



THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1957

Mary Alyce ANSLEY Strieter (2016 — 9/19/2016)
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Loyal Austin (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
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Karl Enness (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
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Shirley L. LANDON Johnson (2023 -- 2/19/2023)
Donald Lawther (2014 — 11/5/2014)
Aleita Leslie (2014 — 8/9/2014)
Sandra MINGUS Baker (1997 — 3/29/1997)
Keith Morrill (2017 — 5/15/2017)
Wayne Morris (1986 — 6/2/1986)
Pamela MUMFORD Lochrie (2017 — 8/3/2017)

Barbara Parker (1999 — 6/21/1999)
Mary Ellen PARKER Pearl (2008 — 10/13/2008)
Joyce Patten (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Lee Robert Pitchford (2020 -- 11/16/2020)
Gordon Plunkett (2002 — 4/5/2002)
Robert "Bob" Porter (2023 -- 6/24/2023)
Ronald Reed (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
James Robinson (1992 — 7/25/1992)
Larry Lewis Rogers (2019 -- 10/20/2019)
Harriet Elizabeth SPICER Smith (2022 -- 7/31/2022)
Stanley Stump (2024 -- 1/25/2024)
Mary Jane SWANSON Northrup (2017 — 12/25/2017)
Sue Ellen SWINT Shepard (1991 — 6/16/1991)
Sharon SWIX Catey (2017 — 12/10/2017)
Dennis Tegels (2006 — 1/20/2006)
Ronald Theodorski (2009 — 3/13/2009)
Donna Jean Tiedt (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Joseph Tolliver (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Jerolyn VANDERMOERE Johnson (2017 — 1/2/2017)
Kenneth VanSloten (1994 — 10/13/1994)
Jerry Dean Waldrop (2019 -- 9/25/2019)
Kenneth Elmer Walsh (2012 -- 6/21/2021)
Robert Wayne Watson, Sr. (2020 -- 11/26/2020)
Carl Wonser (2000 — 3/31/2000)



Mary Alyce Ansley Strieter

DATE OF PASSING: 9/19/2016

Class of 1957

Indian River, MI

Mary Alyce "Ansley" Strieter, artist, counselor, wife, mother, grandmother and forever true friend passed away blissfully on September 19, 2016 at the Hiland Cottage of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay in Petoskey. She was born December 29, 1939 in Lansing, Michigan to Dorothy (Bester) of Harbor Springs, Michigan and Cecil Ansley of Reading, Ohio. Mary grew up on a 40 acre farm near Wacusta, Michigan and graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1957. Then in 1959, she met the love of her life and best friend, beloved husband Keith J. Strieter and married in 1960 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lansing, Michigan. Due to Mary's husband career at General Motors the family was able to reside in Antwerp Belgium for a period of time then returned to the states and resided in Shelby Township, Michigan till 1990, when Keith retired. They then spent time in Kansas City, Missouri before retiring in Harbor Springs Michigan.



Mary is the proud mother of four children, Johann Christ 1961, Teresa Ann 1964, Mary Louise 1967, and Susanne Elizabeth who was nurtured in at age 17 in 1986.

Mary Alyce attended college later in life and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1981 with a Bachelors in Religious Education and a minor in psychology from St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, Michigan. She then worked in religious education for the Archdiocese of Detroit. She returned to college in 1987 and acquired a Master of Arts degree in guidance and counselling from Oakland University in 1989. She worked as a professional licensed counselor working in substance abuse inpatient and then

moved to Harbor Springs, Michigan and worked at Northern Michigan Community Mental Health where she learned she had a gift for positively impacting troubled children. Mary retired in 2002.

Throughout her life, Mary was a gifted artist. She was extremely creative and talented with her sewing, knitting, crocheting, painting, quilting and jewelry making. Creating some of the most beautiful, blankets, sweaters, gloves, scarves and hats. Her quilts and paintings will be treasured family heirlooms for at least the next century. She was rarely seen without some project or book in her hands.

She will always be remembered as the fun Mom and Grandmother who made everyone smile. She had a way of making those in her life feel very special and loved unconditionally.

Mary is predeceased by Johann's wife Pamela Ann and survived by her husband Keith, their 4 children, Johann, Teresa, Mary, and Susanne, Susanne's husband Roger, 9 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, 1 Hiland Drive, Petoskey, Michigan, 49770.

A memorial life celebration for Mary Alyce Strieter's was held on Sunday, October 2nd, 2016 at Transfiguration Episcopal Church in Indian River.



Douglas Roscoe Atwell

DATE OF PASSING: 4/4/1997

Class of 1957

Birth 16 Jan 1939
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 4 Apr 1997 (aged 58)
Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA





Loyal Austin

Class of 1957

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Richard C. Becker

Class of 1957

DATE OF PASSING: 2/15/2018

In memory of Richard C. Becker, class of 1957, who passed away on February 15, 2018, at the age of 78.

Goodlettsville, TN - Richard C. Becker, age 78, passed away February 15, 2018. Preceded in death by parents Harold and Mable Becker; and brother James Becker.

Survived by wife Barbara M. Becker; children Christopher Becker, Lorene Becker, Ron Morris (Andrea), and Perry Morris (Ginger); grandchildren Peyton, Katelyn, Sesley, Chase, and Mary; many great-grandchildren; and brother William (Sue) Becker.

Richard retired from the federal government after 27 years with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather with wisdom beyond his years.

A celebration of Life was held on Monday, February 19, 2018. The family received friends on Sunday, February 18, 2018, one hour before the service at Forest Lawn Funeral Home.



Class of 1957

Sharon Ann Beckwith Marsh

May 18, 1939 — July 31, 2022 (Aged 83)

Sharon Ann Marsh, 83, of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away on July 31, 2022. Sharon was born on May 18, 1939, the daughter of William and Arlene (Dixon) Beckwith. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1957, graduated from Lansing Business University in 1964, and retired from the State of Michigan after 30 years. Sharon enjoyed traveling in the motorhome with her husband, Glenn, and loved being around her family.

Sharon is survived by her sister's-in-law Judy Beckwith and Joanne (Michael) Hansen; several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Glenn Marsh, daughter Karen Roberts, brothers: Bill Beckwith, James Beckwith, and Dennis Beckwith.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 5, 2022, at the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge with a visitation one hour prior to the service; interment to follow at Union Cemetery, Oneida Twp., Grand Ledge. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to GLEAP in loving memory of Sharon

Marsh. The family has entrusted arrangements to Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be shared at www.millsfuneral.com.





Gerald K. Berner

DATE OF PASSING: 3/16/2017

Class of 1957

Gerald K. Berner, 77 of Nashville, Arkansas passed away on Thursday, March 16, 2017 in Nashville, Arkansas. He was born on October 11, 1939 the son of the late Karl and Orma Thornbury Berner.

Mr. Berner was a Major in the United States Air Force, a member of the Howard Emergency Amateur Radio Club. He attended the First United Methodist Church in Nashville, and truly loved remote control airplanes.

Survivors include his wife Claudia Hayhurst Berner, children and spouses Kris (Don) Hagwell, Kevin (Kimmie) Berner, Ellen (Steven) Pitt, Tabitha McMickle, Cynthia (Will) Jackson. Eleven grandsons Sean Hagwell, Cory Hagwell, William Berner, Alex Berner, Justin Russell, Charles Frantz, Robert Frantz, Chesli Jackson, Scott Shamrock, Brandon Shamrock, Alec Jackson. Six granddaughters Miranda Berner, Kayla Pitt, Lacy Pitt, Stephanie Dusza, Angela Rowe, and Jessica Moore. Three great-granddaughters Mylie Hagwell, Kynadie Shamrock, and Kinsley Simmons. As well as three brothers James (Sharon) Berner, Richard Berner, and Roger Berner.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Benevolence Fund at the First United Methodist Church in Nashville. Cremation services are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.



Marilyn Beuhler

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN

Class of 1957

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Colleen "Brooks" Shoemaker

DATE OF PASSING: 1/29/2018

Class of 1957

In memory of Colleen "Brooks" Shoemaker class of 1957, who passed away at the age of 78.

Colleen "Brooks" Shoemaker 78 of Lake Suzy, Florida, passed away comfortably on Monday January 29, 2018, at Tidewell Hospice House after a terminal battle with the flu. Born on May 9, 1939 and raised in the Lansing, Michigan area by her late parents Virgil and Logie Brooks. She began her earlier years in Lansing, Mulliken, Grand Ledge and St Johns, Michigan. She lived in Mooresville Indiana for a couple of years and then move to the mountains areas of Christiansburg, Blacksburg and Salem, VA for the next 40 years. She moved to Cary, NC in 2010 to be closer to their 2 son's and grandchildren. They bought a home in the Lake Suzy FL area in 1997 and moved there permanently in 2015.



Colleen will be sadly missed by her beloved husband Jerry of 60 years and their 2 sons; James of Kernersville NC and Bruce of Chapel Hill, NC. Her grandchildren, Madeline, Anna, Whitney, Hunter, Ryan, Zachary, and Brady. Her Brother Bill Brooks and wife Susie of Grand Ledge Mi. and Sister Ginny Price and husband Ron of St Charles, Mo. and brother in-law Gail Shoemaker and wife Marty of Grand Ledge, Mi. and sister in- law Gloria Tucker and husband Richard of Clare, Michigan.

She was proceeded in death by her son Steven of Salem, Va. in 2007. Colleen sang with her father's band in the Lansing area and in the Grand Ledge Choir while in High School. She also made records of her favorite songs being "Roll on Mississippi", "Mackinaw Waltz" and "I'd love to call you My Sweetheart".

After High School Colleen worked at the Michigan State University and Attorney's Division for the State of Michigan. While living in Virginia and getting the kids off to school, she became a Free Lance Court Reporter in Southwest Virginia. While in Blacksburg VA she served several years on a 5 person board awarding Presidential Scholarship for George Mason University. Colleen was an avid tennis player and played up to one week of her passing. Over the last few years she has cut down on her tennis but was still active 2 times a week at the Charlotte Yacht Club. Over her life time she won several awards for her tennis accomplishments in local tournaments. She loved to play scrabble, placing 3rd in her first sanctioned scrabble player tournament in the Great Smokey Mountains back in 1989 and was involved in several Regional tournaments in Atlanta since then. She practiced her skills daily at the Bug Café internet scrabble site. Colleen and her husband Jerry were regular bridge players and enjoyed playing with friends at the Charlotte Yacht Club and Cultural Center.

The Family wishes to extend special thanks to nurses Edith, Glo and Technician Jen in the Intensive care unit at Fawcett Hospital in Port Charlotte and the Nursing Staff at the Tidewell Hospice Center in Venice.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to your local Tidewell Hospice Center.



Larry B. Chapman

DATE OF PASSING: 7/9/2009

Class of 1957

Larry B. Chapman -- Grand Ledge

Our loving and devoted husband, dad and grandfather passed away July 9, 2009 at the age of 70. He was born January 25, 1939 in Lansing, MI, son of the late Burton and Phyllis (Newth) Chapman. Larry loved the outdoors; was a NASCAR fan, and enjoyed spending time with his family and dog, Abby. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 50 years, Kathy and their two daughters, Kim (Pratap) Rajadhyaksha of Powell, OH and Kelli (Don) Ruthruff of Lansing; grandchildren: Nicki, Jennifer and Brandon; sister, Kathleen (Bob) Carter of Grand Ledge and brother-in-law, Jack (Dottie) Thompson

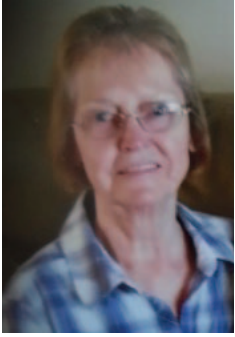
of Lansing. Private family services will be held. For those who wish to express their condolences through giving a donation in memory of Larry Chapman, may do so to the Children's Miracle Network, Sparrow Regional Children's Center, P.O. Box 30480, Lansing, MI 48909 (payable to Sparrow Hospital). The family is being served by the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be made at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Maralyn Grace Corey Edgecomb

May 6, 1938 — February 1, 2022 (Aged 83)

Maralyn Grace Corey Edgecomb of Grand Ledge, 83, passed away on February 1, 2022. A private graveside service will be held. Maralyn will be laid to rest at North Eagle Cemetery. The family has entrusted arrangements to Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge.



Kenneth E. Craig

Class of 1957

DATE OF PASSING: 4/22/2011

Kenneth E. Craig, 72, of Albuquerque, NM, died Friday, April 22, 2011. He was born February 28, 1939 in Lansing, Michigan, graduated from high school in Grand Ledge, MI. Ken spent four years in the US Navy; six years in the Lansing Police Dept. before becoming an insurance salesman and moving to NM. He loved to hunt and fish.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Park and Linda Craig. Survivors include sons, Brian Craig, Corrales, NM, Todd Craig, Albuquerque, NM; daughters, Linda Hamblin, Edgewood, NM and Diane Lawver, Milan, IL; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. .



Lynne Dankenbring

Class of 1957

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Michael Dankenbring

Class of 1957

DATE OF PASSING: 8/25/2009

Michael "Big Mike" Dankenbring, 72, of Kalkaska, passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born on August 7, 1937 in Mulliken, he is the son of the late Henry and Dorothy (Rogers) Dankenbring. Mike was a veteran serving our country in the National Guard. He married Colleen K. Harris on June 22, 1957 in Lansing. Together they raised their family in Lansing until 1977 and moved to Kalkaska. Mike retired from Kraft House in 2002 after working for 18 years. He wasn't happy unless he was working, hunting, fishing or spending time with his family.

Mike was known as the "Bear Lake Handyman" because of his willingness to help and serve others. Surviving Mike is his wife, Colleen of 52 years; his children, Kathryn E. (Marc) Cook of Grand Ledge, Kent C. (Pamela) Dankenbring of St. James, Florida, Kary M. (Tammy) Dankenbring of Cedar Springs; 6 grandchildren; and his brother, Terry (Nancy) Dankenbring of Grand Ledge.

Preceding Mike in death were his sisters, Lynne and Sally. A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, August 28th at 1:00 pm with visitation from 11-1 at the Bear Lake Christian Church with Pastor David Rosenberg officiating. Memorials may be given in behalf of Mike to the American Cancer Society or Munson Hospice. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.



Joan Alice Deppa, Ph.D.

February 21, 1939 — November 17, 2021 (Aged 82)

Joan Alice Deppa, Ph.D. 82, journalist, author, and longtime professor at Syracuse University, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at her home in DeWitt, New York.

Born on February 21, 1939, in Lansing, Michigan, to Dr. Woodrow A. Deppa and Helen E. (Mayes) Deppa, Joan (or as her family called her, Jo) decided when she was 18 years old that she would not live a boring life. The life she led was fascinating and anything but boring.

Upon graduating from Michigan State University with an undergraduate degree in journalism, Joan spent 16 years as a newspaper and wire service journalist, including seven years in Europe as a correspondent and editor for United Press International. As a woman in what was, at the time, a highly male-dominated profession, Joan endured her share of sexism and unfair treatment, but embraced her role as a trailblazer. On assignments all over Europe, Joan covered everything from Parisian fashion shows to the Arab-Israeli war. According to an article in the University of Syracuse newspaper *The Daily Orange*, Joan's UPI assignments included interviewing Prince Rainier of Monaco, covering student riots on the Riviera, and profiling an American expatriate who hid French revolutionists in her chateau after the German invasion of World War II. Joan was also one of the first women journalists to cover the Olympic games; at the 1968 Winter Games in Grenoble, France, she was invited to join the U.S. Olympic luge team for a ride on their sled (an offer she respectfully declined).



After returning to the United States, Joan became an assistant professor of journalism in the School of Mass Communications at Virginia Commonwealth University, where one of her students recalled that she kept a cobblestone from the Paris riots of 1968 on her desk. Joan earned her Ph.D. in journalism from Michigan State University in 1981 and went on to join the faculty of Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications in 1984. There, she taught courses in news writing, reporting, critical perspective on news, communicating with computers, electronic publishing, and computer-assisted investigative reporting. An early adopter of technology and its use in the journalistic process, Joan helped establish the Newhouse School's first computer lab. She retired from the Newhouse School in 2015 after 31 years. In her academic career, Joan mentored and influenced scores of journalists whose ranks include Pulitzer Prize winners.

Joan was principal author of the 1994 book, "The Media and Disasters: Pan Am 103", which chronicled the 1988 bombing and crash of Pan Am Flight 103 in Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people, including 35 Syracuse University students returning home from a study abroad program. Written with three of her colleagues in the Newhouse School, this seminal work examined media coverage of the event in the context of the increasingly powerful role of the media and its effect on the journalistic process. Joan's research and expertise subsequently expanded to encompass issues related to journalistic and media ethics. She was frequently asked to comment on media coverage of domestic and international catastrophic and terrorist events, including the coverage surrounding September 11, 2001.

Among Joan's teaching passions was grammar, having learned its importance early in her journalism career. Her class "Practical Grammar for Public Communications" — known affectionately by Newhouse School students as "Grammar Slammer" — incorporated interactive computer lessons and slide shows punctuated with her quirky sense of humor. She was known for bringing her beloved Airedale terrier Lolly (short for Lollipop) to the Syracuse campus and often included Lolly in video presentations to help teach grammar concepts that students had trouble grasping. After retiring from Syracuse University, Joan worked on developing an interactive grammar textbook.

According to Joan's profile on the Newhouse School website, she enjoyed "long walks in the woods, reading mysteries, and exploring cool websites." The anchor of Joan's life was the land her family owned in Charlevoix County near the village of Boyne Falls in northwest Michigan. The land encompasses a small river and cedar swamp, a red pine plantation, open meadow, and hardwood trees. Joan's parents raised Christmas trees and kept horses there while she was growing up, and family would visit from far and wide during summer vacations. The family referred to a cabin at the top of the hill as the House of the Three Bears, and in 1998 when Joan's father and stepmother, Woodrow and EvaBelle, donated a parcel of the land to the Little Traverse Conservancy, it was named the Three Bears Mountain Preserve. For as long as she was able to travel, Joan would return each year to relax, unwind, and write.

Joan was a longtime active member of Park Central Presbyterian Church. The care of Joan in her final years by the church's pastoral team and by her neighbors was invaluable and greatly appreciated by her family.

Joan is survived by a son, Chris Taggart, and grandchild, Marie Taggart, both of London, United Kingdom; brothers, Jerold Deppa of Sitka, Alaska, and James Eddy (Judy) of Grandville, Michigan; brothers-in-law and many cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and former students, all of whom were dear to her, and who will miss her dearly.

In addition to her parents Woodrow and Helen, and her stepmother, EvaBelle, Joan was preceded in death by two sisters, Janet Deppa Schultz (Robert) and Julia Deppa Hosley (Thomas).

A memorial service will be held for Joan at 11 AM on Saturday, December 11, at Park Central Presbyterian Church, 504 E. Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13202. The service will be live-streamed. There will be a reception following the service, if covid restrictions allow.



William (Bill) Benson Dobson

DATE OF PASSING: 12/7/2017

Class of 1957

In memory of William (Bill) Dobson, class of 1957, who passed away on December 7, 2017, at the age of 78.

William (Bill) Benson Dobson, 78, of Gainesville, Georgia, passed away, Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Bell Minor Nursing home.

Bill's cremated remains will be interred at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Ga. at 12:30 pm December 21, 2017. Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Northeast Medical Center or Bell Minor Nursing Home.

Bill was born June 10, 1939 in Algonsee Township, Michigan to Alton and Virginia (Stafford) Dobson. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1957 and Bachelors of Science from the University of South Florida in 1980. On July 4, 1959 he married the former Judith Ann Sironen in Saint Petersburg, Florida. Bill retired from the Navy as a Chief Warrant Officer Rank CW02 which was quite an achievement by advancing through the enlisted ranks over 22 years. Bill also retired from the post office as a mail carrier after 20 years. Bill enjoyed fishing, bowling, reading, and spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.



Bill is survived by his wife Judith Dobson of Gainesville, GA and three children, Robert William Dobson and his wife Barbara of Gainesville, GA, Renee Lynne Gard and her Husband Errol of Clearwater, FL, and Robin Louise Malek and her Husband Steve of Frasier, MI. Four grandchildren: Michella 31 and Johnny 29, of Robert and Barbara Dobson Gainesville, Eric 32, of Renee and Errol Gard Clearwater, FL; Chelsea 27, of Robin and Colin Fewkes. Six great grandchildren: Cole 8 (Michella Newman), Sophia 7 (Eric Gard), Hailee 7 (Chelsea Bennett), Elizabeth 5 (John Dobson), Hollie 4 (Chelsea Bennett), William 2 (John Dobson)

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alton and Virginia (Stafford) Dobson, his two brothers Gene and Larry, and his sister Mary Ellen Pfingsten.



Jon Michael Doty

DATE OF PASSING: 8/3/2008

Class of 1957

Jon Michael Doty -- Lakeland, FL

Jon Michael Doty, 69, died of lung cancer on August 3, 2008 surrounded by his family. Born in Lansing, Michigan in 1939, Mike grew up in Grand Ledge with his parents, Lloyd and Jean, and lived there until 1958 when he joined the Air Force. His 22-year military career would take him across the globe to Okinawa and Japan where he and his wife, Debbie, spent most of their years. In 1979, Mike retired from the Air Force, spending the next 20 years working for the State of Florida in social service.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie, his daughters Donna, Lora, Brenda and Tina, and his 8 grandchildren. Services will be held at Ott-Laughlin Funeral Home in Auburndale on Thursday. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Good Shepherd Hospice of Lakeland.



Robert Doty

Class of 1957

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN



Donna Driscoll Shoemaker

Class of 1957

Donna Ann Shoemaker, age 72 of Flint, died Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the McLaren Regional Medical Center. Funeral Services will be 1:00 P.M. Thursday, March 18, 2010 at the Brown Funeral Home, 1480 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI. Pastor Edward Emmerling officiating. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from Noon to 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Donna was born January 6, 1938 in Grand Ledge, MI to parents Clarence and Marjorie (Putney) Driscoll.

She is survived by husband LeRoy; children Tony (Teresa) Shoemaker of Swartz Creek, MI, Todd (Dianna) Shoemaker of Castle Rock, CO, Tonya Shoemaker of Midland, MI; 9 grandchildren Paul (Brandy), Thomas (Jessica), Madison, Casey, Jordan, Apollo, Artemis (Samantha), Atom, Alexander; 2 great-grandchildren Kadin and Atticus; 2 sisters; 2 brothers. Preceded in death by one sister. Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. Condolences may be left on-line at www.brownfh.com

DATE OF PASSING: 3/13/2010



Gerald Wayne Dukes

Class of 1957

Birth 16 Apr 1938
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 16 Nov 1998 (aged 60)
Delta Township, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 11/16/1998



Judy Durham

Class of 1957

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN



John Bischman Durst

Class of 1957

Birth 6 Jan 1939
Death 20 Jul 1992 (aged 53)
Burial: Pioneer Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 7/20/1992



Howard M. Eastman

Class of 1957

Howard M. Eastman, 79, of Sunfield, Michigan passed away Saturday, July 28, 2018 at home under the care of Sparrow Hospice with his wife at his side.

The son of Lennis and Helen (Everett) Eastman, he was born February 28, 1939 in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Howard joined the Air Force in October 1959. Over the next several years, he was stationed in several different stateside locations, Newfoundland and Woomera, South Australia. He retired on September 30, 1980 in Denver, CO as a Master Sergeant after serving 21 years. After retirement, he worked for Aerojet Corporation for 12 years. Finally retiring in Sunfield, MI in 1991.

In his younger years, he loved to go fishing in every type of environment including ice fishing when he was stationed in Duluth, Minnesota. He enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved to help out other people and became a member of the Lion's Club where he volunteered his time helping the community.

Preceding him in death are his dad, Lennis Eastman; mother, Helen Eastman, two brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Eastman; Brother, David Eastman; Children, Tim Eastman, Tina (Mike) Brushel, and Kim Eastman; Step Children, Jerry (Chris) Eastman, Mark Eastman and Tami (Cory) Jones; fourteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Honoring his wishes, cremation has taken place. Instead of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to the Alzheimer's Association in Howard's name.

Committal services with full military honors will take place at 10 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2018 at Fort Custer National Cemetery, 15501 Dickman Road, Augusta, 49012.

To send a message of sympathy to the family sign Howard's online guest book, or to share a favorite memory, please visit: www.MichiganCremation.com

Arrangements are entrusted to Michigan Cremation & Funeral Care, Grand Rapids. Exclusive provider of Veterans Funeral Care.

DATE OF PASSING: 7/28/2018



Karl Enness

Class of 1957

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN



John Faggion

Class of 1957

John J. Faggion -- Lansing

DATE OF PASSING: 8/3/2006

John J. Faggion, age 68, passed away Thursday, August 3, 2006. John was born May 24, 1938 in Lansing, the son of Andrew and Laura (Sherman) Faggion. He retired from General Motors in 2000 after 35 years of service and was a member of U.A.W. Local 652. John was a 15 year member, supporter and sponsor with Alcoholics Anonymous. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley. Surviving are his children, Cindy (Doug) Spiece, Susan (Martin) Hamilton, Elizabeth (Napolean) Martinez and Anthony Faggion; 8 grandchildren, Nicole, Brandy, Rachael, Lee, Camron, Calvin, Ashlee and Jessica; 2 great grandchildren, Timothy James Faggion and Jeanette Marie Grimes; sister, Theresa Kinnane. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, 10:00 a.m. at Palmer, Bush and Jensen Family Funeral Homes, Delta Chapel, with Vince Kuntz officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Delta Twp. The family will receive friends Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the Funeral Home. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to AA in memory of John.



Class of 1957

Lois Irene Finney Gage

June 9, 1939 — December 9, 2023 (Aged 84)

Lois Irene Gage, a spirited soul known for her creative flair and generous heart, passed away to be with the Lord on December 9th, 2023, at the age of 84. Born on June 9th, 1939, in Eagle, Michigan, Lois was a beacon of light and joy to all who knew her. She departed from this world in Lansing, Michigan, leaving behind a legacy of love, music, and enduring faith.

Lois grew up in the warm embrace of her family in Michigan. She was a proud graduate of Grand Ledge High School, class of 1958, and furthered her education at Michigan State University, where she honed her skills and passion for helping others. As a dedicated Executive Assistant to the Dean at Michigan State University, Lois touched the lives of countless individuals with her expertise and compassion.

Family was the cornerstone of Lois's life. She was a loving mother to Cheryl (Johnathan) Baker, Christine (Mike) Lasher, and Scott (Lori) Gage. Her role as a grandmother and great-grandmother brought her immeasurable joy, as she cherished every moment with her grandchildren Heather (Clint), Michael (Jackie), Christopher, Jackie,



Matthew, Carly, and Christian, and her great-grandchildren Aubrie, Arianna, Jack, Sophie, and Charlotte. Lois's love extended to her brothers, Lysle (Bonnie) Finney and Alvin (Betty) Finney, who will miss her deeply.

Beyond her professional and family life, Lois's passion for music was unparalleled. She was a regular performer at Bob's Barn Jamborees in Lake Odessa, where she played her heart out for all those who appreciated the twang of a guitar and the honesty of a country song. Her love for loud music was infectious, and she brought the gift of melody to the elderly in nursing homes and other venues, spreading cheer and tapping into the healing power of music, she even earned a Life Time Achievement award from the Michigan Hall of Fame of Country Music.

Lois Irene Gage's journey on earth has ended, but her story will continue to be told through the lives of those she touched. Her legacy is one of love, music, and unwavering faith—a melody that will play on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were graced by her presence. As we bid her farewell, we take solace in knowing that her spirit remains with us, guiding us with the light of her memory and the harmony of her life's song.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, December 15, 2023 11:00 a.m. at Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, 301 E. Jefferson St, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 with a visitation one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in loving memory of Lois Gage to the Grand Ledge High School Music Program, 820 Spring St, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The family has entrusted arrangements to Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. For online condolences please visit www.millsfuneral.com



Robert L. Godfrey

Class of 1957

Robert L. Godfrey -- Eagle

DATE OF PASSING: 7/10/2008

Robert L. Godfrey, age 69, born June 7, 1939 in Grand Ledge, MI, passed away July 10, 2008 in Lansing, MI. Robert was a retired Tool & Die Maker for General Motors and a former Clay Products employee. He enjoyed fishing, traveling and especially his family. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Beverly; sons, Michael R. of Sunfield and Tony L. of Portland; 1 sister, Betty (Jack) Huss of Tampa, FL; sister-in-law, Patricia Nickel of Grand Ledge; many nieces and nephews; and was predeceased by his parents, Homer and Angeline (McDiarmid) Godfrey. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 15, 2008 - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at Union Cemetery, Oneida Township, Eaton County. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday 5-8 p.m. For those desiring, contributions may be made to the Clinton County Hospice. www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Sally Kaye HAYES Culy

1939 — December 20, 2019 (Aged 80)

Sally Kaye Hayes Culy, age 80 of Mt. Pleasant, passed away Friday December 20, 2019, in Mt. Pleasant. She was born 1939 the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leon Hayes.

Sally is survived by one daughter, Amy Sue Cantrell of Mt. Pleasant; 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, Kyris, Camden and Jaedyn.

Sally was preceded in death by her husband Rodney D. Culy after 53 year of marriage on March 23, 2012, by her parents, and one son Blaine William Culy.

According to Sally's daughter no services are planned at this time.

A celebration of Sally's life will be held at a date in the Spring or Summer of 2020.



Jill Carolyn Hockenberry

June 20, 1939 — September 25, 2021 (Aged 82)

Jill Carolyn Hockenberry of Grand Ledge passed away on September 25, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Jill was born June 20, 1939 in Lansing, Michigan to the late William and Myrtle (North) Hockenberry. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1957 and worked as an Administrative Assistant for the Michigan Pharmacist Association. Jill's passion was flower gardening and enjoyed playing bluegrass on her banjo.

She is survived by her sons, Anthony and Joseph Kenney; sisters, Vicki Hunter and Ruth "Diane" Highfill; nieces and nephews, Andrea (Jeffrey) Overweg, Zachary (Tara) Hunter, Eric and Rebecca

Highfill. Jill was preceded in death by nephew, William "Jay" Highfill.

A private memorial service will be held. Memorial contributions in Jill's name may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906

(<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=cahsad&id=23>).

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



Michael M. "Mike" Jones

DATE OF PASSING: 10/26/2013

Class of 1957

Michael M. "Mike" Jones, 74, of Fort Payne, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013, at his home.

Mr. Jones was born in Grand Ledge, Mich., on Sept. 22, 1939, to Robert and Anna Mae Dillely Jones. He retired from the U.S. Navy after serving his country for more than 20 years and was a member of Second Baptist Church in Fort Payne.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Mary Jones; sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip and Wendy Jones and Andrew and Sabrina Jones; daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Ryan Weaver and Tammy and Neil Roden; brother, Bob Jones; sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathy and Dick Jones and Polly and Elmer Cady; and grandchildren, Anna Jones, Alisha Jones, Emma Jones, Audrey Jones, Tyler Thacker, Taylor Roden and Logan Roden.

Funeral services will begin at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, at the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Payne with the Rev. Barry Godwin and Dr. John Screws officiating. Burial will follow in the Fischer Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Second Baptist Church of Fort Payne.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.



Joyce Marlo Kloepfer Rogers

DATE OF PASSING: 3/10/1990

Class of 1957

Birth 1 Jun 1939

Death 10 Mar 1990 (aged 50)

Burial: Maple Hill Cemetery
Cadillac, Wexford County, Michigan, USA



Sharon K. Kruger Vaudry

DATE OF PASSING: 12/29/2018

Class of 1957

Sharon Kay Vaudry of Galena, Maryland,

Passed away December 29, 2018, at the age of 78. Sharon was born in Lansing, MI on September 4, 1940, the daughter of Kenneth and Elaine (Kebler) Kruger. She like to garden and was passionate about reading as she received two Master's Degrees. Sharon was a teacher for over 50 years, helping and caring for children like they were her own.

Sharon is survived by her sister Barbara (Brian) Horton, niece Kimberly Horton, nephews Bradley (Michelle) and Kevin Horton, great nephews Carter and Carson Horton; Geneva Wiskeman, several cousins and many special friends on the East Coast. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, January 7, 2019 at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with interment to follow at North Eagle Cemetery, Eagle Twp., Clinton County. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Capital Area Humane Society or American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at www.petersandmurrayfh.com





Class of 1957

Shirley L. Landon Johnson

May 14, 1939 — February 19, 2023 (Aged 83)



Shirley L. Landon Johnson, of Grand Ledge, formerly of Kalamazoo, went to be with her Lord and Savior on February 19, 2023 with her loving family by her side. Shirley was born May 14, 1939 in Grand Ledge to the late William and Laura (Durham) Landon. Shirley graduated from Grand Ledge High School in the Class of 1957. She then attended nursing school through Western Michigan University and Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, where she graduated in 1960. She was an RN for 5 years, until she became a stay-at-home mom raising her two children. Shirley had a heart for young people and was called into children's ministry for most of her adult life. She was a member of the Nazarene church and during that time, she shared the love of Jesus with children through her teaching in children's church, vacation bible school, Bible quizzing and Christmas musicals. At home, Shirley enjoyed cooking, gardening, reading and keeping up on current events. She is survived by her husband of over 58 years, Wayne; daughter, Laura Johnson; son, Steffen Johnson; brother, Gary Landon and sister-in-law, Janis Landon. Shirley was preceded in death by brother, Douglas Landon

and her sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Norm Rust. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 11, 2023, 11:00 AM at the Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene. Visitation will be at the church Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Memorial contributions in Shirley's name may be given to the Jesus Film Project or the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com



Donald Lawther

DATE OF PASSING: 11/5/2014

Class of 1957

Donald Lawther, born May 19, 1939, passed away peacefully, November 5, 2014 surrounded by his loving wife of 45 years Jane and his 5 loving children. Donald was preceded in death by; his parents, Charles Fleming Lawther and Mary Sackett Lawther, grandson Matthew Dexter and sisters Anne Sorrelle and Alice Hayward. Donald graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1957 where he was very active in sports, basketball, baseball and football. Donald graduated from Michigan State University in 1964. Donald owned and operated Brookfield Shell gas station in East Lansing, Michigan for over 30 years before retiring. In his retirement Donald loved to build and remodel homes, as well as traveling, water skiing, spending time on the lake boating and sailing. Donald was a very loving and generous husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Donald is survived by his wife Jane and children Victoria Clifton (William), Duane Putnam (Julie), Valerie Dexter (Gregg), Diane Cimala and Sarah Clark (William). Donald has 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Brothers William (Beverly) James (Joan), sisters Susan (William McShane) and Sarah Krontoft (Torben). A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Central United Methodist Church in Lake Odessa, Michigan. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to The Michigan Parkinson Foundation at 30400 Telegraph Rd, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 and the Central United Methodist Church Respite Program 912 4th Ave. Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849.





Aleita Leslie

Class of 1957

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: 8/9/2014



Sandra Mingus Baker

Class of 1957

Birth 1939

Death 29 Mar 1997 (aged 57–58)

Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery

Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 3/29/1997



Sandra Rae Baker, 57, of Lansing, formerly of Grand Ledge, died March 29, 1997.

Mrs. Baker was a former accountant with Millbrook Printing Company, attended the Delta Mills United Methodist Church, and worked with Native American children as a missionary in New Mexico.

She is survived by three daughters, Amy Baker of Charlotte, Bethany (Ed) Ady of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Melanie Baker of Lansing; two sons, Matthew (Chris) of Albert, Colo., and Mark of Lansing; six grandchildren; her parents, Harland and Charlotte Mingus of Lansing; and one brother, Harland Jr. "Butch" (Margaret) Mingus of Lansing.

Services were April 1 at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

Memorial contributions to Sisters Maternity Home-Women's Shelter would be appreciated.



Dr. Keith Morrill, D.D.S

DATE OF PASSING: 5/15/2017

Class of 1957

In memory of Dr. Keith Morrill, D.D.S, class of 1957, who passed away at the age of 77.

Dr. Keith Morrill, D.D.S., 77, of Battle Creek died peacefully at home with his family at his side on Monday, May 15, 2017.

Keith was born July 17, 1939 in Lake Odessa, Michigan to Clifton A. and Julia M. (Wilson) Morrill. He grew up in Grand Ledge, Michigan and was a 1957 graduate of Grand Ledge High School. Keith attended DePauw University for three years in the pre-dental program, received his Bachelors of Science from Michigan State University and received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Michigan. Keith came to Battle Creek in the early 1970's as a supervisor and dentist for the KCC Dental Hygiene Program, where he worked until 1981, when Keith established Oak Ridge Dental Practice in Battle Creek. He cared for his patients and their families until selling the practice in 2013. After that, he once again supervised dentistry at Kellogg Community College Dental Hygiene Program part-time. Recently he was a Dentist Locum Tenens.



Keith was united in marriage to Donna K. Newell on August 11, 1973 in Battle Creek. Surviving are his wife, Donna; son, Robert (Kara) Morrill of Indianapolis, Indiana; three daughters, Patricia "Tricia" (Dr. Brian) Hays of Kalamazoo, Jennifer Morrill, Nichole "Nikki" (Greg) Watts of Mattawan; four grandchildren, Matthew and Andrew Morrill, Elle and Sienna Watts; and a brother, Dr. Charles Morrill of Grand Rapids. Keith was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Morrill.

Keith was a life member of the Michigan Dental Society, the Michigan State University and University of Michigan Alumni Clubs and Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and its Gold Circle. He was a member of The Academy of General Dentistry, the Chicago Dental Society and the Presidents Club Honor Roll Donor for the School of Dentistry at the University of Michigan. Keith was a former member of Battle Creek Country Club where he enjoyed playing golf. He was a star multiple sport athlete in high school and college and enjoyed sports his entire life. He also enjoyed biking, traveling and attending the Chesterfield Dances. Keith was an artist by heart and a dentist by profession. He was very tech savvy and took pictures of family and friends and made video keepsakes. Most of all Keith loved attending and watching his children's and grandchildren's sporting events and activities. His life was all about his family. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather; a treasured friend and a respected professional.

Keith requested that he be cremated and that no public service be held. In his memory please share your memories with his family and how he touched your life while he was living.

Memorial contributions may be made to KCC Foundation to support the KCC Dental Clinic, 450 North Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49017. Arrangements are by Farley-Estes & Dowdle Funeral Home & Cremation Care.



Wayne E. Morris

DATE OF PASSING: 1986

Class of 1957

Birth 1939
Death 1986 (aged 46-47)
Burial: North Eagle Cemetery
Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA





Pamela Mumford Lochrie

DATE OF PASSING: 8/3/2017

Class of 1957

In memory of Pamela "Mumford" Lochrie, class of 1957, who passed away on August 3, 2017, at the age of 77.

Pam passed away as a result of cancer. Pam was preceded in death by her husband Stanley A. Lochrie in 2011.

Pam and Stan spent the last seasons of their 46 years of marriage between Marana, Arizona and Grand Junction, Colorado. Many happy times were shared with stepdaughter, Judy Lochrie of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and with stepson, Gary Lochrie of Southlake, Texas, and his wife, Kathy, and grandsons, Chad, Kyle, and granddaughter, Jenny and husband, Dayne of Thornton, Colorado.

After retirement Pam was involved within the community volunteering at various organizations in Grand Junction and Marana.

According to Pam's wishes no funeral services will be held. Interment will be at Fort Logan National Cemetery near Denver, Colorado with her late husband Stanley at a time yet to be determined.



Barbara Jean Parker

DATE OF PASSING: 6/21/1999

Class of 1957

Birth 15 Jun 1938

Michigan, USA

Death 21 Jun 1999 (aged 61)

Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

Burial Oakwood Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Mary Ellen Parker Pearl

DATE OF PASSING: 10/13/2008

Class of 1957

Mary Ellen Pearl -- Mulliken

Mary Ellen Pearl, age 69, was greeted in heaven on October 13, 2008. Mary Ellen was born October 27, 1938 in Lake Odessa, a daughter of Andrew W. and Leta E. (Merryfield) Parker. She was a 1957 graduate of Grand Ledge High School, a member of the Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene and was active in the Sunfield Historical Society. Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her father, Andrew Parker and an infant daughter, Elizabeth Ellen. Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Richard; four daughters, Teresa (Ted) Worthington of Mulliken, Loretta (Alan) Emmons of Woodland, Mardelle Emery of Vermontville, Richelle (Steve) Martzke of Sunfield; 11 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; her mother, Leta (Donald) Collier of Mulliken; sister, Ruth Ann (George) Mellios of Mulliken; aunt, Bethel Meister of Alaska; uncle, Keith Merryfield of Florida; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Richard Hand officiating. Interment will be in Meadowbrook Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene.



Joyce Patten

Class of 1957

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Class of 1957

Lee Robert Pitchford

December 31, 1938 — November 16, 2020 (Aged 81)

(NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)



Gordon Thomas "Butch" Plunkett

Class of 1957

DATE OF PASSING: 4/5/2002

Birth 11 Mar 1939
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 5 Apr 2002 (aged 63)
Holt, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan, USA



Gordon T. "Butch" Plunkett of Holt, age 63, passed away unexpectedly April 5, 2002 at his home. Born March 11, 1939 in Lansing, MI.

Mr. Plunkett was employed at Diamond Reo for many years and he later was employed and retired from Jet Die Barnes Group in Lansing. He was a past member of Eagles Lodge Aerie #1039. He loved spending his time fishing and camping. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie J. Plunkett; parents, Edward and Aurelia Plunkett; brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Jane Plunkett. Surviving are his three children, Tracy Clark, Kimberly (Jack) Koone, and Robert (Dorothy) Clark; 6 grandchildren, Trisha, Keith, Joshua, Corey, Meranda and Jacob; 6 sisters, Marilyn (Ken) Sohn, Carrie (Jerry) Gunn, Shirley (Stan) Smith, Pat (Mike) Thelen, Eien (Bud) Thelen, and Lynda Plunkett; 4 brothers, Pete Plunkett, Phil (Irene) Plunkett, Ray (Rosemary) Plunkett, Dale (Marion) Plunkett; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday. Vigil Rosary Service and with the Funeral Liturgy 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 9, in the Tiffany Funeral Home, 3232 W. Saginaw, with Fr. Robert H. McGraw of St. Michael Catholic Church presiding. The Rite of Committal will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.



Class of 1957

Robert "Bob" Porter

DATE OF PASSING: June 24, 2023 (Aged 83)

Robert (Bob) Porter of Grand Ledge, Michigan, age 83, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2023. Bob was born at home in Grand Ledge to Charles Robert and Dorothy Porter. He was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, class of 1957, and went on to earn an Associates Degree from Ferris State College. Bob worked at Winstanley Pontiac Dealership of Grand Ledge, Stowell Oldsmobile, and Starnaman Oldsmobile. Bob married Mary Sue Stiles in the summer of 1962. His next venture was owning the Pure Oil Gas Station on Jefferson St., followed by learning to hang wallpaper and paint at Michigan Paint Store, all before he became a full time firefighter for the City of Grand Ledge. Bob eventually retired as Captain after 32 years of service, which was his proudest career accomplishment. They had two children and were married for 61 years. His proudest family moments were helping their daughter Pamela fight cancer and their son Roderick becoming a lawyer. Bob was an avid small engine mechanic in his retirement, working out of his happy place, the pole barn. He would drop everything to help anybody at anytime. He enjoyed his free time with his young family in the summers on beautiful Guernsey Lake. He would winter in Arizona for the last 25 years. He and Mary Sue became accomplished ballroom and round dance partners. His favorite memories were dancing to "Stardust" and "When I Grow too Old to Dream". Bob is survived by wife Mary Sue Porter; son Roderick (Dana) Porter of Grand Ledge; grandchildren Samantha (Corey) Tijerina of Houston, TX; Alex (Bailey) Porter of Grand Ledge; and Michael Porter of Allegan, MI; great grandchildren Maximus and Lucius Tijerina; twin sister Patricia Spierer of Washington, DC; sister Dolly Porter of Lansing, MI; sister-in-law Bonnie Christensen of Memphis, TN; and second cousin Kathy (Gary) Burt of Grand Ledge. Bob was predeceased by daughter and son-in-law Pamela and Michael Loeb. Cremation has taken place. Private family burial will take place at a later date.



Ronald Reed

Class of 1957

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



James Ellsworth Robinson

Class of 1957

Birth 14 Mar 1939
Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 25 Jul 1992 (aged 53)
Sunrise, Sarasota County, Florida, USA
Burial: Delta Center Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 7/25/1992



Larry Lewis Rogers

July 20, 1939 -- October 15, 2019 (Aged 80)

Mr. Rogers passed away at his home on Tuesday October 15, 2019 following a lingering illness. At his wishes his body has been donated to medical research to help others.

Larry Rogers of Manton, MI passed away in Mid-October 2019.

FROM HIS DAUGHTER: "Well everyone, it is with a very very heavy heart that I let you know my dad Larry passed away this morning. I ask that you all keep my son Russ Putvin and my brother Charles L. Rogers and dad's wife Sheila in your prayers.

My dad truly loved being a part of Manton and everybody in it. He especially liked going to the ball games to watch his grandchildren! We all thank you very very much for all the love and support you have shown my dad over the last 30 some years! We can't thank you enough!

There will be a memorial in the near future for my dad and I will keep you all updated as to when that will be.

Thank you so very much!"





Class of 1957

Harriet Elizabeth Spicer Smith

January 21, 1939 — July 31, 2022 (Aged 83)

Harriet Elizabeth Spicer Smith, 83, previously of Dyersburg, Tennessee, passed away surrounded by her family on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at her home in Stanton, Kentucky. Harriet was born on January 21, 1939 in St. Louis, Michigan to the late Ivan and Francis Damon Spicer. Her husband of 40 years, Bert J. Smith, preceded her in death, July 6, 1997. In addition to being a loving mother of 6 children, Harriet took care of many other young children in her home for many years. She spent almost 40 years working in the family business of Dyersburg Tax Services as the Office Manager working alongside her husband and children. She was a long-time member of Hillcrest Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, played the piano, and served in many other roles. Currently, she was attending Stanton Christian Church in Stanton, Kentucky. She was very committed to serving her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and living out his command to love others through the giving of her time, talent and treasure. Traveling, fresh fruit, ice cream, animals, jewelry and visits with family and friends were among her favorite joys in life. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was also preceded in death by her brother Howard Spicer, son-in-law Randy Owens and grandson Joshua Cartwright. She is survived by her brother, David Spicer and sister, Margaret Maxwell, both of Grand Ledge, Michigan; her six children, Angela Newlin of Ooltewah, TN; Byron (Angela) Smith of Dyersburg, TN; Michael (Pam) Smith of Lebanon, TN; Karen (Joel) Cartwright of Huntsville, AL; Brenda Owens of Ooltewah, TN; Donna (Greg) Webb of Stanton, KY; 13 grandchildren, Barbara, Stephanie, Mark, Preston, Jonathan, Alicia, Hilary, Amber, Holly, Sarah, Caleb, Tabitha, Anna; 16 great grandchildren, Rebecca, Brody, Elin, Ellie, Quinn, Bryleigh, Lillie, Landry, Jon-Haynes, Remi, Maleigha, Joss, Sibylla, Scarlett, Cecilia, William and lovingly looking forward to the arrival of another great-grandson expected in October. Visitation will be at Dyersburg Funeral Home (arrangements not final at this time). Funeral services will be officiated by her son-in-law, Bro. Greg Webb, at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Dyersburg, TN, (arrangements not final at this time) with burial at Fairview Cemetery immediately following the service. Pallbearers will be Mark Newlin, Preston Smith, Jonathan Rybolt, Evan Crimmins, Chris Robertson, Wesley Spangle and Caleb Webb. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hillcrest Baptist Church or Stanton Christian Church.



Class of 1957

Stanley Stump

July 3, 1939 — January 25, 2024 (Aged 84)

Stanley Stump (July 3, 1939) passed away on January 25, 2024 in the State of Florida. He was 84 years old.

He was born in Grand Ledge on July 3rd, 1939, to Alfred (Louie) and Agnes Stump. He graduated in 1957 and became a Marine as a Corporal of the First Pioneer Battalion until honorably discharged (1957-1960). He married Sandra Stump on June 28, 1969 and they raised four children, Tina Marie Lee (Steven Lee), Veronica Bell Rickley (Russell Rickley), Stanley Louis Stump II (Donna Stump) and Carol Ann Erickson (Carl Erickson).

He worked as a Superintendent for the Michigan State Department of Transportation. He was a lifelong Moose Lodge member, often voluntarily fixing things, tinkering and making everything better. He loved to play cards, especially Euchre, he was an avid golfer and was a motorcycle racing enthusiast and a State of Michigan Champion.

He is survived by his sisters, Ruth Bosworth, Rosemary Plunkett, Alice Meek, Elaine Harris, Sharon Matthews, and Mary Lou Kissinger. Stan had 13 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren plus two bonus granddaughters. He was loved and will be missed.

Services will be on May 3rd, 2024 at 11:00 AM at St. Phillips Catholic Church. Reed City MI. In lieu of flowers, the family has request donation be made to the St. Phillips food pantry.

His burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Westphalia, Michigan on May 4, 2024 at 11:30 AM with a celebration of life luncheon at 319 Main St. Westphalia.





Mary Jane "Swanson" Northrup

DATE OF PASSING: 12/25/2017

Class of 1957

In memory of Mary Jane "Swanson" Northrup, class of 1957, who passed away at the age of 78.

Mary Jane Northrup, 78, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 25, 2017 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mary Jane was born on February 15, 1939 in Lansing, Michigan to Stanley and Doris (Smith) Swanson, and grew up in nearby Grand Ledge surrounded by a large and loving extended family.

Mary Jane's father Stanley was part of the Swedish settlement in Mecosta County, and she spent time on the family farms in that area as a little girl. Her maternal grandfather, Hubert Smith, was a chemistry teacher and superintendent. A natural organizer, Mary Jane had much in common with her grandfather Smith. Mary Jane visited her Smith grandparents often and traveled with them growing up.

Mary Jane graduated from Grand Ledge High School and attended classes at Michigan State University. Mary Jane married her love, Richard C. "Dick" Northrup, Jr. in 1959, and they honeymooned at Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Grand Hotel became a touchstone for Mary Jane and Dick, returning countless times over their lives, and hosting many family gatherings on the Island. Grand Hotel also inspired Mary Jane's home decorating style.



After their wedding, Mary Jane and Dick lived in married housing on Michigan State's campus where they made lifelong friends. Mary Jane approached things in life for the long run and had the determination to stay with them. This quality showed in her faith and in sustained friendships. And although family and career interrupted college, she returned to school years later to complete her bachelor's degree.

Mary Jane loved her family and enjoyed laughing and spending time with them. She especially held her parents and sisters, Marta and Kathy, close and spoke with them almost every day. The family spent many summers at her parents' cottage on Morrison Lake. Because of this, Rick and Karen developed a strong bond with their Swanson grandparents. Through her example, Mary Jane passed down an appreciation of family to her children.

Mary Jane relished traveling, visiting almost every state. Mary Jane often accompanied Dick on his business trips so she could be with him and "see what I can see." She loved to people watch and would always position herself out in public so she could observe all the passers-by.

Mary Jane was a stickler for good manners and also believed you should always look your best. "You never know who you might run into," she would tell her children. When money was harder to come by, Mary Jane made clothes for her family. She received a sewing machine as a wedding present from her parents and put it to good use. To keep young Rick and Karen properly attired, she sewed sport coats, dresses, pants, and jackets for all occasions. Early family pictures feature the kids in her lovingly made clothes. Mary Jane also made many of her own clothes during this time, picking from the latest fashions in magazines she and her sisters would look through at the family cottage. Later, Talbots became a favorite place to shop for her signature style.

Professionally, Mary Jane worked first for East Lansing Public Schools, at Bailey Elementary. She then worked for many years with Dick at the Michigan State Florists' Association before joining the human resources department at Michigan State University. Mary Jane loved working for MSU and retired from there in 2004. Mary Jane was also a volunteer, and did so at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing for 20 years.

Retirement gave Mary Jane the opportunity to travel and spend more time with her kids, grandkids, sisters, and many friends. Mary Jane and Dick purchased a small place in Florida. They became part of the great Okemos winter migration, seeing many Michigan friends in Florida each winter, to their great delight.

She will be lovingly remembered and missed by her children, Richard C. "Rick" (Dawn) Northrup III, and Karen (Mark) Kissinger; her grandsons, Colin Northrup, Graham Northrup, John "Jack" Kissinger, and Peter Kissinger; her sisters, Marta (Jack) Giesecke and Kathy (Jeff) Jackson; her brothers-in-law, Bruce (Jan) Northrup and Gary Northrup; and many nieces and nephews. Mary Jane was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 3 pm at Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Rd., in Okemos. Guests are invited to stay after the service for a reception at the church. The family will receive friends on Friday, January 12, 2018 from 1 pm to 3 pm and again from 5 pm to 7 pm at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Chapel, 1730 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing and also from 1 to 2 pm prior to the funeral service on January 13. Private interment will follow at a later date.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the endowed Mildred E. Swanson & Mary Jane Northrup Scholarship at Michigan State University that supports adult returning college students or the Mildred E. Swanson Foundation which supports medical research and college scholarships.



Sue Ellen Swint Shepard

Class of 1957

Birth 13 Feb 1939
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 16 Jul 1991 (aged 52)
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 7/16/1991



Sharon Suzanne Swix Catey

Class of 1957

In memory of Sharon Suzanne (Swix) Catey, class of 1957, who passed away on December 10, 2017, at the age of 78.

Sharon Suzanne (Swix) Catey, born August 14, 1939 in Lansing, the daughter of the late Robert and Inez (Simington) Swix, passed away on December 10, 2017 at the age of 78.

Sharon worked for Michigan State University for 25 years in the Degree and Certification Office before retiring. She was a member of Olivet Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents. Surviving are daughters, Sandra Jo (Gerald) Housier, Debra Lynn Catey, sons; Christopher Charles Catey, Todd Wilford (Monique) Catey, Stephen Lloyd (Billie Jo) Catey, Charles Paul Catey Jr., 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and brother, Michael (Cindy) Swix.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00pm on Friday, December 15, 2017 at Olivet Baptist Church, 5455 W. Willoughby Rd, Lansing MI.

For those desiring contributions may be made in Sharon's memory to Olivet Baptist Church, 5455 W. Willoughby Rd, Lansing MI.

The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman, Lansing Chapel. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.grlansing.com.

DATE OF PASSING: 12/10/2017



Dennis L. Tegels

Class of 1957

Tegels, Dennis L. Grand Ledge, Michigan Age 68, died at Howell Care Center, Howell, Michigan, on Friday, January 20, 2006. Dennis was born in Redwood Falls, Minnesota on May 22, 1937 and was a resident of Grand Ledge since 1948. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School - Class of 1957. He served in the United States Marine Corps and attended Greens Barber College, Detroit. In 1972 he received his certification in watch and jewelry repair from the State Technical Institute and Rehabilitation Center and was employed by H & H Design in Lansing, Michigan and retired from there in 1997. Dennis was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Grand Ledge and its Knights of Columbus Chapter. He was predeceased by his parents Laurence W. and Catherine (Bessie) Tegels, sister Kathleen Kucsulain, brothers-in law George Kucsulain and Anthony Baker, niece Michelle Tegels and nephews, Larry and Kevin Kucsulain. Dennis is survived by his twin brother Daniel (Mary Sue) Tegels of Grand Ledge; brother Vincent (Shirley) Tegels of Midland, and sisters Frances Baker of Grand Ledge, Vivian (Norman) Kempf of Lansing and Rita Tegels of Mesa, Arizona; numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Our family would like to extend a special thanks to Dennis's caregiver, Bob McComb, for the friendship and excellent care that he gave to Dennis the past 9 years, and to the staff of Howell Care Center for the compassionate care given to him and our family these past 7 months, and also the staff of the Avalon Hospice, Flint. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Grand Ledge with the Reverend Fr. James Eisele, Celebrant. The family will receive friends at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home in Grand Ledge on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 from 3 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm, with a wake service at

7:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dennis' name to St. Michael's Catholic Church, Avalon Hospice, Flint, Howell Care Center or a charity of your choice

DATE OF PASSING: 1/20/2006





Ronald Theodorski

Class of 1957

Ronald H. Theodorski -- Charlotte

Ronald H. Theodorski, age 70, passed away March 13, 2009 in Charlotte. He was born March 25, 1938 in Lansing, MI. Sam retired from General Motors where he was a supervisor for many years. He also served in the U. S. Army, and was an avid fisherman. He is survived by his wife Katy (Hosey), son Jeffrey, grandchildren Jordan and Jeffrey, and 3 brothers. He was preceded in death by son Todd in 1997. Memorial services will be held Thursday, April 2, 2009, 2:00pm at New Hope Community Church 436 W. Harris St. Charlotte, Reverend Randy Royston officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Siren-Eaton Shelter 245 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813. Arrangements by Holi-han-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge

DATE OF PASSING: 4/13/2009



Donna Jean Tiedt

Class of 1957

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN



Joseph David Tolliver

Class of 1957

Joseph David Tolliver, 66, of Seneca, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at his home.

Joe went to be with his Lord and Savior after fighting a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born on July 7, 1938, in Bedford, Ind., to John and Lora Tolliver, Joe was the youngest of eight.

In 1944, his family moved to the greater Lansing area of Michigan. Joe graduated from the Grand Ledge School system in 1957. After graduating, he made his living as a supervisor for General Motors in Lansing until retiring in 1989. In 1995, his family moved to his wife's home state of South Carolina.

He enjoyed the company of the many friends he made, attending Church and Sunday School at Snow Creek Baptist in Seneca, and as always, helping others in any way he could.

Joe is survived by Joyce Hendricks Tolliver, his loving wife of thirty-two years. In addition to his wife, survivors include a son, Jory Tolliver of South Carolina; a daughter, Linda Copley of Ohio; stepchildren, Julie Lintemuth, Robin Dumez, Michelle Siterlet, and Richard McFanin of Michigan; a sister, Pauline Stafford of Indiana; brothers, Wayne of Indiana, Jerry of Oklahoma, and Delbert of Michigan; sisters-in-law, Barbara Peltier of South Carolina and Yvonne Williams of South Carolina; ten grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews. His baby son, David Wayne; parents, John and Lora; sisters, Joyce and June; and a brother, John Jr., preceded him in passing.

The family would like to thank Kim Smith from Home Health, Nancy Hucker from Hospice, and from Oconee Memorial Hospital the nurse known as "Sarge", along with countless others for their assistance through a difficult time.

Services will be conducted on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Seneca Mortuary on Highway 123 in Seneca. The Rev. Ronnie Wald will be officiating. Burial will follow in the Oconee Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday evening at the Seneca Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of the Foothills, 390 Keowee School Road, Seneca, SC 29672.

The family is at the home.

DATE OF PASSING: 11/30/2004



Jerolyn VanderMoere Johnson

DATE OF PASSING: 1/2/2017

Class of 1957

Jerolyn Vi Johnson died peacefully on Jan. 2, 2017, in Athens, Ga. She was 77.

She was born on May 8, 1939, to Howard and Vi VanderMoere. She was married to the love of her life, Gordon Johnson, for 57 years. Jeri and Gordy met at Michigan State University, where she was the secretary to the head of the Microbiology Department where Gordon attended as a veterinary student. They were married on March 25, 1959, in Lansing, Mich.

After nine years living and working in Greenwich, Conn., Jeri and Gordy moved to Lime Rock, where they opened the Lime Rock Animal Hospital. It was in the Northwest Corner that they raised their four children.

Jeri worked as the secretary to the president of the Dotty Smith Corporation for several years. She then spent the next 18 years serving as the administration assistant to four headmasters of The Hotchkiss School. She was a truly outstanding addition to the administration, trustees, faculty and the thousands of students who came through her office over the years, including her two sons. Always available with a warm courteous smile and unwavering devotion to the school, Jeri was an invaluable asset that kept the school running at its very best. In the words of esteemed Headmaster Art White, "I have yet to win the lottery, but I really hit the jackpot when I hired Jeri Johnson."

Jeri served on several boards including the PTO of Salisbury Central School, the Housatonic Day Care Center, Salisbury Family Services and The Children's School. She was also instrumental in organizing annual tennis tournaments at The Hotchkiss School to benefit Salisbury Family Services.

Following her retirement in 2000, and seeking warmer climates and 12 months a year of tennis and beaches, she and Gordy packed up and relocated to Pawleys Island, S.C., where they lived for 10 years. Here, she continued her love of scrap booking, while working for Creative Memories as a consultant. Her many beautiful albums will be cherished by her family for years to come.

Nana, as she was lovingly referred to by her nine grandchildren, played tennis, walked the beaches with her beloved Jack Russell Terrier, Boyer, and made many cherished friends. Pawley's Island was indeed a second home to Jeri and very dear to her heart.

Since 2015, Jeri and Gordy have lived in Bishop, Ga., with their daughter and her family. Like everywhere they have lived, they have made many friends and became active and adored members of the community. Nana went to countless soccer games, swim meets and tennis matches for her Georgia grandkids. Jeri adored her grandchildren and was so blessed to have been so close and involved in their lives.

She also loved traveling North America in her RV with Gordy. Making two West Coast journeys, several East Coast jaunts and one up into Canada, Jeri documented these cherished trips with her photography and scrap booking.

Jeri is survived by her husband, Gordon Johnson of Bishop; her brother, Lawrence VanderMoere of Englewood, Fla.; her son, Christopher and his wife, Michelle, of Sydney, Australia; her daughter, Janice Madden and her husband, Peter, of Bishop; her son, Ian Johnson and his wife, Ali, of Cornwall Bridge; nine grandchildren, Daniel, James, Sarah, Ryan, Evan, Hayley, Acadia, Boden and Leanne.

Jeri over her lifetime has touched so many with her genuine kindness and love, her willingness to listen and help anyone in need, as well as her gracious demeanor. She will be dearly missed. Her warm embracing smile and disposition will live forever.

There will be a celebration of life in Salisbury for Jeri some time in the spring months. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org).





Kenneth VanSloten

DATE OF PASSING: 10/13/1994

Class of 1957

Kenneth G Vansloten was born on November 19, 1938. He died on October 13, 1994 at 55 years old. We know that Kenneth G Vansloten had been residing in Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan.

Birth 19 Nov 1938

Death 13 Oct 1994 (aged 55)

Burial: Benton Township Cemetery

Pottersville, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Jerry Dean Waldrop

August 21, 1939 -- September 25, 2019 (Aged 80)

Jerry Dean Waldrop of Eagle passed away September 25, 2019 in Lansing, MI. He was born August 21, 1939 in Rockville, Indiana and raised by the late Virgil and Arizona (Floyd) Waldrop. Jerry graduated with the Grand Ledge High School Class of 1957 and went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from the University of Michigan. He began his career at McNamee Porter & Seely before working as a Project Manager at Clark Construction Co. for 23 years. Always a community supporter, Jerry spent many years coaching and promoting high school athletics. He volunteered for Ann Arbor Pioneer High School concessions before moving back to Grand Ledge. At Grand Ledge High School he announced freshman and JV football games, took tickets during many athletic events and was an announcer and past President of GLAYF Football. It was not uncommon to hear Jerry's enthusiastic voice booming out of the PA and down the streets Thursday nights and weekends. Jerry was also an avid golfer, woodworker and die-hard University of Michigan Football fan.



He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Shirley J. (Hamill); children, Ginny (Ricky) Anglin, Kim Waldrop, Eric (Ann), Debbie (Mickey) Fearon, Jeff (Jen), Bill (Jen), Jason (Stacey), Mike (Henry) and

Doug (Carly): daughter-in-law Donna Waldrop; grandchildren, Kyle, Chris, Jenna, Jesse, Sam, Tyler, DJ, Kelly, Robbie, Ben, Jake, Cali, Gabe, Sydney, Will, Kaitlyn, Cady, Jesse, Brooklyn and Mallory; great grandchildren, Willhemina, Amelia, Sebastian, Mary, Joe, Charlotte and Landon; siblings, Katherine Thompson, Dwayne (Barb), Nancy (Ken) Spencer and Martha Waldrop; brothers-in-law, Rick (Lynda) Hamill and Patrick Hamill; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Jerry was preceded in death by son, Joe, siblings, Bob, Earl, Don, Raymond, Norman, Eva Feazel, Naomi Sunderman.

The funeral service will be held Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Pastor Roy Atherton, officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 4-8:00 p.m. and Tuesday 1 hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions in Jerry's name may be given to Ledge Craft Lane, 120 S. Bridge Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837, American Diabetes Association, 20700 Civic Center Drive 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076 (<https://www.diabetes.org/donate>) or Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation, 17932 Sky Park Circle, Suite E, Irvine, California 92614 (<https://cure.pcrf-kids.org/give/231187#!/donation/checkout>).



Kenneth Elmer Walsh

June 27, 1939 — June 21, 2021 (Aged 81)

Kenneth Elmer Walsh died unexpectedly on June 21, 2021. Ken was born June 27, 1939 to Eleanor and Willard Walsh of Lansing, Michigan. He grew up in Wacousta with his brother Ronald.

Kenny, as he was known through high school, was a loyal friend, a hard worker, and a caring soul. He attended the Starr School - a one-room brick schoolhouse on Grand River Highway. He recently remembered classes being disrupted by children peering out the window to see whether the burlap bags they'd filled with milk weed pods had been collected. The down they gathered was used for soldiers' life preservers and was a point of pride in support of the war effort.

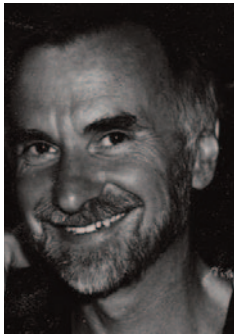
Ken graduated Grand Ledge High School in 1957 and went on to earn a Michigan State University Master's Degree. He was an enthusiastic Spartan fan!

Adult and community education became his passion. After teaching at Sexton High he went on to have a 35-year career with the Michigan Department of Education in adult and continuing ed, followed by directing the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Ed and working with ATS Educational Consulting Services. Ken was proud to be part of policy-making to increase educational access for everyone: from incarcerated people to adults who didn't speak English.

In 1986 Ken married Marilyn Newkirk Mandigo, formerly of Traverse City and Grand Rapids. They lived in the Palm Springs area for the past 6 years. In addition to his loving wife, Marilyn, Ken

is survived by daughter Deborah Mandigo of La Quinta, CA; son, GK (Laura) Mandigo and granddaughters Juliet, Jessica, and Genesis (Larry) and great-grandson Jorge Rios-Mandigo in San Diego. He is also survived his former wife, Nancy Bean, and daughters, Sarah (Kent) Manrique of Denver; Jennifer (Chuck) with granddaughter Bailey Slemmer of La Mesa, CA; Andrea (Andy) with granddaughter Fiona Davis-Walsh of NH; and his sister-in-law Krinne Walsh, and nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Ron.

Ken's love and terrific smile, as well as stories, reflections, and willingness to stop at any roadside learning opportunity (or to pick elderberries!) will be forever missed. A family service will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers the family would be honored by donations to the www.thereadingpeople.org, Capital Area Literacy Coalition, 1028 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906.



Robert Wayne Watson, Sr.

November 11, 1938 — November 26, 2020 (Aged 82)

Robert Wayne Watson Sr. age 82 was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan on November 11, 1938 to the late Kenneth C. and Bernice (Little) Watson and passed away on November 26, 2020. Along with his parents Bob was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Delores; a son, Robert Watson Jr.; a grandson and a sister. Survivors include four children, Everett (Julie) Watson, Brenda Lytle, Bethany (Randy) Maxwell, and Becky Arends; daughter-in-law, Winona Watson; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one brother. Bob was a veteran of the United States Army and was retired from the State of Michigan where he worked as a Corrections Officer and he previously worked for GM in Lansing. He was a member of the Breakwater Church of the Nazarene in Norton Shores. According to his wishes cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life Gathering will be private.





Carl Edward Wonser

Class of 1957

DATE OF PASSING: 3/31/2000

Birth 27 Apr 1939

Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

Death 31 Mar 2000 (aged 60)

Chester, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, USA