Karen (Scott) Warriner, Mike, Keri (Lee) Chevalier; 6 grandchildren: Bryanna (Jake) Manning, Kristen (Austin) Goble, Jake Warriner, James Michael Irish, Sophie and Ava Chevalier and 2 great grandchildren, Louise and Theodore Manning. He always attended all the grandkid's events including choir concerts, plays and sports. He is also survived by his remaining brothers and sisters; Jan Vermeersch, Kay (Erv) Star, Ward F. Irish, Michael (Pam) Irish, Fr. Robert Irish and Mary Jo (John) Thayer, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Jim always felt his 70 years living in Grand Ledge was the best thing he ever did because he could never find another town with so many special people.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2017, 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and Thursday at the church from 10-11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be given to the Grand Ledge Bullpen Club, 13433 Wind Spirit Drive, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 or St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837.





James Donovan Kennedy

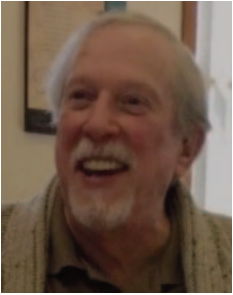
May 4, 1938 — January 10, 2022 (Aged 83)

James D. Kennedy age 83 of Byron, passed away Monday, January 10, 2022 at his home. There will be no services at this time. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are being handled by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Durand Chapel.

James Donovan Kennedy was born May 4, 1938 in Grand Ledge, a son of Russel and Elma (Keesler) Kennedy. On September 16, 1963 he married Georgia Smith. James enjoyed watching sports, reading, and gardening. Prior to his retirement in 2003 he had been employed by Fiserv as a computer programmer for 23 years.

James is survived by his children, Mike (Kim) Kennedy and Sheri (Mike) Mclenithan; grandchildren, Lizz, Gordy, Lauren (Jake), Taylor, and Ashley (Matt); and great grandson, Walker. He was preceded in death by his wife, Georgia Kennedy; son, Patrick Kennedy; brother, Wayne (Mary) Kennedy; and sister, Joyce (Don) Mishler.

Memorial Contributions in James's name are suggested to the American Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent at www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com



Wilbur "Denny" Dennis Kingsley

DATE OF PASSING: 10/3/2015

Class of 1956

Wilbur "Denny" Dennis Kingsley -- Grand Ledge

Wilbur "Denny" Dennis Kingsley, 78, passed away October 3, 2015 in Lansing, MI. He was born September 20, 1937 in Grand Ledge, MI, son of Wilbur and Ruth (Robinson) Kingsley. Denny was a former sales man for Hedlund Plumbing & Builders Plumbing Supply; served in the U.S. Marine Corps and Michigan National Guard; a licensed pilot and an avid R.C. Airplane Modeler. Denny will be greatly missed by his wife of 54 years, Madilyn; daughter Karen Kingsley; sons Thomas (Vicky) and James (Britta); grandchildren: Matthew, Dennis, Jacob, Erika Kingsley, and Priscilla Slabbinck; great granddaughter, Kennedy Kingsley; also sisters Connie (Dick) Dible and Marjorie (Herb) Peters. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother John Kingsley. A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. until service time. For those wishing, memorial donations may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care or Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Joan Elaine Kraft

DATE OF PASSING: 10/7/2014

Class of 1956

Joan Elaine Kraft -- Lannsing

Joan Elaine Kraft, age 76, passed away October 7, 2014. She was born December 1, 1937 in Lansing, MI, to Edward and Althea (Wendel) Kraft. She graduated from Grand Ledge, HS in 1956 and attended Michigan State University for Floral Horticulture. She owned Kennedy's Flowers & Gifts for many years and remained active until her death. She was a member of Wacousta O.E.S., and Wacousta Community United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Lee Kraft in 2004. She is survived by her loving adopted family, Lori, Jack, Holly and Nick Havenman. Memorial services will be held Sunday, November 16, 2014, 2 PM at Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave, Lowell, with a reception following. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of West Michigan.

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Class of 1956

Ronald E. Krupp

August 24, 1938 — December 9, 2022 (Aged 84)

Ronald E. Krupp of Grand Ledge passed away on December 9, 2022, surrounded by his family. Ron was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan, on August 24, 1938, to Gerald and Florence Krupp. Ron was a 1956 graduate of Grand Ledge High School. He was employed at General Motors as a Journeyman Model Maker for 36 years and was an active member of UAW Local 652. Ron was a Past Master and Life Member of the Masonic Lodge of Grand Ledge and an avid snowmobiler and hunter.

Ron is survived by his beloved wife Marilyn, and his children Jennette (Terence) Fox, Gerald (Mary) Krupp, and Susan (Phillip) Snodgrass and grandchildren, Chelsea (Bryan) Miller, Allison Krupp, Chad Snodgrass, and John Krupp, and two great-granddaughters, Reese and Brooke Miller. His parents, Gerald and Florence, and his brother Donald predeceased him.

He loved coaching his young players in baseball and basketball and had many fond memories of those days. Ron loved his family, sports, Sunrise Lake, and memories of old Grand Ledge.

A Celebration of Life will take place 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 22, 2022 at the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge with visitation one hour prior to the service.

The family will also receive friends from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 21, 2022 with Masonic Services at 7:00 p.m. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 203, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be placed at www.millsfuneral.com.



David Arthur LaCombe

December 7, 1937 -- November 22, 2019 (Aged 81)

David Arthur LaCombe was born to Russell & Eileen L. (Putnam) LaCombe on December 7, 1937 in Wayne County, Michigan. His dad was a weekly newspaper owner and his mother was an office manager for General Telephone in Grand Ledge.

David passed from this life on November 22, 2019 in New Braunfels, Texas at the age of 81. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Peggy LaCombe and his son, Bryan Michael LaCombe.

After losing his first wife, he finally met Diane.

David is survived by his wife, Diane LaCombe of New Braunfels; daughter, Jody Wynn of San Antonio, TX; son, David S. LaCombe, Jr. & wife, Deborah Lynn of Yakima, WA; his brother, Donald LaCombe was 4 years younger; sister-in-law, Dolly of South Lyon, MI; eleven great-grandchildren; twelve great-great-grandchildren and eight step-children.

A bit of a daredevil, he tried his skill at skiing off the garage roof at 9 or 10 years old and got his driver's license at 14 years old. His favorite yearbook saying was "Why walk when your car runs?"

He joined the U.S. Air Force at 18 years of age in his senior year. He was sworn in January 1956. He spent 20 years in fighter aircraft maintenance while at San Antonio, Phoenix, Victorville, CA, Rome, NY, Michigan, Kansas City, MD, Mountain Home, ID, Lubbock, Vietnam, Germany and Greenland. After retirement he continued to work on LSI (Lear Siegler Int) for almost 30 years.

David had an interest in the sport of golf, sports cars and was President of the San Antonio Sports Car Association from 1972-75. He also was a Vestryman at St. Frances by the Lake Episcopal Church in Canyon Lake.

Memorial Services will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at St. Frances by the Lake Episcopal Church, 121 Spring Mountain Drive, Canyon Lake, TX 78133. Interment, with full military honors, will be held at 10:45 AM on Monday, December 2, 2019 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to: The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.





Larry Law
Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 12/23/2005

Larry L Law was born on April 18, 1936. He died on December 23, 2005 at 69 years of age. We know that Larry L Law had been residing in Potterville, Eaton County, Michigan.



Shirley Law Enness
Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 12/1/1995

Shirley Kay "Squirrel" Law Enness
Birth 12 Aug 1937
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 1 Dec 1995 (aged 58)
Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Danby Cemetery
Mulliken, Ionia County, Michigan, USA



Shirley K. Enness, 58, of Mulliken, died Dec. 1, 1995, in Dimondale.
Mrs. Enness was born in Lansing, the daughter of Wilbur and Margaret (Corey) Law. She was a member of the Corn Cob Cloggers and a 15-year employee of Hudson's.
Services are Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with the Fr. Michael Kuchar officiating. Interment is in the Danby Cemetery.
Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Lawrence Dimondale Center arts and crafts fund.



James "Jim" Cleon Lyon

February 7, 1938 — January 16, 2021 (Aged 82)

James "Jim" Cleon Lyon, 82, of Coldwater passed away Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Hillsdale Medical Care Facility.

In following his wishes, cremation has taken place and a private burial will be done at Wilson Cemetery. The family was cared for by Dutcher Funeral Home.

James was born February 7, 1938 to Cleon and Rachel (Hall) Lyon in Lansing, MI. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School. James was a hardworking man. He was a district manager for Coca-Cola for 20 plus years. Jim then owned and operated Action Quick Print in Sturgis for over 20 years before selling the business. He was proud to have served his country in the Army National Guard.

James was very involved in the Coldwater community. He was a proud 50 year member of the Noon Rotary. He received an award for perfect attendance. James was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for his community service. He was also a member and Past Exalted Ruler of the Coldwater Elks. Jim enjoyed being outdoors, spending time hunting and fishing. His true joy in life was being around his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Lyon is survived by his children Denice (Arnie) Raymond of Ceresco, Jayann (Wayne Barnes) Avery of Coldwater, Teresa Bailey of Coldwater, Jim (Bonnie) Lyon of Coldwater, and Angela (Ross) Rubley of Hamilton; his sister Barbara (Al) Goodwin of Traverse City; his grandchildren Matt & Margie Avery, Shelly & Mark Niemann, Steven & Emily Lonsbury, Sarah & Brandon Sweet, Rachel & Devin Hagaman, Richard Bailey, Christina Holibough (& Justin), Janet & Darin Hale, David Bailey, Alexandra Lyon, Kaylani Rubley Josh Rubley (& Anna), and Kyler Rubley (& Mallory) and 19 great grandchildren also, his former wife Deanna Gottschalk (Jerry Murphy) of Coldwater; several nieces & nephews; and his special friends Fred McClain, Margaret Rose, the Rigot family (Wes, Connie, and Zachary), and the Warkoczski family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Gary, and son-in-law Robert (Bob) Avery.

Memorials may be directed to the Coldwater Elks Scholarship Fund, Noon Rotary Scholarship Fund or the Hillsdale Medical Care Facility Hospice Care. www.dutcherfh.com



David Laurence McCabe

October 12, 1938 — October 1, 2020 (Aged 81)

Lansing - On Thursday, October 1, 2020, David (Dave), a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away at the age of 81 surrounded by family.

Dave was born on October 12, 1938 in Lansing, MI. He grew up in the Grand Ledge area, and became a proud Air Force veteran before living in the Lansing area where he worked for General Motors for 25 years until retiring 1995. After retiring, he resided in Crystal, MI with his wife Sharon. Dave's fondest memories are with his family at the lake and taking various vacations.

He is survived by the love of his life, Sharon McCabe (Gender), brothers, James (Barbara) and William (Patricia), his children, Daniel (Polly) Boettcher, Teresa (Robert) Mayer, Lesleigh (Greg Smith) McDaniel, Eric (Jana) McCabe, Angie (Chris) Johnson, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death are his parents, Richard and Minnie McCabe and his sister Rose (George) Dunkelburg.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 4th between 9 am - 11 am at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes at 1730 E. Grand River Ave. East Lansing, MI 48823. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lansing Area Humane Society.

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Douglas L. Meister

Class of 1956

Douglas L. Meister -- Delta Mills

Douglas L. Meister, 76, passed away with the love of his family by his side on August 2, 2013. He was born December 8, 1936 in Delta Mills, MI, son of Homer and M. Onalee (Feazel) Meister. Doug was retired from MSU with 31 years of service; served in the US Army Reserve, and a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, Class of 1956. Survivors include his loving wife of 56 years, Joyce, sons Dennis (Kelly) and James (Karen); three grandsons: Ryan (Maggie), Grant (Courtney) and Evan; granddaughter, Jameson; great granddaughter Makayla, and sister Nancy Frisbie. He was predeceased by his parents and brother Donald Meister. A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, August 7, 2013 - 1:00 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with Pastor Joe Spackman of the Delta Mills United Methodist Church officiating. Inurnment at Hillside Cemetery, Delta Mills. Visitations will be from 11:00 a.m. until service time.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be given to the Eaton Community Palliative Care or the Delta Mills United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



DATE OF PASSING: 8/2/2013



Jacqueline "Jackie" Meister Sheren

Class of 1956

Birth 8 Sep 1936

Death 8 Mar 2008 (aged 71)

Burial

Delta Center Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 3/8/2008



Wanda Mesecar Guilford

Class of 1956

Birth 30 Nov 1937

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Death 1 Jun 2001 (aged 63)

Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Meadowbrook Cemetery

Mulliken, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 6/1/2001





Patsy Miller Schutt

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 11/24/2013



Patsy J. Schutt, age 75, passed away Sunday, November 24, 2013, surrounded by her loving family. Patsy was born in Lansing, the daughter of the late Donald and Helen (Whitney) Miller. She was a compassionate Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), whom served her patients for many years with Sparrow Hospital, RNICU, retiring in 1993. Patsy loved spending time and going to lunch with her friends from her high school graduating class and the Waverly "39er's". She enjoyed traveling, camping, poetry and cheering on her MSU Spartans. Most importantly, she cherished spending time with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, in 1989 and daughter, Lori, in 1985. Surviving are her children, Jeffrey (Patti) of Grayling and Wendy (Michael) Danko of Onondaga; 7 grandchildren, Krystal, J.D. and Dustin Schutt, Joshua (Martha Thelen) Blais and Amber (Jerry Jackson) Blais, Steven and Kyle Danko; 7 great grandchildren, Felecia, Lexi, J.J., Dylan, Jayleigh, Kahne and Karley; sister, Gloria Miller; special friends, Dean Headley and Mary Ellen Albright. Funeral services will be held Saturday, 12:00 noon, at the Palmer Bush and Jensen Family Funeral Homes, Delta Chapel, with Deacon Jim Corder officiating. Interment will follow at Wacousta Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Funeral Home. For those wishing memorial contributions may be made to Patsy's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Gloria Moon

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 6/8/1998

Gloria L Moon was born on April 13, 1938. She died on June 8, 1998 at 60 years of age. We know that Gloria L Moon had been residing in Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan.



Rev. Eugene B. Moore

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 12/14/2012



Rev. Eugene B. Moore, lost his courageous battle with cancer and entered eternal life on Friday, December 14, 2012 at Borgess Medical Center surrounded by his family. Gene was born March 6, 1938 in Alma, MI, the son of the late Joe and Lulu (Hinsdale) Moore. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1956 and in 1958 was united in marriage to the love of his life, Tamera (Wilcox) Moore. Gene attended Bible College in Oskaloosa, Iowa and finished his theology studies at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. He went on to become a Methodist minister pastoring several churches in Michigan until 1972 when he began working for Community Mental Health, Van Buren ISD and Child and Family Services as a therapist. For the past three years he pastored the United Methodist Church in Bloomingdale, MI.

Gene lived a full and interesting life. He loved helping others and his life was truly a ministry of service. He also loved cars and was always available to talk or work on cars and lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. He touched the lives of so many during his 74 years and he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Gene is survived by his wife of 54 years, Tammy Moore; daughter, Jennifer (Rod) Sturgis; son, Patrick Joe (Stacey) Moore; grandchildren, Carly and Kyle Parker, Riley Moore, Sydney and Haley Sturgis; sister, Roberta (Patrick) O'Toole; son-in-law, John Parker.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Tara Parker. Family will receive friends on Tuesday (December 18) 4-7 PM at the Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, 1:00 PM at the Paw Paw United Methodist Church, Rev. Joe Spackman and Rev. Cindy Parsons officiating. Per his wishes, cremation will follow funeral services and burial will be on Saturday (January 5, 2013), 1:00 PM at Maple Grove Cemetery, Mattawan. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Eleanor's Pantry in Paw Paw or the West Michigan Cancer Center. Arrangements are by the Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw. Share a memory or condolence on-line at www.adamspawpaw.com



Shirley Ann Morrow Richards

July 14, 1938 — April 6, 2022 (Aged 83)

Shirley Ann Richards, age 83, of Lansing, Michigan passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. Shirley was born July 14, 1938, the daughter of Harold and Alice Morrow. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1956 and worked as an accountant for Auto Owners for 11 years. She was a self-taught photographer and owner of Shirley Richards Photography, Framing and Matting. She enjoyed exhibiting her work at art shows and The Little Red Schoolhouse, specializing in nature and lighthouses.

Shirley was married to Howard "Bud" Richards for 33 years, until his death in 2015. Surviving are her children, Robert (Christine) Randall, Scott (Valerie) Randall, Richard Randall, and David (Nina) Randall; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; sister, Joyce (Harvey) Hoerner; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00pm on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at Gorsline-Runciman Tiffany Chapel, 3232 W. Saginaw. Visitation will be held from 5:00-8:00pm on Tuesday and 10:00am-12:00pm on Wednesday. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com



Robert Clyde Nourse

Class of 1956

Robert Clyde Nourse -- Eagle

Bob Nourse, loving father, grandfather and brother, passed away at home, on February 1, 2015. He was born November 6, 1937 in Lansing, Michigan, son of Robert and Louise (Lape) Nourse.

Bob was co-owner with his wife, Diana of Nourse Farms & Trucking. He was a member of Wacousta Community United Methodist Church. He enjoyed farming, tractors pulls, his daily coffee ritual with friends and was a huge Michigan State sports fan.

Surviving to cherish his memory are children, Robbie Cooley, Teresa (Frank) Wilkinson, Kimberly (Steve) Grass, Bobette Nourse, Susan (Leo) Heiler and David (Mary) Cooley; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; one brother, Neil Nourse of Texas; two sisters-in-law, Kathy (Rob) Havens and Cindy (Bill) Larsen; brother-in-law, Jonnie Morris; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 33 years, Diana; his parents; sisters-in-law, Sue Nourse and Barbara Morris; and grandson, Justin Tupper.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, February 5, 2015 - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Rev. Amee Paparella officiating. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be given to Grand Ledge Schools Future Farmers of America Program or Wacousta Community United Methodist Church in memory of Robert C. Nourse. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurray-funeralhome.com.



DATE OF PASSING: 2/1/2015



Helen Louise Perrott

Class of 1956

Birth 1 Aug 1938

Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

Death 3 Jun 1994 (aged 55)

Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 6/3/1994



Annette Peterson Burwell

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 1973

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Ronald G. Petersen

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 4/12/2016

Little River, South Carolina

Ronald G. Petersen, 77, of Little River, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA., due to complications following surgery. He was born August 6 1938, in Lansing, Michigan, to Albert Frank Petersen and Esther Georgia Monro.

He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1956, and Western Michigan University in 1960.

Ron was very active on campus, President of his fraternity, Delta Chi, a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, the ROTC, and President of The Men's Union Board of Student Government.

In 1962 he served as a Lieutenant Commander with Army Intelligence and Security as an Intelligence Research Officer during the Korean Conflict. He was decorated and honorably discharged from active duty in 1964.

Ron owned and operated several successful automotive dealerships in Canton, Ohio. His persistence and his deeply held work ethic was the basis of his success. He was a voracious military and history buff and lived by the Nietzsche's quote: "That which does not kill us, makes us stronger." He felt strongly about mastering your fears and because he was afraid of heights and flying he obtained his pilot's license, he also obtained more advanced licenses which allowed him to fly by instruments and in twin-engine aircraft. Ron sold his dealerships and moved to Little River in 1992 where he decided to become a real estate developer and finished completion of Lightkeepers Village and the Marina. He owned and operated Waterway Properties and Waterway Business Center. He served on the Board of Directors of the Little River Chamber and was a Paul Harris Fellow with the North Myrtle Beach Rotary. He also served on the board of several local HOA's. He enjoyed piloting his own plane, sailing on the Great Lakes and fishing in the King Mackerel tournaments on the Atlantic. He was an advanced horseman and competed in dressage and cross-country events. He enjoyed woodworking, riding his Harley and spending time with his grandchildren. Ron was a lifelong, diehard fan of University of Michigan football, the Detroit Lions and the Detroit Tigers.

Ron is survived by his daughter, Julie Beth Petersen (Stephen Babik) of Aiken, SC; his son Eric Geoffrey (Ora) Petersen



Betty Lou Philips Hankins

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 10/7/2018

Betty L. Hankins, 80, of Grand Ledge, MI passed away peacefully Sunday, October 7, 2018 at the Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. She was born March 24, 1938 and preceded in death by her parents, Loran G. and Francis Philips and her siblings, Ronald Philips, Richard Philips and June Robbennolt. Betty attended Grand Ledge High School, and was a long time employee with the State of Michigan before retiring in 1990. Betty loved quilting, going to the casinos with friends, traveling, reading and shopping, but most of all, spending time with her children and grandchildren which she adored. Betty

was a very generous and loving mother and grandmother and will be very deeply missed. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, James R. Hankins, her children, Susan (Mark) Simmer, Colleen (Mike) Stuart, Angela Hankins (Brian Roth) and James W. Hankins. Also surviving are her sister Ruth Philips, and her 6 grandchildren, Amy (Drew) Hibbard, John Simmer, Christopher Stuart, Curtis Mayes, Mallory Jones & Amanda Hankins, and 3 great-grandchildren, Dylan Hibbard, Shawn Hibbard and Jamari Jones and many loving relatives and close friends. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 1 - 3 pm at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, 301 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, MI with a meal and Celebration of Life to follow starting at 4 pm at the Masonic Lodge, 200 W. River St., Grand Ledge. Flowers or memorials are welcome, or donations can be sent in her memory to the Wounded Warrior Project or the Capital Area Human Society. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Keva Elaine Pratt Simons

DATE OF PASSING: 12/8/2018

Class of 1956

Keva Elaine Simons, 80, of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away on December 8, 2018 in Windsor Twp., Eaton Co., MI. She was born March 10, 1938 in Alma, MI, daughter of Stanley and Joyce (Porter) Pratt. Keva retired from the State of Michigan, enjoyed crafting and quilting, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband 62 years, Robert; 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 sister Eddy (Gary) Wilcox. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Bruce Pratt. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with visitation from 11:00 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc. or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research. Online condolences may be shared at www.peter-sandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Jack D. Ream

DATE OF PASSING: 1/18/2017

Class of 1956

Birth 29 Jul 1938

Death 18 Jan 2017 (aged 78)

Burial: Sarasota National Cemetery

Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida, USA



Jack D. Ream, of Sarasota, FL, died on Jan 18, 2017. Burial was held at Sarasota National Cemetery, June 28, 2017.
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Gary Reed

DATE OF PASSING: 6/26/1989

Class of 1956

Birth 28 Apr 1938 (USA)

Death 26 Jun 1989 (aged 51)

Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Rosanne Resseguie

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN

Class of 1956

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Bonnie Richard Tousignant

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Richard Robinson

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



John Delbert Rogers

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 1/4/2014

John D. Rogers -- Mulliken

John D. Rogers, age 76, died Saturday morning, January 4, 2014. Mr. Rogers was born October 21, 1937 in Charlotte, a son of Carl and Ella Jean (Cramer) Rogers. He retired from Grand Ledge Public Schools and was a former Roxand Township fireman, member of Central Michigan Parade Club and Michigan Mini Mule Pullers. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rebecca, in 1979. Surviving are two children, Sandra Rogers of Grand Ledge and Greg (Missy) Rogers of Mulliken; four grandchildren, Alex and Allison Rogers, Payton Piggott and Johnathon Baecker; his sister, Judy (Lloyd) Reed of Dimondale. A memorial visitation was held at Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken. Inurnment will be in Meadowbrook Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund, P. O. Box 10086, Toledo, OH 43699.



Marilyn Rosier

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 6/29/2012

Marilyn J. Rosier -- Lansing

Marilyn J. Rosier Lansing Age 73, passed away June 29, 2012 at her home. She was born in Eagle Twp., Clinton Co., Oct. 6, 1938 to Neil and Rosalyn (Mosby) Rosier. She retired from GTE where she worked as a secretary for 35 years. She served as secretary of the National Business Women's Association. She is survived by her mother, Rosalyn, who with love, she dedicated herself to caring for after the death of her father Neil in 1978, brother Robert (Shirley) Rosier of Lansing, 3 nieces, 1 nephew, 4 great nieces and 7 great nephews. She is also preceded in death by sister Beverly Howell. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 3, 2012, from 1p.m. until time of funeral service 2p.m. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at Chapel hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research 1820 W. Webster Avenue, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60614. Many thanks to Sparrow Home Hospice, especially Jennifer Alverson for her wonderful care and support. Online condolences can be shared at www.holihanatkin.com.



Vanya Marie Sackett Ackerson

Class of 1956

Birth 15 Mar 1938
 Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
 Death 13 Jan 1993 (aged 54)
 Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
 Burial: Danby Cemetery
 Mulliken, Ionia County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1/13/1993

Vanya M. Ackerson of Sunfield, age 54, died January 13, 1993 at a Lansing hospital. Mrs. Ackerson was born March 15, 1938 in Charlotte. She was a nurse with Dr. R.J. O'Malley in Ionia; and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church where she was active in their prayer group, was a Sunday School Teacher, and a Stephen minister. Surviving are her husband, Kenneth; her son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Cynthia Ackerson of Lake Odessa; her daughter and son-in-law, Kendra and Jay Jackson of Sunfield and her daughter, Monica Ackerson, a sophomore at Hope College; 3 grandchildren, Shawndra, Katrina and Travis Ackerson; her parents, Noble and Neva Sackett of Bradenton FL; her sister and brother-in-law, Amanda and Bryce MacDonald of Vermontville; and 2 brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Chris Sackett of Byron Center, Robert and Sue Sackett of Grand Ledge; plus the entire Ackerson family. Services 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Canal Road at St. Joe Hwy. with Rev. Leicester R. Longden officiating. Interment in Danby Cemetery. Arrangements by Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken. The family has suggested memorials to Stephens ministry or the missions, c/o Trinity United Methodist Church; envelopes are available at the Funeral Home.



Martin Robert Sands

Class of 1956

Birth 3 Apr 1938
 Rush County, Indiana, USA
 Death 3 Apr 1984 (aged 46)
 Eaton County, Michigan, USA
 Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
 Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN



Raymond G. Schafer

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 4/4/2018

Mr. Raymond G. Schafer, 79, of Bostic, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

He was the son of the late William G. Schafer and Frances J. Smith Schafer, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Matthew Lail, and a sister, Joyce Walter. Ray was a self employed sales representative and was a member of Liberty Baptist Church. He was born in Lansing, MI.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine A. Schafer; his 3 daughters, Brenda DuMond and husband Bob, of Gowen, MI, and Bonnie DeVries and husband Bob, of Greenville, MI, and Bridget Bradley and husband Mike, of Forest City; his stepdaughter, Carol Womick and husband Rob, of Forest City; his stepson, Jon Chisholm and wife Pilnyo, of Hillsborough, NC; his brother, William R. Schafer and wife Jan, of Bark River, MI; his 2 sisters, Jackie Millard of Lansing, MI, and Jolene Schafer of Gowen, MI; there are 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

The Funeral will be conducted at 3:00 pm Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Liberty Baptist Church. The Rev. Mack Tester and the Rev. Owen Duncan will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Pallbearers are Chuck Lovelace, Tobby Center, Gerald Richards, David Downey, Mike Lail, and Dick Redfoot.



The Visitation will be from 12:45 pm until 2:45 pm Saturday in the church prior to the service, the body will lie in state during the visitation hours.

Memorials may be made to Liberty Baptist Church, PO Box 1000, Ellenboro, NC 28040, or Hospice of Rutherford County, PO Box 336, Forest City, NC 28043.

Washburn & Dorsey Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.



Jim Shepard

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 2009

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Class of 1956

Birta J. Simpson Cline

June 23, 1938 — December 3, 2023 (Aged 85)

Birta J. Cline of Grand Ledge passed away on December 3, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Birta was born June 23, 1938, in Vermontville, Michigan to the late Ion LaVern and Lulu Susie (Seavolt) Simpson. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in the Class of 1956. Birta was a Bus Driver for the Grand Ledge Public Schools and was recognized as the Driver of the Year in the State of Michigan. She was a longtime faithful member of the Liberty Church. She also enjoyed crocheting, knitting and sewing. Birta was creative and artistic. She loved to tend to her beautiful flower gardens.

She is survived by her children; Gregory Lehman, Susie (Martin) Debler, Edward (Sue) Piercefield Jr. and Lisa Piercefield-Gee; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren and daughter-in-law, Michelle Lehman. Birta was preceded in death by husband, Garry Cline; sons, Michael and Bradley Lehman; granddaughter, Hunter Deyarmond, and brother, Edwin Ion Simpson.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, December 7, 2023, 1:00 PM at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Pastor Bob Beckett, officiating.

Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. There will be a luncheon at the Grand Ledge Masonic Lodge, 200 W. River Street, Grand Ledge following the committal service at the cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday at the funeral home from 5-7:00 PM. Memorial contributions in Birta's name may be given to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1640. Hagerstown, Maryland 21741

(https://donate.cancer.org/?campaign=default&lang=en&_gl=1*171r0i0*_ga*MjgxNDM2NzM3LjE2OTk5NzQ2NjY.*_ga_12CJLLFFQT*MTcwMTc4NTA5OC4yLjEuMTcwMTc4NTA5OC42MC4wLjA.&_ga=2.8989302.2103718145.1701785099-281436737.1699974666).

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



Margaret Smith Troyer

Class of 1956

Margaret A. Troyer -- Lansing

DATE OF PASSING: 1/29/2014

Margaret A. Troyer, age 73, died January 29, 2014 at her home. Margaret was born November 23, 1937 in Danby Township, Ionia County, Michigan, a daughter of Alzeo and Clara (Jessup) Smith. She was a 1956 graduate of Grand Ledge High School and worked in the insurance profession. Margaret was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and was active with the Sunfield S.P.Y.S. On October 1, 1988 she was united in marriage to Harold D. Troyer. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; her husband and her brother, Charles L. Smith. Surviving are two sisters, Mary Kleinfelt of Grand Ledge and Alice Berens of Maywood, Nebraska; her brother, R. Ben (Arlene) Smith of Lansing; several nieces and nephews. Services 11 A.M. Saturday, February 15, 2014, at Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken, with Denise Smith officiating. Interment will be in Danby Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 9 - 11 A.M. Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Sunfield S.P.Y.S.



Roger Lee Tooker

Class of 1956

Roger Lee Tooker -- Grand Ledge SFC (retired)

DATE OF PASSING: 10/5/2012



Roger Lee Tooker of Grand Ledge, MI, age 74, passed away Friday, Oct. 5, 2012 with his loving family at his side. Roger was born April 29, 1938 in Eaton Rapids, MI the son of Aubrey and Mary (Darling) Tooker and had lived in Benton Township since he was 8 years old. He was a 1956 Graduate of Grand Ledge High School, had served in the Michigan Army National Guard from 1961 until his retirement in 1998 and was a lifelong farmer. Survivors include: his loving wife of 55 years, Irene (Brock) Tooker; loving daughters, Julie (Robert) Hadley of Charlotte, Kelley (Allen) Harris of Potterville and Lori (Mark) Harris of Charlotte; beloved grandchildren, Nikki (Jeff) Schwarz, Bobbi Jo (Brent) Elliott, Jessi (Eric) Villegas, Adam (Miranda) Coburn, Zach Coburn, Jake Coburn, Joshua (Ashley) Harris and Angela (Dennis) Warren; eight great grandchildren; sisters, Judy Mascoli and Mona (Andy) Kingdon; brothers, Randal (Deborah) Tooker, Alan (Kathy) Lyon and Jerry (Janice) Lyon; sister-in-law, Susan Lyon and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: his father, Aubrey and step-mother, Etta; mother, Mary and step father, Asil Lyon; brother, Walter Lyon and brother-in-law, Jerry Mascoli. Roger loved working the farm with his dad and passed that love to his grandsons who will continue the tradition. He also loved vacations driving across the U.S. (so he could see other farms) with his wife, children, grandchildren, dad and brother Jerry. His grandchildren

and great-grandchildren were his greatest treasure. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, Oct. 8, 2012 at the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home of Charlotte with Rev. Ron Hutson officiating.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 4-6 p.m. and on Monday from 10:00 a.m. until time of services at the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may go to the Benton Township Fire Department for their Emergency Medical Services Department. www.burkhead-greenfuneralhome.com



Class of 1956

Janet Louise Twitchell Eimer

June 18, 1938 — March 15, 1982 (Aged 43)

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Plot Sec K - lot 91 - Plot 2

Memorial ID 149119966

(NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)



Class of 1956

Joyce Twitchell Kaminski

1938 — December 2, 1960 (Aged 22)

(From an Article in the Lansing State Journal December 5, 1960.)

Grand Ledge, December 5, 1960 — Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Holihan Funeral Home here for Dian Mae Stinebower, 18, of Grand Ledge, who was killed Friday evening in an accident on the Indiana toll road.

Also killed in the accident was Mrs. Ted Kaminski, 22, of Chicago, formerly of Wacousta, MI.

Gary Twitchell, 19, of Wacousta, was in Community Hospital, LaPorte, Indiana with broken ribs, cuts and bruises received in the two-car crash.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday in Chicago for Mrs. Kaminski.

Toll road police at Osceola, Indiana, said the accident occurred 12 miles east of LaPorte when a car driven by Mrs. Kaminski attempted to pass another west-bound car driven by Andrea Scala, 19, of Oak Park, Illinois.

Officers said Mrs. Kaminski lost control and went onto a blacktop emergency inside lane. She pulled back onto the turnpike and struck the car she was attempting to pass, they said,

Miss Stinebower, who was pronounced dead at the scene, and Mrs. Kaminski were thrown from the car.

They said Miss Stinebower suffered shock and multiple fractures, including broken ribs, a fractured wrist, and upper fractures to both arms.

Mrs. Kaminski, who died en route to the hospital, received a broken neck, fractured skull, and severe cuts to her entire body.

Twitchell, who was riding in the back seat, was thrown to the floor but remained in the car.

The Oak Park driver was not injured, toll road police said.

Mrs. Kaminski, the former Joyce Twitchell, had been visiting a twin sister, Mrs. James (Janet) Eimer of Grand Ledge who recently gave birth to a baby.

Mrs. Kaminski was being returned to Chicago by her brother, Gary, and his fiancée, Miss Stinebower.

Mrs. Kaminski was a 1956 graduate of Grand Ledge High School.

Miss Stinebower, a 1960 Grand Ledge High School graduate, had been employed at the Farm Bureau offices in Lansing since graduation. She was a member of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the First Methodist Church of Grand Ledge.

Miss Stinebower is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stinebower of Grand Ledge; a sister, Suzan; a grandmother, Mrs. Majel Stinebower, also of Grand Ledge, and a step-grandmother, Mrs. Lou Brace of Lansing.

In addition to her husband, injured brother and twin sister, Mrs. Kaminski's survivors include two other brothers, Gale and Jim, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Twitchell, all of Wacousta.



Ronald E. VanDriesen

Class of 1956

Birth 19 Aug 1938

Death 15 Jul 1965 (aged 26)

Burial

North Eagle Cemetery

Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 7/15/1965





Raymond Ward

Class of 1956

DATE OF PASSING: 1996

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.