

THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1958

Maynard E. Aungst (2007 — 12/21/2007)
Janet BEECH Preston (2009 — 3/31/2009)
Beryle E. Bentley (1960 — UNKNOWN)
Shirley BERRYHILL Walters (2015 — 3/22/2015)
John Richard Black (2019 -- 6/15/2019)
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Donald Lester Haueter Sr. (2022 -- 6/30/2022)
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Doris M. HODGE Parks (2020 -- 10/24/2020)
Kay HOERNER Schrauben (2009 — 5/9/2009)
Janet HUTCHINSON Ripley (2016 — 9/20/2016)
Larry J. Ingalls (2020 -- 11/1/2020)
Richard Leroy Love (2017 — 2/25/2017)
David C. Meredith (2016 — 8/31/2016)
Juanita MILLS Wakefield (2013 — 1/28/2013)
James Lee Murphy (2017 — 3/25/2017)
Lyle E. O'Boyle (2019 -- 8/1/2019)
Gerald Chandler Parsons (2020 -- 8/29/2020)
Raymond George Plunkett (2023 -- 6/3/2023)
Sandra Lee PROVO Free (2018 — 7/25/2018)
Joan ROBINSON Vrooman (2018 — 6/25/2018)
Richard Sand (2013 — 8/28/2013)

Betty SANDS Bonofiglio (2014 — 11/19/2014)
Barbara June SHAW Washburn (2022 -- 2/22/2022)
Gordon "Flash" L. Shepard (2019 -- 11/19/2019)
Shirley SHIPMAN Walter (2013 — 8/8/2013)
Judith Ann SIRONEN Dobson (2023 -- 8/8/2023)
Garth Michael Smith (2022 -- 6/21/2022)
Laverne Coral Smith (2016 — 8/1/2016)
Richard Benjamin Smith (2017 — 6/18/2017)
Sam Spagnuolo (2011 — 12/01/2011)
Ruth Ann STIRN Heightchew (2010 -- 8/4/2010)
Marta Jean SWANSON Giesecke (2018 — 6/21/2018)
Joyce TAYLOR Morgridge (2014 — 12/19/2014)
Thomas Leroy Thorn (2023 -- 12/31/2023)
Bethany WALDO Cain (2015 — 2/2/2015)
Gary Howard Ward (2022 -- 5/5/2022)
Judith WATSON Smith (2016 — 1/3/2016)
Patricia A. WESTRICK Rueckert (2020 -- 4/19/2020)
Dorothy Jean "WILLIS" Purdy (2021 -- 7/10/2021)
Mary Kathryn "WILLIS" Spagnuolo (2022 -- 1/9/2022)



Maynard E. Aungst

Class of 1958

Born: February 4, 1940
Died: December 21, 2007 (Age 67 years)
Burial: Sunfield Cemetery.
Sunfield, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 12/21/2007



Maynard E. Aungst, of Grand Ledge, born in Lansing Feb. 4, 1940, passed away Dec. 21 at the age of 67. Maynard was a retired employee of General Motors with 30 years of service. He enjoyed gardening, spending time outside and riding around in his golf cart.

He is survived by sons, David R. (Kelli) of Sunfield and Michael E. (Bridget) of Wacousta; grandchildren, David II, Zachary and Elizabeth; brother, Roger (Margo) of Grand Ledge; nieces, Marcy (Aaron) Baker and Marnee (Tim) McClung and special friend, Marge Evarian of Lansing.

Services were held Dec. 27, 2007 at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Interment followed at Sunfield Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Breslin Cancer Center or Eaton Community Hospice.



Janet Beech Preston

Class of 1958

Janet Marie Preston, age 68, of Nokomis, Florida and formerly of Marshall died Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Mrs. Preston was born on June 4, 1940 in Lansing to Vernon and Eudora (Parsons) Beech. She was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School. She was a member of the Venice-Nokomis United Methodist Church, the Nokomis Eagles Auxiliary and the Red Hat Ladies of Venice, FL. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marland Preston in 2001. She is survived by her daughters, Christian M. Beard of Nokomis, FL and Cheryl L. Nelson of Bradenton, FL; five grandchildren; sister, Marlene Lodholtz of Leroy, MI; and brother, Rodney Beech of Atlanta, Michigan. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Trecia A. Standley in 1988. A Graveside funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Oakridge Cemetery, Marshall at 1:00 PM. Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to the Tide Well Hospice and Palliative Care. Assistance with memorials is available at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home.

DATE OF PASSING: 3/31/2009



Beryle E. Bentley

Class of 1958

Birth 1940
Death 1960 (aged 19-20)
Burial: Riverside Cemetery
Alma, Gratiot County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1960





Shirley Berryhill Walters

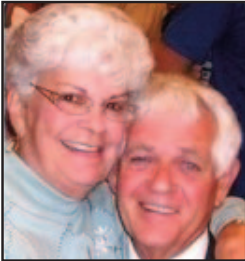
DATE OF PASSING: 3/22/2015

Class of 1958

Shirley J. Walters -- Grand Ledge

Shirley J. Walters, 74, died March 22, 2015. No service will be held.

In honor of Shirley donations can be made to Hospice House.



John Richard Black

DATE OF PASSING: 6/15/2019

Class of 1958

John Richard Black, age 79, of Mason, Michigan passed away Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Burcham Hills Retirement Community in East Lansing under the loving care of his family and Michigan Premier Hospice. He was born on May 20, 1940 in Lansing, Michigan to parents Frederick William Black and Thelma Gladys Wooten.

John grew up in Wacousta and graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1958 and shortly thereafter enlisted in the Navy, serving on the tank landing ship USS Suffolk County until his Honorable Discharge in 1963 and the beginning of his dedicated 36 year career at the General Motors Lansing Oldsmobile Assembly Plant.

A General Motors co-worker introduced him to Kay (Powers) of Mason and they have been married since 1986. Together they enjoyed traveling, gardening and attending basketball and baseball games. John was a devoted fan of Tiger baseball, Lions football and MSU Spartan athletics and a talented amateur photographer (for someone that didn't particularly care to have his photo taken).

John is preceded in death by both of his parents and nephew Brian Becker. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife Kay, sisters Pat Lund and Vicky (Dale) Stelwagen, step-daughters Tammy (Keith) Scott and Jenna (Jim) Patterson, grandchildren Ken Westervelt, Kristin (Nate) Lilly, Andrew Westervelt and Devin Nault, great grandchild Greyson Westervelt and several loving nieces and nephews.

In keeping with John's wishes, no visitation/funeral service is planned. Burial will occur during a private family ceremony at Wacousta Cemetery in Watertown Township.

Memorial donations may be directed to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or the Lewy Body Dementia Association.



John "Jack" Boyer

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN

Class of 1958

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Karin Lee Burpee

Class of 1958

Birth 29 Sep 1940
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 23 Nov 2008 (aged 68)
Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 11/23/2008



Linda Cagle Catey

Class of 1958

DATE OF PASSING: 1/7/2012

Linda M. Catey, 71, of Grand Ledge, Michigan passed away Saturday, January 07, 2012 following a sudden illness. Mrs. Catey was born August 15, 1940 in College Station, TN, the daughter of Tom and Delma (Hale) Cagle. Being born in the state of Tennessee, known as the "Volunteer State", many family members speculate that is where she may have learned the art of "volunteerism", and Linda was a very active volunteer. She was very active in the state and local square dance community from state to national levels. She was active in the local square dance scene as a "Round Dance Cuer". Linda took great pleasure in volunteering at the Wharton Center and Riverwalk Theatre. She formerly volunteered at WKAR radio station Talking Book and Sports Report programs and the Eaton Area Senior Center. Linda and her husband Lloyd loved to travel and were able to visit family and friends around the country. Ms. Catey was also an artist; took great pride in her stained glass, tole painting and many other mediums. Many will remember Linda as a secretary for Michigan State University's Laboratory Animal Care Facility, retiring in 1996. Linda is survived by her husband of 56 years, Wm Lloyd Catey; daughters, Shannon Lovaas of Grand Ledge; Shari (Douglas Large) Alber of Wimberly, TX; her brother Richard (Joy) Cagle of Kalamazoo; sister Chris Cunningham of Dimondale; 5 grandchildren, Jason (Jenny) Pearson of Eagle; Melissa (Jason) Pohl of Bryan, TX., David Pearson of Grand Ledge, Erika Lovaas of Lansing, Mollie Alber of Bryan, TX.; and 5 great-grandchildren, Tyler Pearson, Rhyan and McKenna Pearson, and Vincent and Gabriel Pearson. She was predeceased by her daughter, Alisa Pearson and granddaughter, Sallie Lovaas both in 2010. The family will receive visitors from 2 to 4 p.m.



and 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the Pray Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Interment will follow in Strange Cemetery, Onieda Township. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Eaton Area Senior Center. Online condolences may be made at www.prayfuneral.com Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI.



Gerald "Jerry" Thomas Campbell

December 24, 1939 — January 13, 2021 (Aged 81)

Gerald "Jerry" Thomas Campbell passed away on Jan.13, 2021 in the loving presence of his wife and daughter at the age of 81. Born December 24, 1939 in Lansing, Michigan, son to OB and Lima (Cantrall) Campbell. He worked and owned Campbell Construction where his crew was part of the family. Jerry was a man of few words, but greeted friends and strangers alike with a smile and a compassionate listening ear. He would do anything to help his children in even the most futile or precarious of situations. He was interested in woodworking, building fires, gardening, camping, golfing, and happy hour with his wife.



Jerry was survived by his loving wife, Dolores; children: Merry Beth Scott (Justin); grandchildren, Whitman Ruiz and Sophie Ruiz; daughter, Kim Fekete (Bob); grandchildren, Grace and Noah; son, Jeff Espie (Sunny); son, Kyle Campbell; grandchildren: Annamarie Lupini, Rachel Marie Lupini, Nathan Foster, and Antoinette Richter; son, Kevin Campbell (Sharon), and grandchild Crystal Drews; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Merry Elizabeth Jupin, Jo Popham, and brother, Don Campbell.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 4 p.m. at the Campbell residence, 3463 Jefferson St, Grand Ledge, MI, with visitations from 2 – 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Mother Theresa House, 308 N Walnut St, Lansing, MI 48933. The

family has entrusted arrangements to Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Gordon Eugene Clark

Class of 1958

DATE OF PASSING: 12/4/2016

Gordon Eugene "Gene" Clark of Eagle passed away December 4, 2016 after a long and courageous battle with lung disease. He was born February 7, 1940 to the late Gordon and Ethel Clark. Gene retired as Captain of the Grand Ledge Fire Department in 1999 after over 30 years of service. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and always looked forward to his many fishing trips to Oba Lake in Canada.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Claudia and two sons, Mark (Karen) and Dick. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Brittini, Jake, Kayleigh, Samantha, and Tyler Clark; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Mary and Ken Zischke, and special friends Rennie Brokob and Spencer Vrooman. Gene was a very loving and devoted husband, father, grandpa, and friend, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 8, 2016 – 11:00 a.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to Capital Area Humane Society or American Lung Association.





Alan Raymond Creighton

DATE OF PASSING: 9/22/1978

Class of 1958

Birth: August 29, 1940
Death: September 22, 1978
Ypsilanti, Washtenaw, Michigan

(NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE)



Larry Dobson

DATE OF PASSING: 8/21/2016

Class of 1958

Larry Dobson, 75, of Leesburg Florida, died on Sunday morning August 21, 2016.

Larry was born in Quincy, Michigan in 1941 to Orlo and Virginia Dobson. He was the fourth of four children. He is predeceased by his brother Gene and sister Mary Ellen. He is survived by his brother Bill and many nephews and nieces.

Larry moved to Florida in 1960 to escape the bitter cold Michigan winters. He fell in love with the sun and his soon to be wife Brenda Ferguson in Leesburg, Florida and in 1961 he proposed to her after two weeks of dating. They were married on May 26, 1962. Larry and Brenda have two sons, Darryl and Kevin. Darryl lives in Draper, Utah, with his two children and Kevin lives in Edgewater, Florida, with his wife Donna.

Larry began working for Publix Supermarkets in 1960 starting in the Lakeland Warehouse. He retired from Publix as Store Manager in Gainesville Florida in 1999 after a thirty-nine year career. Larry loved working for Publix and was easily spotted in the Supermarket by listening for the sound of his whistling. He loved his customers and staff and made many great friendships over the years.

Larry's passion outside of his family was fishing the many lakes in Central Florida. An avid bass fisherman, he loved sharing this passion with friends and family throughout his lifetime. He was a champion for the little guy and the down and out and was always quick to lend a hand to those in need without ever needing recognition for his good deeds. He had a great sense of humor, and if you found yourself on the sharp end of one of his practical jokes it was because he loved you.

If you happen to have sat in the balcony of First Baptist Church of Leesburg he attended, you might have noticed him wiping his eyes which were full of tears when the hymns were sung...the music spoke volumes to his heart every Sunday, and he always carried extra tissues as he always felt God's presence in a special way.

Larry had been battling health issues for a number of years and finally succumbed to a heart attack. Nevertheless, he always kept a positive attitude and did his best with the cards he was dealt. He will be deeply missed by his family and many friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, August 26 at 2:30 PM with Rev. Tony Hoffman officiating at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg.



Virginia K. Doxie Carr

Class of 1958

Birth 1939
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 4/26/2008 (aged 68-69)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: North Eagle Cemetery
Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 4/26/2008



Virginia K. Carr Lansing, MI Virginia Kay Carr, age 68, passed away April 26, 2008 in Lansing, MI. She was born November 9, 1939 in Grand Ledge, MI, daughter of the late Paul and Gertrude (Chaplin) Doxsie. Virginia enjoyed gardening, sewing, crocheting and especially spending time with her family. She is survived by 4 sons: Phillip N. of Bolivar, OH, Jeffrey A. (Amy) of Holt, Larry J. and Paul J., both of Lansing, 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, Dennis; 4 brothers: Wayne, Jake, Gail and Donnie Doxsie; and 2 sisters, Norine Enness and Pauline Dixon. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 30, 2008 - 2:00 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge, with interment to follow at Wacousta Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. For those desiring, contributions may be made to the Burcham Hills Retirement Community, American Diabetes Assoc. or the American Cancer Society. www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Kay Durham Snow

Class of 1958

Kay Durham Snow -- Dimondale

DATE OF PASSING: 2/13/2018

Kay Durham Snow, age 78, Passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. She was born February 10, 1940 to Raymond and Gertrude Durham. Kay married John C. Snow of Dimondale October 29, 1960. They had 4 children, Tod Snow, Trudy Snow, Tracie Knickerbocker (Mark) and Tim Snow (Elizabeth) and there are many family and friends that will miss her dearly.

Kay was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and lived her life accordingly. Memorial services at a later date. To share memories, condolences and check updated service details please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHomes.com



Charles Ray Edly

Class of 1958

Birth 13 Apr 1940
Death 23 May 1997 (aged 57)
Burial
Gerrish Township Cemetery
Roscommon, Roscommon County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 5/23/1997



Charles Ray Edly class of 1958 passed away May 23, 1997. Chuck lived at Higgins Lake, Mi. Was employed at the State Hwy. Department in Cadillac. His left behind his wife Diane and three children, Kirt, Todd, and Carrie.



Gerald Allan Edwards

October 3, 1939 — October 10, 2021 (Aged 82)

BRIDGEPORT - Gerald Allan Edwards passed away Sunday, October 10, 2021. Gerald was born October 3, 1939.

Gerald was the youngest of ten children of the late Earl and Lila Edwards. Graduating from Grand Ledge High School in June of 1958. Gerald married Fay Fry in November of 1960. Gerald served the next eight years in the Air Force as an Airman First Class. He worked at Bell Helicopter for five years, then changed careers to pursue his love of building things as a Journeyman Carpenter for over 30 years. He attended Christ Life Church in Bridgeport, Texas. Gerald's hobbies were hunting, building model airplanes, making black powder guns and crafting knives.

Preceding him in death are his brothers, James, Gale, Paul, and Leo; his sisters, Marge Collins, Virginia, Josephine Edwards, Wilma Salvatore, and Joyce Lott.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 60 years, Fay; their children, Karie and husband, Randy Elling of Elkhart, Texas, Breck of Bridgeport, Texas; his grandchildren; Sandie and her husband, Larry Wallace of Decatur, Texas, Cory and his wife, Amanda of Palestine, Texas; his great-great-grandchildren, Cassie, Brant, Kailin, Chase, Keilee, Kinlee, Everleigh, and Wyatt. Great-great-great-grandchild, Colby.

A Funeral will be celebrated at Springdale Baptist Church at 3016 Selma Street; Forth Worth



Delores Florian Watson

DATE OF PASSING: 3/2/2009

Class of 1958

Mrs. Delores M. Watson, age 68, passed away unexpectedly at home early Sunday morning following a long illness. Delores was born in Lansing on November 18, 1940 to Ivan and Dorothy (Pugh) Florian. She married Mr. Robert W. Watson in Springfield, TN on September 10, 1958 and moved to Muskegon in 1989. Delores was a member of the Breakwater Church of the Nazarene. Delores is survived by: her husband of 50 years, Robert W. Watson Sr.; five loving children, Robert W. (Winona) Watson, Jr. of Muskegon, E. William (Julie) Watson of Comstock Park, Brenda S. Lytle of Lansing, Bethany (Randy) Maxwell of Jackson and Becky (Gordon) Arends of Muskegon; 18 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and three brothers, Robert (Lynn) Florian, William (Pat) Florian and Richard (Donna) Florian.





Darlene Frank Briskie

DATE OF PASSING: 9/3/2001

Class of 1958

Darlene A. Briskie, 61, of Olivet, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2001 at the Eaton County Medical Care Facility in Charlotte.

Mrs. Briskie was born Jan. 16, 1940 in Grand Ledge, the daughter of Oscar and Helen (Worden) Frank and had been an Olivet resident since 1959. She was a 1958 graduate of Grand Ledge High School, an Avon representative and a member of its Presidents Club, and had served as chairperson of the Electoral Board in Olivet.

She is survived by two sons, Donn (Cindy) Briskie of Jackson and David (Tami) Briskie of Olivet; one daughter, Dana (Rick) Holland of Olivet; five grandchildren, Tyler Briskie, Cody Briskie, Zachery Holland, Bobby Thomas and Linda Holland; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, John (Collette) Frank of Charlotte.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Briskie on Aug. 3, 1994.

Funeral services were held Sept. 6 at Burkhead-Green Funeral Chapel, Charlotte, with Pastor Todd McLane officiating. Interment was at Bosworth Cemetery, Olivet.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sclero-Derma Foundation or the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements were by Burkhead-Green Funeral Home, Charlotte.



Sharon Lee Haddix Fleck

DATE OF PASSING: 9/28/1997

Class of 1958

Birth 22 Nov 1939

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

Death 28 Sep 1997 (aged 57)

Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach County, Florida, USA

Burial: Union Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Sharon Lee Fleck, 57, of Hobe Sound died Sunday, Sept. 28, 1997, in Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center.

A native of Grand Ledge, MI, she lived in Hobe Sound for 1 1/2 years. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Ever Ready Club of Michigan.

Survivors include four sons, Dale and Steve Owen, and Willard and John Fleck, all of Grand Ledge; two daughters, Lisa Meyers of Temple, TX and Gloria Clark of Hobe Sound; two stepdaughters, Kathy Riegler of Holland, MI and Lisa Clark of Michigan; a brother, Gerald Haddix of Michigan; and four grandchildren. Burial will be in Grand Ledge.



Irene Marie (Hankins) Plunkett

DATE OF PASSING: 9/29/2009

Class of 1958

Irene Marie (Hankins) Plunkett Lansing Mrs. Plunkett, age 69, passed away August 29, 2009, at Lansing, Michigan. She was born March 19, 1940, at Lansing. Irene was a former resident of Grand Ledge; long-time care giver for the elderly in Grand Ledge area and was a member of the St. Gerard Catholic Church. She enjoyed paying cards. Now we know that she is finally reunited with the love of her life, Phil. Survivors include 3 daughters, Cathy (Jeff) Main, Barbara Stornant, Monica (Pat) Price; 2 sons, Robert (Margery) Plunkett and David (Marnie) Plunkett; 12 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Phillip; son-in-law, Gregory Cypher; brother, Thomas Hankins; and her parents. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday and Monday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. For those desiring, contributions to the Mid-Michigan Hospice House will be greatly appreciated.



Robert L. "Bob" Haueter

DATE OF PASSING: 2/27/2009

Class of 1958

Robert L. "Bob" Haueter -- Grand Ledge

Robert L. Haueter, longtime area resident, born June 3, 1940 in Clinton County, MI, passed away February 27, 2009 at the age of 68. Bob was employed at General Motors for 39 years and after his retirement he then enjoyed working at Clark Farms and for the Peters & Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge, from both whom will greatly miss Bob's loyalty, hard work and most of all friendship over the years. He served in the U.S. Air Force; was a member of the North Eagle Cemetery Society/ Association; and the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Janet and their daughters: Teresa A. Ward of Grand Ledge, Sandra L. (David) Menninga of Lansing and Dianna M. (Lyle) Imel of Grand Ledge; 2 granddaughters, Nicole A. Ward and Janae M. Imel; 2 grandsons, Joshua A. and Christopher J. Menninga; 2 great-grandsons, Mason A. and Tyler J. Menninga; brother, Victor J. (Beverly) of Fort Myers, FL; and sister, Nancy M. (Terry) Dankenbring of Grand Ledge. He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor C. and Lorna M. (Williams) Haueter. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2009 - 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., Grand Ledge, with the Rev. Lynn Grimes and Pastor Betty Smith officiating. Interment will follow at North Eagle Cemetery, Eagle Township, Clinton County. The family will receive friends Sunday and Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. For those desiring, contributions may be made to the North Eagle Cemetery Society or American Diabetes Association in memory of Robert Haueter. www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Class of 1958

Donald Lester Haueter, Sr.

September 19, 1938 — June 30, 2022 (Aged 83)

Donald Lester Haueter Sr., on Thursday, June 30, 2022, Donald Lester Haueter, Sr., 83, passed away in hospice care at home with loved ones in Leslie, Michigan.

He was born on September 19, 1938 to Harold and Lois Haueter (both deceased), and grew up in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Don was married to Lonna (Jennifer) Bear early on in life where his first four children were born: Cynthia Calhoun, Jeannine (Steve) Haueter, Donald Jr. (Michelle) Haueter, and Leslie (James) Lee.

Don worked as a Millwright at Oldsmobile in Lansing, MI, from 1960 until he retired in 2000. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Family driving vacations were always a fun time for Don. He enjoyed riding his Gold Wing out on the open road. In 1988 he met Patricia Jo Sweet at a motorcycle rally in Cody, Wyoming, and soon after they were married. Don and Pat loved their rides together and spent much of their time involved with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) and Mid-Michigan Riders. They were named the Chapter 'L' Couple of the Year in 1996. With Don's marriage to Pat, Don gained four more children: Thomas (Penny) Kaiser, Kelli (Robert) Hart, Kip

(Tina) Kaiser, and Dan (Katrice) Sweet. Patricia predeceased Don in September of 2010. Don had a full life with his 8 children and their spouses/partners, as well as 28 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Don enjoyed his annual visits to Aruba. He was an island mainstay, being the first US citizen to buy into one of the resorts before it was ever built. He never missed a year beginning in 1984. There were so many friends and great times. Don enjoyed the friendship with his coworkers until the very end. They spent many hours at union meetings and lunches. They will all miss him dearly.

Don was a fighter over the past 8 years. He beat stage 4 cancer and was determined to beat this current diagnosis, but there were just too many odds stacked against him. We're all proud of you Don for trying to stick it out. Rest peacefully. You are loved and will be missed daily.

No formal funeral service is being planned; however, there will be a memorial service for Donald at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1111 N. Cedar Street, Mason, MI on Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, that people make donations in support of the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI 48906 in honor of their beloved dog, Cody. The family has entrusted arrangements to the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be placed at www.millsfuneral.com.



Class of 1958

Gordon Hayward

DATE OF PASSING: July 24, 2022 (Aged 82)

Gordon Hayward of Eaton Rapids, passed on Sunday, July 24, 2022, with pancreatic cancer. He was 82 years old and a graduate of Grand Ledge High School Class of 1958. Surviving are his wife, Lee, and two grown children, Kenneth Hayward (Kim) and Christa (Hayward) Campbell, three brothers, Eugene, Lou, & Ron Hayward and one

sister, Joanne (Hayward-Leitch) Ford (Gary), all graduates of GLHS and many grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by his parents, Lucius and Mildred Hayward, one sister, Elizabeth (Hayward) Leonard and one brother, Gary Hayward. A Memorial will be held at the South Baptist Chapel, with the date and time of service to be announced in the future.



Doris M. Hodge Parks

May 6, 1940 — October 24, 2020 (Aged 80)

Doris M. Parks, age 80 of Kingsley, Michigan passed away unexpectedly at home, on Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Doris was born to the late, Leonard and Minnie (Deele) Hodge on May 6, 1940, in Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Doris was a member of the Traverse City Eagles Aerie #383. She was a horse trainer for most of her life, and she loved working on the farm. She enjoyed riding the 2 tracks in the Jeep with John. Doris enjoyed being home spending time with her three cats, her favorite was "Nugget", she genuinely loved being with her family and grandchildren.

Doris leaves behind her best friend, John Thompson; four children, Larry (Amy) Parks, Cindy (Scott) Parks, Kevin Parks, and Dean (Lorrie Ann) Parks; twelve grandchildren, Hollie (Aaron) Parks Delagardelle, Lesley Valentine, Mikki Pop, Gaige Stanley, Savannah Stanley, Hillary Parks, Josh Parks, Eric Parks, Emmly Kwasky, Samuel Parks, Jessica Parks, and Gavin Stanley; one great-grandson, Daniel Valentine; a sister, Leona Hodge and brother, Charles Hodge.

She was preceded in passing by husband, Lynn Parks; infant son, Roger Parks, and a sister, Clairra Miller.

The family honors the memory of Doris and invites you to visit and share memories on Thursday, November 5, 2020, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the "Wishes of the Family" c/o Cindy Parks, 106 S. Cherry Street, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.



Kay Hoerner Schrauben

Class of 1958

DATE OF PASSING: 5/9/2009

Kay Schrauben was born on July 31, 1940. She died on May 9, 2009 at age 68. We know that Kay Schrauben had been residing in Lyons, Ionia County, Michigan.



Janet Hutchinson Ripley

DATE OF PASSING: 9/20/2016

Class of 1958

Janet L. Ripley of Charlotte, MI, age 76, passed away on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at the Eaton Community Palliative Care with her loving family at her side. Janet was born July 30, 1940, in Charlotte the daughter of Charles W. and Donna A. (Baxter) Hutchison.

She was a 1958 Graduate of Grand Ledge High School. She had been employed in Medical Billing in the Medical Practice of Doctors Leeser and Joseph for 25 years. Prior to that had been employed for a short time at Michigan State University. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Moose Chapter 1682 in Zephyrhills, FL, and the Charlotte Eagles Aerie #3552 in Charlotte. She was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling.

She is survived by: two daughters, Kimberly (Hal) Wheeler and Mindy (Chris) Weaver both of Charlotte; two grandsons, Tyler (Jaclyn) Ripley of Charlotte and Travis (Katie) Ripley of Texas and great-grandchildren, Max Ripley, Kylee Ripley and Beau Ripley.

She was preceded in death by 2 children, Randall Ripley and Jeffrey Ripley and her husband of 53 years, Gary A. Ripley in 2011.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM Friday, September 23, 2016, at the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Charles Jenson officiating. Interment will be in the Maple Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may go to the Eaton Community Palliative Care in Charlotte.



Larry J. Ingalls

October 12, 1939 — November 1, 2020 (Aged 81)

Charlotte - Larry J. Ingalls, age 81, of Charlotte, passed away Sunday, November 1, 2020 at Eaton County Health and Rehabilitation Services. The son of Herbert D. & Mable E. (Craun) Ingalls, he was born on October 12, 1939 in Watertown Township, Michigan, was a 1958 graduate of Grand Ledge High School, and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He worked as a helicopter and aviation mechanic and retired from the City of Lansing where he worked in heavy equipment maintenance. Larry enjoyed aircraft restoration and piloting airplanes he owned. He was an avid hunter and woodworker. Larry loved donuts, ice cream and his cats. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling and working around his home; occasionally he would be known to sneak away to the casino to while away the hours playing slots. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, uncle, grandfather and brother and he will be dearly missed.



On November 9, 1995, he married the former Pamela Jane Batchelder, who survives. Also surviving are daughters, Kimberly Lynn Loren and Wendy Ingalls, both of St. Johns; step-daughters, Paula (Robert) Thomas of Mason, and Doreen Nethers of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Amber (Brad) O'Dell of St. Johns, Ashley (Luke) Schmitz of St. Johns, Chelsey (Tom) Howard of Grand Ledge, Courtney Ingalls of St. Johns, Danielle Felder of Charleston, S.C., Shelby Ingalls of Perry, Nicholas (Kilee) Nethers of Alma, Cody Wilson of Leslie, Erika Wilson of Leslie, Jonathan Greathouse of East Lansing, and Jennifer Greathouse of Haslett; as well as many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Randy; brothers Don, Charles, and Keith; and a sister, Arlene Schrader.

Honoring his wishes, no services will be held. If so desired, memorial contributions in Larry's name may be made to the Dementia Society of America, P. O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901, or one's charity of choice.

To send a message of sympathy to the family, sign Larry's online guest book, or to share a favorite memory, please visit: www.MichiganCremation.com Cremation arrangements are entrusted to Christiansen's Michigan Cremation & Funeral Care, Greenville, (616) 754-5638.



Richard Leroy Love

October 5, 1940 — February 25, 2017 (Aged 76)

Richard Leroy Love, 76, of Brooksville, Florida, died Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Bayfront Health Brooksville.

He was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan on October 5, 1940 and came to this area approximately five years ago from South Carolina. Richard was married to Sharon (Sims) Love for 57 years. He was a plant manager at Ravenel Elementary School in South Carolina and was of the Methodist faith.

Richard is survived by his wife, Sharon, of Brooksville, Florida; sons & daughter-in-law: Andy and Teresa Love of Land O' Lakes, Florida, Skeet Love of South Carolina; sister & brother-in-law, Nancy and Junior Jolly of Grand Ledge, Michigan; grandson, Cody Brandt.

Richard is preceded in death by daughters, Kelly and Korki.



David C. Meredith

Class of 1958

DATE OF PASSING: 8/31/2016

David "Skip" C. Meredith, 76, passed away peacefully at home on August 31, 2016. He was born June 7, 1940 in Grand Ledge, MI, son of Verl and Grace (Sherman) Meredith. Skip was retired from Meijer Inc., served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the American Legion Cole-Briggs Post 48, Grand Ledge. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia, son and daughter-in-law, David (Jennifer) Meredith and daughter and son-in-law Suzanne (Richard) By, grandchildren: Jennifer and Christopher By, Madelyn, Lydia and Ellayna Meredith; sisters: Pearl Sealy, Marilyn Meredith and Lois Baker. He was predeceased by two sons, James and Gerald Meredith and brother Edward Meredith.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, September 6, 2016 - 11:00 A.M. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with visitation one hour prior to service time. Military Honors will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



Juanita Mills Wakefield

Class of 1958

DATE OF PASSING: 1/28/2013

Juanita Arlene Wakefield -- Grand Ledge, (formerly of Barryton)

Juanita Arlene Wakefield, age 73, passed away Jan. 28, 2013 at her home at Independence Village in Grand Ledge, MI. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, MI on Nov. 28, 1939 to the late John and Bernice (McNutt) Mills. She enjoyed traveling, going on cruises with her late husband Richard and living on Tubbs Lake. She was a member of Happy Hookers Crocheting Club, enjoyed volunteering at Ledge Craft Lane and was a fan of Elvis Presley. She was truly young at heart and shared a strong connection with her loving grandchildren whom she loved to spend time and do activities with including playing video games. She is survived by son Richard (Johnna) Wakefield Jr.; daughter Linda (Rick) Putney; 5 grandchildren, Shane Morgan, Ben Putney, C.J. Wakefield, Elizabeth (Arek) Chachaj and Cody Wakefield; One great grandchild on the way; sisters, Marilyn Mills and Kay Westrick and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husband Richard Sr., son John and sister Floramae Roth. A funeral service will be held Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, 10:30am at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge, Reverend Steve Ezop officiating. Visitation Wed. 5-8pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans Memorial Program P.O. Box 14301 Cincinnati, OH.



James Lee Murphy

Class of 1958

San Diego, California

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

DATE OF PASSING: 3/25/2017



Lyle E. O'Boyle

Class of 1958

Lyle E. O'Boyle, 79, of Grand Ledge, MI, born November 13, 1939 in Lansing, MI, passed away at home on August 1, 2019. He was retired from Roberts-Sinto Corp., served in the United States Army and Army National Guard of Michigan, and was a professional dog watcher. He enjoyed spending time with his loving family, wonderful friends, and walking his neighbor's dogs.

Lyle is survived by his son Todd (Melanie) O'Boyle, daughter Lori (Dan) Demitroff; 7 grandchildren: Austin, Zachary, Amanda, Jordan, Katelyn, Haley and Nicholas; sister-in-law Valarie (Ken) Dabrowski, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Kathleen (2018), brothers Duane (Carol) and Larry O'Boyle, and sister Darlene Berghorst.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Peters & Murray, Grand Ledge. Military Honors will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. For those wishing, memorial contributions can be made to the Capital Area Humane Society. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.

DATE OF PASSING: 8/1/2019



Gerald Chandler Parsons

June 13, 1940 -- August 29, 2020 (Aged 80)

Gerald Chandler Parsons, 80, of Port Charlotte, Florida died suddenly on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at Bayfront Health-Port Charlotte.

Gerald was born June 13, 1940 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Chandler and Arlene Parsons. He was a long time resident of Grand Ledge, MI where he ran Parsons Chemical and later became a residential landlord. An avid boater, he realized a lifelong dream of moving his family to Florida in 1984. Settling in Port Charlotte, Gerald again built up a residential renting business while enjoying boating, tennis, biking and RV travel. He was a second generation Eagle Scout and was Scoutmaster in Michigan and remained active with scouting in Port Charlotte.

Gerald was a dedicated family man and is survived by his wife of 57 years, Susan E. Parsons of Port Charlotte; Daughter, Lucinda "Cindy" (James) Crum of Tampa, FL; a son, Gerald C. (Jennifer) Parsons, Jr. of Port Charlotte; and four grandchildren: Macy, Zander, Chandler & Mia.

Numerous friends, customers, neighbors, scouts and tenants will remember and miss him.

Memorial services will be held Saturday Sept. 5, 2020 at Roberson Funeral Home Port Charlotte Chapel.

Friends may visit online at www.robersonfh.com to extend condolences to the family. Arrangements by Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory Port Charlotte Chapel.





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Raymond George Plunkett

August 19, 1940 — June 3, 2023 (Aged 82)

Raymond George Plunkett of Grand Ledge passed away June 3, 2023. Ray was born August 19, 1940 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Edward and Aurelia (Motz) Plunkett. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1958 and worked for the State of Michigan Department of Transportation as an Engineer, retiring after 35 years plus. Ray was a longtime faithful member of St. Michael Parish where he served as a Eucharistic Minister and Usher. He was a Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Richard Council 788. He enjoyed golfing, bowling grilling and bird watching at the feeder he always kept full. The family would like to thank the staff at Regency at Lansing West for the wonderful care and support they provided Ray or as some of them called him "Yar".



He is survived by his wife of nearly 62 years, Rosemary (Stump); children, Brenda L. (Mark) Anderson-Newhof, Susan L. (Dr. Jason) Hollady, Lori R. (Matt) Randall; grandchildren, Dylan (Kirsten) Anderson, Logan Anderson, Danielle Williams, Mackenzie and Jake Randall; great grandson, Lachlan Anderson; siblings, Dale (Marion) Plunkett, Marilyn (Ken) Sohn, Shirley (Stan) Smith; Pat (Mike) Thelen and Lynda Plunkett; brothers-in-law, Jerry Gunn and Bud Thelen. Ray was preceded in death by son-in-law, Jerry Williams; sisters, Caroline Gunn and Eileen Thelen; brothers and sisters-in-law, Don (Jane) Plunkett, Pete Plunkett, Phil (Irene) Plunkett and Gordon (Bonnie) Plunkett.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, June 8, 2023, 11:00 AM at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by Father James Eisele. You may watch the funeral mass for Ray at 11:00 am Thursday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4kIPK0Wku0>. Rite of Committal will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4-8:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:30 PM at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and Thursday at the church from 10-11:00 AM. Memorial contributions in Ray's name may be given to St. Michael Parish, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 or Sparrow Foundation, Hospice Services, 1215 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912.



Sandra Lee Provo Free

DATE OF PASSING: 7/25/2018

Class of 1958

Sandra Lee Free -- Lansing, MI

Sandra Lee Free, 78, of Lansing, MI, passed away July 25, 2018. She was born October 9, 1939 in Bath, MI, daughter of George and Hattie (Rutter) Provo. Sandra was retired from Dean Transportation, attended Immanuel Community Reformed Church; enjoyed golfing, crafting, spending time with her grandchildren, volunteered with Special Olympics, and loved her animals.

She is survived by her children: Douglas (Susan) Lenon, David (Gina) Lenon, Darrin (Stacey) Lenon, Carrie (John) Blanck, Kimberly (Karl Dersch) Carpenter, and Stacey (Brad) Tipton; 17 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Barbara Tallman, Jessica (Michael) Bridges; also 6 siblings from her biological father. She was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell, grandsons Paul Carpenter IV and Kody Lenon, great granddaughter Kylie Childress and sister Marilyn White.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Immanuel Community Reformed Church, 3200 Delta River Drive, Lansing, MI 48906, with Pastor Richard Heusinkveld officiating. Visitation one hour prior to service time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Special Olympics Michigan, Ingham and Eaton Office, 2901 Wabash St., Lansing, MI 48910 or Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio St., Suite 500, Chicago, IL

60611, in memory of Sandra Free. The family is being served by the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be made to www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com





Joan Robinson Vrooman

DATE OF PASSING: 6/25/2018

Class of 1958

Joan Lucille Vrooman -- Grand Ledge

Joan Lucille Vrooman of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away June 25, 2018, at the age of 77. Joan was born in Lansing on September 2, 1940, the daughter of Forest and Margaret (Preston) Robinson. Joan loved to garden and grew the best tomatoes and cucumbers. Her flower gardens were admired by many and included oriole and hummingbird feeders. She worked in the cafeteria at Grand Ledge schools and was known as the "Cookie Lady". Joan retired from the State of Michigan as a Claims Examiner. She loved to spend time with grandchildren and great grandchildren at her home and cottage on Horsehead Lake. Joan had several close friends from high school which she enjoyed meeting regularly for lunch and yearly getaways.



Joan is survived by her husband of 59 years, Spencer; children, Sally (Greg) Vrooman Jones, Keith (Gwen) Vrooman and Ricky Vrooman; grandchildren, Nicole Vrooman, Adam (Mary) Cogswell, Krista Vrooman, Justin Vrooman, Alicia (Chad) Owens, Karmen (Rob) Simon, Luke Cogswell, Rachel Vrooman and Robbie Vrooman; great grandchildren, Kash, Ruby, Mason, Grant, Charlotte and Greyson; brothers, Chuck (Ellen) Robinson and Frank (Helen) Robinson; close friends, RoAnne, Mary, Claudia, Elaine and Lana. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Jim Robinson. Special thanks to Pat Sharp for allowing Joan to rest in eternal peace next to her father.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. June 29, 2018 at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, 301 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge, MI 48827. Visitation will be held Thursday for 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Diabetes Association, 300 Galleria Officentre #111, Southfield, MI 48034. Please visit our website to place online condolences or to sign the guest book, www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



L. Richard (Dick) Sand

DATE OF PASSING: 8/28/2013

Class of 1958

L. Richard (Dick) Sand, 73, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on August 28, surrounded by his family. He was born in Lansing, Mi on August 13, 1940. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School. . He worked for and retired from the Michigan National Guard. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ruth; his sons, Jeffrey (Teri), Mark (Kris); 3 grandchildren (Kenny, Emma and Olivia) and his mother, Marguerite Fuhry. It was Dick's wish that a private memorial ceremony be held along the Emerald Coast in Destin, Florida. Those desiring can make donations to the American Cancer Society in Dick's memory.



Barbara June Shaw Washburn

August 13, 1940 — February 21, 2022 (Aged 81)

Barbara June Washburn, age 81, of Lansing, Michigan, went to be with the Lord on February 21, 2022, when she passed peacefully in the comfort of her home and surrounded by her family after a short battle with cancer. Barbara was born on August 13, 1940, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She grew up in the Grand Ledge area and often worked on her parents' farm and at their business, Shaw's Sugar Shack. Being more of a tomboy, Barbara often kept up with the boys playing football and hockey. Shortly after graduating high school, Barbara married her sweetheart, David. She was a stay-at-home mom and worked several odd jobs including seasonal work making caramel apples at Affy Tapple. Barbara adored her kitties and loved to watch the local wildlife, making sure the birds never ran out of food. She also adored her children and grandchildren and loved spending time with them. Barbara loved being surrounded by flowers and enjoyed decorating the flower gardens in her yard with wind-chimes and gnomes. She was an avid Detroit Tigers, Lions, and Redwings fan. She will be remembered as being fierce, but also very loyal and generous - many of the neighborhood children loved her.

Barbara is preceded in death by her husband of over 60 years, David Lewis Washburn; grandson, Shaun Hitchcock; brother, Michael Archambeau; sister, Eleanor Shaw; and parents, William and Lillian Shaw. She is survived by her children: Karen Womble, Mark Washburn, Lisa (Steve) Klont, and Michael (Candy) Washburn; grandchildren: David Washburn, William (Kristi) Hitchcock, and Bailey Klont; and great-grandchildren: Bryce, McKayla, and Layla. Also surviving are her siblings, Harriet (James) Young and Robert Shaw; sisters-in-law, Diane and Kathie; and many nieces and nephews.

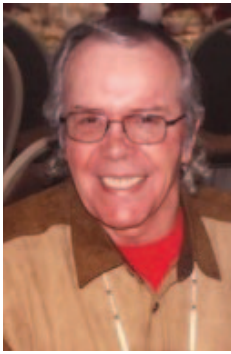
The family is planning a gathering of friends and family for Saturday, February 26, 2022, at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 5300 N Grand River Ave Lansing MI 48906. Memorial service will begin at 3:00 p.m. with potluck dinner to follow. Bringing a dish to pass is appreciated but not required. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to your local animal shelter. Arrangements entrusted to Vickers Leslie Funeral Home, 109 N. Church Street/P.O. Box 503, Leslie, MI 49251. 517-878-6600.



Gordon Leo "Flash" Shepard

March 9, 1940 -- November 19, 2019 (Aged 79)

Gordon Leo "Flash" Shepard passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at his home in Petoskey, Michigan. He was 79 years old. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Rita Gasco Shepard in 2008. He is survived by his daughters Carrie (Tony) Kerns; Michelle (Peter) Hernek, parents of Stephen, Robert, Sergei, and Jenah; and son, Gordon (Angela) Shepard II, parents of Madison, Kaitlyn and Gordon, III. Also surviving are sisters Sally Page and Rebecca Shepard Fenrick, brother Bill Shepard, and Rita's children Vicki (Chris) Lynn, Regina (Brian) Carver, Stella (Dave) Kay and Harvey Brubaker, as well as several grand and great grandchildren. In addition to his wife, Flash was preceded in death by his parents, and three siblings, Nancy, Tuff and Jim.



Gordon was born on March 9th, 1940 in Owosso, Michigan and was one of seven children of Marion and Lola (Koivuniemi) Shepard. He grew up in Grand Ledge, Michigan and graduated from GLHS in 1958. After graduation he joined the Navy and flew missions as a submarine spotter. He served tours of duty in Hawaii, Japan and Key West.

After leaving the Navy, Gordon went to work for Dudley Paper Company, later Copco Paper, and Unisource until he retired. If you were a customer, you could set your calendar to his route schedule. He traveled up and down the State of Michigan and had the same customers

over his forty plus years before his retirement.

Flash loved motorcycles and loved taking trips on his road bike. In 1981, Gordon renamed himself "Flash Gordon" after surviving being struck by lightning while driving his motorcycle on I-75 after his Finnish family reunion in the U.P. Flash was like a cat with nine lives. He kept beating the odds. He was SISU. A doctor in a car that was following him administered first aid, and he was taken by ambulance to the hospital. The lightning actually improved his eyesight. He was told he couldn't play golf for the rest of the year because he had to stay out of the sun. Possessed of a delightful quirkiness and more than enough ingenuity, and not one to let anything interfere with his golf game – he lived and breathed golf – he bought himself a good covering beach umbrella and played on.

Seems like golf was always a connector. He met the love of his life, Rita Gasco Brubaker in 1991 and they later married. Their first blind date was as partners in a charity golf tournament in Harbor Springs, Michigan. Perfect. What could be better? They fulfilled each other's needs, were both bargain shoppers, and best of all, Rita was a really good golfer. They played golf as much as possible, and she beat him as much as possible. They had a small miniature doberman named Duke, and he was often seen on the golf course in St. Ignace running the fairways and chasing the geese away. Duke became Flash's connection to Rita after her death from cancer in 2008. You never saw Flash on the golf course without Duke walking with him or riding in the cart.

Flash was a bird lover. He prided himself in being "the bird man" of Petoskey. He had a balcony loaded with bird feeders, bird houses, tons of seed, and devices to chase away the squirrels while his birds were hanging out. He had five bird clocks that tweeted the quarter hour, half hour and hour. All different bird calls, and he knew them all.

As a widower, Flash kept very busy doing volunteer work of all kinds. He loved people, and they loved him. A greeting always required a hug. He volunteered at the Friendship Center in Petoskey, delivered blood all over the State of Michigan for the Red Cross, and drove the Elder's bus for the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. He was a recycler. He kept any highway he drove clean by picking up bottles and cans that people threw out of their cars.

The word quirkiness describes Flash and his many wonderful idiosyncrasies. A flyswatter was always within reach. This inspired his daughter to present him with a unique flyswatter bouquet for Father's day. He was loved by anyone who knew him. He was mostly a man of few words, but if compelled, the expletives would give George Carlin a run for his money.

Food: He loved pasties, he was a Finn, but his greatest love was peanut butter. He ate it on everything. He kept an emergency jar in his car in case he was having dinner where there might not be PB for his hamburger, or even his ice cream for dessert. It was for Flash that the peanut butter lappan, a Hungarian dessert was invented. Apple lappan, blueberry lappan, cherry lappan – and now peanut butter lappan.

He will be missed by many people whose lives were made better by knowing him. Rest in Peace, Flash. Charitable donations in memory of Flash are asked to please be directed to the Harbor Hall Treatment Center in Petoskey.



Shirley Shipman Walter

DATE OF PASSING: 8/8/2013

Class of 1958



Shirley A. Walter, 73, passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City with her loving husband at her side. Shirley was born on March 9, 1940 to the late Forest and Martha (Patterson) Shipman in Clinton County, Michigan. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School with the class of 1958. On November 8, 1958 she married John L. Walter and they raised three children. In 1980 she received an Associate in Arts Degree from Grand Rapids Junior College. In 1987 Shirley and her husband started Architectural Metals, Inc. and she worked for a time as the bookkeeper. Shirley was always very active in the church and community wherever they lived. She served as the head of the Jaycee auxiliary in Grand Ledge, was a Girl Scout leader for eight years and was very involved in the Michigan Capital Girl Scout Council. She had a booth at Ledge Craft Lane in Grand Ledge where she sold handmade items. She was a devoted volunteer at Sparrow Hospital gift shop for over 25 years. She volunteered for CVIP at Michigan State University for several years and for countless activities at church. Shirley was an energetic person and always had something going on. She enjoyed playing bridge for many years with friends and family. She was a Master Gardener and loved flowers and gardening. She was an excellent cook and loved trying new recipes. She was blessed to travel with family on many wonderful trips over the years. She was a very creative person and used this in her many interests. Shirley is survived by her husband of 55 years, John L. Walter; children: Holly

(Gary) Dluge of Traverse City, John P. (Hao Min) Walter of Rochester Hills, Penny (Dale) Schuiling of Grand Rapids; sister, Charlene Lipka of Sedona AZ; brothers: Dean (Zita) Shipman of Traverse City, Dale (Penny) Shipman of Bowling Green OH, Don (Sue) Shipman of Interlochen, Fred (Ruth) Shipman of Traverse City; aunt, Harriette (Ron) Henrickson of Lafayette CA; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 from 2-4 pm and 5-7 pm at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at Central United Methodist Church at 11:00 am Wednesday, August 14, 2013, with visiting one hour prior. Rev. Dr. Jennifer Browne from University United Methodist Church will officiate. Memorial contributions in her name may be directed to University United Methodist Church in East Lansing or Munson Hospice House in Traverse City.



Class of 1958

Judith Ann Sironen Dobson

May 12, 1940 — August 4, 2023 (Aged 83)

Judith Ann Dobson, known affectionately as Judie, peacefully passed away with her family in attendance on August 4, 2023, in Utica, Michigan, at the age of 83. Born on May 12, 1940, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Judie was the beloved daughter of the late Sironen family.

Judie will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by her daughters and family, Renee Gard (Errol), Robin Malek (Steve), and Barbara Dobson. She was a loving grandmother to Eric Gard, Michella Dobson, John Dobson (Cynthia), Chelsea Bennett (Nick), and Brittanie Malek. And she adored her six great-grandchildren. Judie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William B Dobson, and her son, Robert W Dobson. She cherished the time spent with her family and found joy in their company.

Judie had a zest for life and enjoyed various hobbies. She especially loved shopping, reading and spending quality time with her family. Her vibrant personality and kind heart touched the lives of all who knew her.

To honor Judie's life, a memorial service will be held with the family in St Petersburg, Florida on September 14. During this time, family and close friends will gather to celebrate her life and share cherished memories.

Judith Ann Dobson will forever be remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her love and kindness had a profound impact on the lives of those around her. She rests now, with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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Garth Michael Smith

August 22, 1940 — June 21, 2022 (Aged 81)

Garth Michael Smith, age 81, of Charlotte, entered into the arms of his Savior on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. He was born August 22, 1940, in Lansing the son of Robert and Jackie (Ripley) Smith. Garth graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1958. Soon after graduation he proudly enlisted in the United States Navy and faithfully served his country. Garth was a member of the IBEW for over 50 years and worked as an electrician the majority of his life. He was also the proud owner of S&S Trucking for many years. Garth loved handing out his "Retired and Loving It" ink pens to everyone he came in contact with. In his spare-time he enjoyed fishing, MSU Hockey, and spending time at his home in Florida. Garth was a member of the American Legion Post 42, VFW Post 2406, Eagles Aerie #3552, and Moose Lodge 2565, where he made his daily rounds to spend time with his countless friends. Garth had many pets throughout his life but was especially fond of his current dogs, Bunny and Bernie.

Garth is survived by his children. Terry Smith of Charlotte, Winnie (Shane) Miller of Charlotte, Candy Ewing of Vermontville; 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren; siblings, Karen (Larry) Feldpausch, Tim (Linda) Smith of Charlotte, and Eunice Smith of Charlotte.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Matt Ewing; and Margaret Elbrink.

A celebration of Garth's life will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 12 P.M. at the American Legion Post 42, 1000 W. Lawrence Hwy., Charlotte, MI 48813.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Garth, please visit our floral store.



Laverne Coral Smith

Class of 1958

Caledonia, Michigan

DATE OF PASSING: 8/1/2016

Laverne Coral Smith, "Smitty", age 76, of Caledonia, died at home Monday, August 1, 2016, surrounded by friends and family. He was born in 1939, in Lansing, MI, to Merle and Bernice Smith-McPherson. After graduating, Laverne married his high school sweetheart, Sharon Bowers, and began working for Michigan Bell. No one who met Laverne ever forgot his passion for fishing, cribbage or a lively game of euchre. His inventive nature kept him always on the lookout for his next enterprise.

When not busy with his inventions, he spent time sharing his many adventurous stories with any who would listen.

He was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Bruce Smith; and sisters, Judy Smith and Leslie Crosby. He is survived by his brother, Arlen Smith; his sister, Maureen McPherson; his children, Kym Smith and his wife, Linda; Bryan Smith and his wife, Lisa; Eric Smith and his wife, Cindy; his daughter, Gwyn Smith; his grandchildren, Michael (Kelly) Smith, Melissa (Aaron) Balogh, Kymberly Smith, Matthew Smith, Rachel (Nick) Thaler, Joel Smith, Caitlin Smith, David Smith, Rachelle Smith, Benjamin Smith, Timothy Smith; and six great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Healing Eyes, Inc.



Richard Benjamin Smith

DATE OF PASSING: 6/18/2017

Class of 1958

Richard "Ben" Smith went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus on June 18, 2017. Ben is survived by his loving, caring wife, Arlene, daughters Cindy Bodell and Wendy Smith, grandchildren: Nicole (Mike) Stafford, Lance (Leanne) Bodell, and Gracie Smith-Jobski, and great granddaughter Claire Stafford, as well as his sister Mary Kleinfelt, brother-in-law Richard Kempf and many nieces and nephews, friends, and his church family.

Ben was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church; retired from GM after 35 years as maintenance Journeyman Welder, and was in the Air National Guard for 8 years.

Ben and his wife of 55 years enjoyed traveling together and often took long drives that sometimes turned into spontaneous trips away for a few days. He cherished the times he spent camping with his daughters, and then with his grandchildren. He loved every adventure he had with each of them. He ran at least 5 miles every day, rain or shine, for 38 years, and ran in numerous 5k races with his family members. He really enjoyed one of his hobbies of restoring old cars. He proudly received many 1st place trophies with his antique cars. He also built lots of things in his work shop where he spent much time.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation 1 hour prior to service at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7910 E. St. Joe Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917. A luncheon at the church will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his church Our Savior Lutheran Church or Sparrow Hospice House where he spent the last weeks of his life, and where he was cared

for by many wonderful, caring, loving staff. Our big thanks go to all of them. The family is being served by Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, MI, www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Salvador "Sam" Spagnuolo

DATE OF PASSING: 12/01/2011

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Salvador "Sam" Spagnuolo -- Grand Ledge

Salvador "Sam" Spagnuolo, age 72, passed away Dec. 1, 2011 at his home in Oneida Twp. He was born in Lansing, MI on Oct. 11, 1939 to the late Bruno and Henrietta (Fata) Spagnuolo. He graduated from LCC, served in the Army National Guard, was Dept. Manager of Social Service/Data Processing at the State of Michigan retiring in 2001, member of St. Michael Catholic Church and The Italian American Club of Lansing. Sam opened the first pizza shop in Grand Ledge and with Jerry Bonofiglio had Sam and Jerry's. He mostly enjoyed time spent with his children, and friends. He is survived by wife Mary (Willis), sons Michael (Susan) of Columbus, IN, Daniel of Grand Ledge, Thomas (Paulette) of Huntington Woods, daughter Suzanne Spagnuolo of St. Johns, grandchildren, Kalli (Pat), Krista (Jake), Nicholas, Jonathan, Adam, Jordan, Taylor, Zachary, Andrew, Carly and Casey, great grandsons Noah and Nolan, sister Margaret (Butch) Mingus of Grand Ledge, sister-in-law Wanda Lehman of Grand Rapids, many nieces and nephews. Sam is preceded in death by sisters Esther Hunt and Barbara Tontini. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, Dec. 5, 2011, 11:00am at Saint Michael Catholic Church in Grand Ledge by Reverend Fr. James Eisele, Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery .



Visitation Sunday, 2-4, 6-8pm at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge, Vigil 7:30pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Michael Church 345 Edwards Strett Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837, The Italian-American Club of Lansing P.O. Box 27456 Lansing, Michigan 48909 or Memorial and Honors Program St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 Online condolences may be shared at www.holihanatkin.com.



Ruth Ann Stirn Heightchew

DATE OF PASSING: August 4, 2010 (Aged 70)

Ruth Ann (Stirn) Heightchew, age 70, of Lansing passed away peacefully on August 4 surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1958. Ruth attended LCC to become an LPN then worked at St. Lawrence Hospital and an affiliate anesthesiologist office beginning in 1960. she married Robert Earl Heightchew Jr. in 1962, had two sons Brian and David and divorced in 1982. Ruth retired from Blue Care Network Health Central in 2003 after 20 years of service.

Ruth enjoyed flower gardening, NASCAR and attending the many sporting events, band concerts and dance recitals of her grandchildren and great grandchildren in the Charlotte, Midland and Ovid-Elsie School Districts. She adored and enjoyed all of her adopted cats and dogs over the years, doing jigsaw puzzles, needlepoint and spending time with her friends.

Ruth is survived by sons, Brian (Mary) of Charlotte and David (Cindy) of Elsie and six grandchildren, Niki (Jason), Sarah, Bruce, Justin, Garrett, Echo and three great grandchildren, Cole, Brenna, Kaylee, Morris the cat and her dog Sissy. She was preceded in death by her parents Earl and Dorothy Stirn and great granddaughter Olivia.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at the Elsie American Legion Post 502, located at 220 S. Ovid Street in Elsie with a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Capital Area Humane Society in Ruth's name.





Marta Swanson Giesecke

DATE OF PASSING: 6/21/2018

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Marta S. Giesecke
June 8, 1940 ~ June 21, 2018 (age 78)

Marta Jean (Swanson) Giesecke, 78, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2018, with family by her side. She was born June 8, 1940, in Grand Ledge, Michigan, the daughter of Stanley and Doris (Smith) Swanson and grew up in Grand Ledge surrounded by a large and loving extended family. As a child, she was active in their church, Girl Scouts, was a GLHS cheerleader, and loved spending time at the family farm in Morley, Michigan. She had many adventures with her two sisters and The Swanson Girls remained close throughout their lives. She married John R. "Jack" Giesecke on April 27, 1968, and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He survives her.

Marta held a variety of jobs throughout her life, including at the First Congregational Church, Bee's Chevy Olds, and Beck's Orchard. However, she considered her most important roles to be wife, homemaker, and mother. She delighted in raising their three children and was a faithful supporter at band concerts, Sea Lions meets, various sporting events, and a myriad of other activities that the kids enjoyed over the years. She opened their home to swim team dinners, Lions Band events, slumber parties, and family celebrations. As grandchildren arrived, she took equal joy in watching them grow and participate in various activities, earn good grades, and often said how

proud she was that they were "such nice kids." She was very supportive of Jack's business, The Stereo Shoppe, and hosted many store parties, both at Christmas and in the summer.

She loved summer vacations at family cottages on Morrison Lake in Michigan and on Big Sand Lake in Wisconsin. These were great places for making family memories, the love of which has been passed to her children and grandchildren. Avid Spartan fans, she and Jack held season tickets for MSU football and basketball for 40+ years and many great times were had cheering on the Spartans and following them to Tournament games. Marta loved adventure and she and Jack enjoyed traveling, trying new restaurants, piling the family into the station wagon for Sunday drives, and organizing friends for a fun night out.

She was an avid gardener and loved tending to her flowers. She was active in the Mint Country Garden Club and served as past President, was a co-founder of the Mint City Investment Club, and past President of the St. Johns Women's Club. Marta especially loved to decorate their old Victorian home on State Street, taking special joy in doing so at Christmas-time. She and Jack enjoyed auctions and collecting antiques and she refinished many pieces which were used to furnish their home. She always had a project and could often be found quilting, wallpapering, painting, making her famous chocolate chip cookies, and working hard to make their house a home. She loved to read; the kitchen lights were always on, and the coffee was always ready.

Even with all of these activities, Marta will be most remembered for her love of family and friends, her strong faith, easy laugh, happy disposition, and always optimistic outlook. She was there for anyone who needed her and her glass was always "full." She could chat easily with all kinds of people and made friends wherever she went. In recent years, as her health declined, she handled the transition with her usual grace and good humor.

In addition to her husband Jack, surviving Marta are her children, Jennifer (Jim) Beagle of St. Johns, Michigan; Michael (Laura) Giesecke of Scottsdale, Arizona; and Betsy (Brandon) Chaffee of Granville, Ohio. Also surviving Marta are her much-loved grandchildren, Andy, Sam, Nicholas, Regan, Parker, McKenna, Evan, Matthew and Henry; her sister, Kathy (Jeff) Jackson of Grand Ledge; sister-in-law, Nancy (Stu) Greene of Auburn, Maine; sister-in-law, Sally (Bill) Giese of Hudson, Wisconsin; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and special family friends. Preceding her in death were her parents; sister, Mary Jane Northrup; brother-in-law, Dick Northrup; and parents-in-law, Ray and Marie Giesecke.

Funeral services will be held at the First United Methodist Church of St. Johns, 200 E. State St., at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Private interment will take place at Mt. Rest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2018, at Keck-Coleman Funeral Home in St. Johns. Memorials may be made to Sparrow Hospice Services, PO Box 30480, Lansing, MI 48909. Online condolences may be made at www.keckcolemanfh.com.





Joyce Taylor Morgridge

Class of 1958

DATE OF PASSING: 12/19/2014

Joyce Lee Morgridge -- Grand Ledge

Joyce Lee Morgridge, 75, born December 8, 1939, in Grand Ledge, MI, passed away December 19, 2014. Joyce a retired from the State of Michigan, where she was a bill amending clerk. She was a member of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church; enjoyed bowling, spending time at the cottage, canoeing, and most all spending time with her family.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Kenneth, daughter, Michelle (Jeff) Malmquist, son Michael and special friend Kim Sanders; four grandchildren: Kenny and Adam Morgridge, Erica and Lindsay Malmquist; three great grandchildren; sister, Nancy (Jerry) Steffen; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Stanley and Cleo (Lutz) Taylor; son Mark, and sister Patricia Hart.

A Memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Eaton County Medical Care Facility or McLaren Hospice in memory of Joyce Morgridge. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



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Thomas Leroy Thorn

October 15, 1939 — December 31, 2023 (Aged 84)

Thomas Leroy Thorn, age 84, of Eagle, Michigan, died Dec. 31, 2023. Tom was born October 15, 1939, to Bertha and Elmer Thorn. He grew up with his 10 brothers and sisters in the country near Eagle and attended Grand Ledge schools, graduating in 1958. Tom married Constance (Connie) Shanafelt, his high school sweetheart, on March 15, 1958, and they made their home near Eagle. He was employed by Grand Ledge Lumber Company and Howard Davidson Lumber in Portland from 1958 through 1964. He began working for Oldsmobile in 1964, where he trained and worked as a tool and die maker. Tom retired from Oldsmobile in 1993. He enjoyed an active retirement with Connie, golfing, gardening, oil painting, fishing, hunting, travelling, and spending summers at their cottage on Sugar Island in northern Michigan. Recently Tom lived at Gunnisonville Meadows Senior Assisted Living center, and the family is grateful for the care he received there. Tom was a man of integrity who taught his children to take the high road whenever possible. He was a guy who could build or fix anything, and his children, other family members and friends benefitted from his talents over the years.



Tom was loved and will be missed by his children Thomas Thorn Jr. (Shirley) of Eagle, Brenda Hill of Williamston, and Carrie Thorn (Jane Bush) of Charlotte; grandchildren Ian Thorn (Nikki) of Saratoga, WY, Justin Fuller of Sinclair, WY, and Megan Harnett of D'Iberville, MS; as well as brother John Thorn (Donna) of Charlotte and sister Georgia Cooper (Jerry) of Eagle. Tom was preceded in death by his beloved wife Connie and daughter Phyllis Thorn, both in 2015.

A funeral service will be held at 10am Saturday, Jan. 6, at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, 406 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. There will be a luncheon after the funeral at the Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St., Eagle. Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 5, 3-6pm at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com



Bethany Waldo Cain

Class of 1958

DATE OF PASSING: 2/2/2015

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Class of 1958

Gary Howard Ward

March 4, 1940 – May 5, 2022 (Aged 81)

Gary Howard Ward was born in Lansing, Michigan to Eloise and Howard Ward on March 4, 1940. His family (now including Don his younger brother) resided there until 1957 when they relocated to Wacousta, Michigan.

According to Gary's wishes, cremation has taken place. A private family celebration of life will be held at a date to be determined.



Judith Watson Smith

Class of 1958

DATE OF PASSING: 1/3/2016

Judith Kay Smith -- Howell

Judith Kay Smith of Howell; born in Lansing to the late Merton and Virginia Watson; graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1958; formerly of Livonia; passed away surrounded by her loving family at her side on January 3, 2016, while she was under hospice care at Autumn Ridge of Clarkston; age 75; devoted wife of Roger for 56 ½ years; loving mother of Cindy (Tom) Przybysz and Ken (Rose) Smith; also survived by: Christian, Alex, Megan and Noah, who considered themselves blessed to be her grandchildren; sister of Pattie Compton, Linda (Steve) Smith, Cheri Watson, David (Sue) Watson; sister in law of Fred (Barb) Smith, Doug (Barbara) Smith and Vicki (Jerry) Zaikowski; survived by many nieces and nephews.

Judy enjoyed golfing, gardening, remodeling, spoiling her grandchildren and Lucky, her cat. She was the original "do-it-yourselfer". She will be long remembered and words can never express the amazing woman she was. Heartfelt thanks to the caring staff at Autumn Ridge because without them, her transition would've been an unbearable journey; arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

A celebration of Judy's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an organization of your choice.





Patricia A. "Westrick" Rueckert

August 27, 1939 — April 19, 2020 (Aged 80)

Patricia A. Rueckert of Grand Ledge passed away April 19, 2020. Pat was born August 27, 1939 in Beal City, Michigan to the late Cyril S. and Ruth P. (Martin) Westrick. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School and retired from the State of Michigan after working many years as an Administrative Assistant.

She is survived by her loving husband, Gordon; son, Robert; son-in-law, Herb Seymour; 8 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; brother, Dale (Doris) Westrick; sister-in-law, Kay Westrick.

Patricia was preceded in death by daughters, Barbara Seymour and Debra Beers ; brothers, Gerald and James Westick.

A private family memorial will be held at a later time. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



Dorothy "Jean" Willis Purdy

May 21, 1940 — July 10, 2021 (Aged 81)

Dorothy "Jean" Willis Purdy, 81, of Fenton, Michigan, died Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Vicinia Gardens Assisted Living Facility in Fenton, Michigan.

Mrs. Purdy, was born May 21, 1940 in Grand Ledge, the daughter of Clare Robert and Dorothy Arlene (McDaniels) Willis. She was a 1958 graduate of Grand Ledge High School. During high school she worked at Willis Brother's Market that was owned by her father and uncle. After graduation from high school she worked for the State of Michigan, where she would eventually be introduced to her future husband, Edmund Purdy, by her future mother-in-law. They were married on July 22, 1961, in Grand Ledge. Jean was a devoted wife of 56 years to her husband before he passed, a loving mother of her two children, and found her greatest joy in her grandchildren. She experienced a life threatening battle with stage four Larynx Cancer at the age of 40 but survived both surgery and radiation to live for another 41 years. As a result of her cancer she would go on to speak at various Junior high schools in the area about the consequences of smoking and what effect it could have on your life. Spending summers at their cottage on Lake Huron, walking the beach, picking up drift wood, or just reading and relaxing, and listening to the waves was pure enjoyment she always looked forward to after the long winters.



Jean is survived by one son, Christopher (Marie) Purdy of Fenton and; one daughter, Lori Purdy (Alan) Faitel of South Lyon; two grandchildren, Izak Purdy and Aryanna Purdy, both at home; a brother, Stephen (Sheri) Willis of Bath and one sister Veronica Lynn (Willis) Scribner and her husband Karl, of Vermontville, along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmund Purdy December 17, 2017. She was also preceded in death by her beloved adopted "Rescue Dog Hope".

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Grand Ledge.

Memorial donations may be made to the ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION, 620 Sea Island Road, Suite 288 St. Simons Island, GA 31522.



Mary Kathryn Willis Spagnuolo

October 1, 1939 — January 9, 2022 (Aged 82)

Mary Kathryn (Willis) Spagnuolo, 82, of Grand Ledge went to her heavenly home on January 9, 2022. Mary was born on October 1, 1939 to Wayne and Beatrice (Deveraux) Willis. She graduated from Grand Ledge Schools in 1958. Mary attended Ferris State University and married Sam Spagnuolo of Grand Ledge in 1960. She was an active, devoted, lifetime member of St. Michael's Church. She worked for Hudson Deming before working for Eaton County Courts and eventually the State of Michigan. She loved the Grand Ledge community and her family, friends, Grand Ledge Historical Society, the Red Hatters, being a Prayer Partner for St. Michael's School students, growing pumpkins and gourds and her beloved Oneida Field Market.



Mary is survived by her children: Sue Spagnuolo of Grand Ledge, Michael (Susan) Spagnuolo of Columbus, Indiana, Daniel Spagnuolo of Lake City, MI., and Thomas (Paulette) Spagnuolo of Huntington Woods, MI.: 9 grandchildren, Kalli (Patrick) Sohn-Spehar, Krista (Jake) Minott, Nick (Becky) Spagnuolo, Jon (Kelsey) Spagnuolo, Adam (Emily) Spagnuolo, Jordan (Kelsey) Spagnuolo, Taylor Spagnuolo, Zack Spagnuolo, Andy Spagnuolo, Casey Spagnuolo, Carly Spagnuolo, 10 great-grandchildren (with 2 on the way) and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her sister, Wanda Lehman, of Grand Rapids, brother in-law Ken (Gail) Lehman of Gowen, Butch and Margaret Mingus of Grand Ledge. She was predeceased by her husband, Sam Spagnuolo; parents,

Wayne and Bea Willis; mother and father in-law, Bruno and Heneretta Spagnuolo; sister-in laws, Esther Hunt and Barbara Spagnuolo and brother-in law, Louie Hunt.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by Father James Eisele. The mass will be livestreamed on St. Michael's YouTube channel. Rite of Committal will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Friday at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge from 6-8:00 p.m. with a Scripture Service a 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at the church from 10:00 -11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Mary may be given to St. Michael Catholic School or Eaton Community Palliative Care.