



THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1959

William Adams (1981 — 4/4/1981)
Carol BANCROFT Mote (2009 — 12/4/2009)
Ruth Bates (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Lawrence D. Bodell (2004 — 1/8/2004)
Mary Jean BOMERSHEIM Roberts (2023 -- 6/23/2023)
Gloria J. BONOFGLIO Baird (2020 -- 8/2/2020)
Sharon Kay BOWERS Smith (2020 -- 8/4/2020)
Janice Brownell Snauko (2013 — 1/7/2013)
Lloyd Jack Bushrey III (2010 — 2/7/2010)
Patricia Calhoun (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Fred J. Catlin (2005 — 11/23/2005)
M. Carolyn CHURCH Hylek (2020 -- 9/3/2020)
Marietta Marie CHURCH Roose (2007 -- 12/6/2007)
Janet Ann "CLINE" Haueter (2021 -- 11/13/2021)
John L. Conover (2023 -- 3/10/2023)
Jerry L. Cook (2013 — 3/2/2013)
Ronald L. Cooley (2007 — 3/28/2007)
Paul Cooper (2022 -- 3/29/2022)
Kenneth William Cox (1995 — 11/21/1995)
Frederic "Brian" Decke (2021 -- 12/30/2021)
Herbert Domres (2006 — 10/21/2006)
Harold L. Doolittle (2018 — 11/27/2018)
Sandra Downing Karmes (2009 — 10/9/2009)
Richard Vern Dukes (2013 — 12/14/2013)
Donna Dye (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Robert Carl Eimer (1992 — 8/20/1992)
Sandra Elliott (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Dorothy Farthing (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Miriam Fellman (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Ronald Frederick Frisbie (1958 — 1/3/1958)
Marvin Hankins (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Kathleen Hardacre O'Boyle (2018 — 2/10/2018)
Jack Harry Hart (2022 -- 5/5/2022)
Garry Kenneth Hengesbaugh (2016 — 10/10/2016)
James Lyle Hodge (2011 — 3/26/2011)
Roy Almond Hough (2015 — 9/15/2015)
Joan Roselene Hough Haney (2015 — 12/11/2015)
Lawrence Warren Howe (2007 -- 4/3/2007)

Joan Mary HUHNS Hosey (2020 -- 12/13/2020)
Charlene Marie HUTCHINSON Ames (2020 -- 9/26/2020)
Janet JONES Henretty (1992 — 9/16/1992)
Bonnie Lea KELLY Huhn (2024 -- 2/25/2024)
Gregory Chapman Kennedy (2023 -- 6/25/2023)
Nancy Lee Kraft (2004 -- 2/25/2004)
Bruce Dee Lonsberry (1986 — 4/11/1986)
Lawrence Lyon (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Gary William Lyon (2015 — 8/15/2015)
Dawn Marie" MCCULLOUGH" Goodwin (2021 -- 10/6/2021)
Thomas McKinney (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Carolyn Meredith (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Jon Miller (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Hervey Mills (2012 — 8/2/2012)
Betty Jean OLES Dukes(2023 -- 10/18/2023)
Patricia Ann OSBORNE Morris (1998 -- 5/16/1998)
Ronald Osman (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Marion Osmer Kempf (2009 — 5/13/2009)
Sandra Lou Parker Homer (1999 — 7/15/1999)
Lyle Duane Patrick (2023 -- 10/28/2023)
Dale Peterson (2011 — 4/21/2011)
Judith Richardson Love (2014 — 9/14/2014)
Johnny M. Ripley (2004 — 1/7/2004)
Michael Hale Ritter (2005 — 3/9/2005)
Beverly Rosier (2002 — 6/17/2002)
Judith Schulert Thorsen (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Connie Shanafelt Thorn (2015 — 4/21/2015)
Ron Sheperd (2011 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Judith Irene SHEREN Zomerman (2023 -- 12/19/2023)
Douglas Shroyer (NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Dewain Sivyer (2018 — 5/2/2018)
Gerald K. Slee (1998 — 4/3/1998)
Alice Smith (2016 — NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)
Carolyn Starkweather Powell (2010 — 1/15/2010)
Virginia Kay STOLL Panetta (2019 — 2/14/2019)
Drusilla Thomson Kintigh (2017 — 3/22/2017)
Wilma Tiedt Campbell (2009 — 11/27/2009)
Gary W. Twitchell (2008 — 4/24/2008)
Gary W. VanAlstine (2021 -- 3/19/2021)
Elvin "Al" James Ward (2022 -- 1/31/2022)
Lanny Webb (1995 — 6/6/1995)
Milo Edward Wells (2022 -- 10/31/2022)
Warren David White (1988 — 5/8/1988)
Max Whitney (2017 — 11/27/2017)
Gerald L. Winstanley (2005 — 3/24/2005)
Duane Ivan Zaikowski (1973 — 10/10/1973)



William E. Adams

Class of 1959

Birth 8 Mar 1941
Death 4 Apr 1981 (aged 40)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Delta Center Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 4/4/1981



(From an article from the Lansing State Journal)

Waverly High School baseball Coach Bill Adams, felled last week by a line drive in a freak practice accident, died following two operations at a hospital. He was 40. For the stunned and saddened players who gathered for his funeral, his death was like 'a bad dream.'

'It's unreal,' said centerfielder Paul Cooper -- an honorary pall bearer at Tuesday's funeral service, attended by 700 people. 'His impact has been left on many students and athletes over the years. His dynamic and enthusiastic coaching style (was) his trademark,' said Phil Marazita, the Waverly athletic director.



Carol Bancroft Mote

12/4/2009

Class of 1959

Carol Joy Mote -- Lansing

Carol Joy Mote , age 69, died December 4, 2009. Born August 10, 1940, in Lansing, the daughter of Judson and Vivian (Andrews) Bancroft, who preceded her in death. Carol graduated from MSU with a BA in social work. Surviving are: husband, Edward; and daughter, Joy Mote of Lansing. The funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel, with interment in Deepdale Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday.



Ruth Bates

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown

Class of 1959

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Lawrence D. Bodell

Class of 1959

Lawrence D. "Larry" Bodell
Birth 1941
Death 2004 (aged 62-63)
Burial: Pioneer Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1/8/2004



Class of 1959

Mary Jean Bomersheim Roberts

November 17, 1941 — June 23, 2023 (Aged 81)

Mary Jean Roberts of Evert formerly of Grand Ledge passed away June 23, 2023. Mary Jean was born November 17, 1941 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Kenneth and Dorothy (Dempsey) Bomersheim. She was a School Bus Driver for the Grand Ledge Public Schools for 40 years. After retirement, Mary Jean along with her late Husband, Ronald enjoyed summers at their cottage in Evert where they looked forward to spending time and creating memories with family and friends during the great Michigan summers and also enjoyed wintering in the warm Florida sunshine for many years. Even though the past several months had been a difficult battle with cancer, Mary Jean never complained or gave up the fight.

She is survived by her children, Dennis (Serafina) Roberts, Michele (Larry) Kwapis and Jennifer (Jeffrey) Pruitt; 17 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Mary Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald on May 8, 2015 and brother, Bob Bomersheim.



A graveside service will be held Friday, June 30, 2023, 1:30 pm at the Wacousta Cemetery with Father James Eisele, officiating. Visitation will be Friday at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge from 11:00am-1:00 pm. Memorial contributions in Mary Jean's name may be given to the Meceola Currie Comfort Home, 204 N. Patterson Road, Reed City, Michigan 49677.



Gloria J. Bonofiglio Baird

November 24, 1940 — August 2, 2020 (Aged 79)

Gloria Jean Baird, 79, lifetime resident of Grand Ledge, was called home to her Lord on August 2, 2020. She was born November 24, 1940 in Grand Ledge, daughter of Joseph and Elvira "Irene" (Cascarelli) Bonofiglio. Gloria was a retired graduate secretary of Michigan State University, Department of Advertising and member of St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge. In life family was everything to Gloria, devoted to her sons, loved and adored her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed, but forever in the hearts of those who loved her dearly.



She is survived by her sons: James, Tony (Lisa), and Tom (Jenny) Baird, grandchildren: Jacob, Joshua, Maria, Rachel, Ella, and Owen; sister Mary (Jon) Ezzo; brothers: Michael (Jill) Bonofiglio, Paul (Diane) Bonofiglio, many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her sisters Esther Fabiano and Rose Fabiano, brother and sister-in-law Jerry (Betty) Bonofiglio, and parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2020 at St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards St, Grand Ledge, MI 48837, with Fr. James Eisele as celebrant. Visitation one hour prior to service time. Rite of Committal will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Lansing, MI. Please note that masks are required at the church. Live streaming at <https://www.youtube.com/c/StMichaelGLChurchVideo/videos>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in memory of Gloria Baird. The family has entrusted arrangements to Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Sharon Kay Bowers Smith

DATE OF PASSING: August 4, 2020 (Aged 78)

Sharon Kay Smith, age 78, of Caledonia, unexpectedly went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Kym and Linda Smith, Bryan and Lisa Smith, Eric and Cindy Smith, Gwyn Smith; eleven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; extended family and friends. Sharon adored her family and enjoyed quilting, reading, and painting.

A private graveside service was held at Alaska Cemetery. The family will be hosting a public outdoor remembrance party on August 29, 2020 at 2pm at the Caledonia Community Green Pavilion, 6260 92nd St. SE, Caledonia, MI 49316.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make memorial contributions to the City Rescue Mission of Lansing, 2216 S. Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48910.





Janice Brownell Snauko

DATE OF PASSING: 1/7/2013

Class of 1959

Janice B Snauko -- Kingsport, TN

Janice Kay Brownell Snauko, 71 of Crown Colony, formerly of Lansing, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, January 7, 2013 at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport. Anyone who knew Janice, knew she had an attraction to anything electronic. She never appeared on Jeopardy but could answer any question; had a wonderful sense of humor and was extremely giving to those in need; taught her daughter about home shopping too early in life; was wonderful in the kitchen, everything homemade; was adventuresome with a GPS, she ventured out on any unexplored country road. Not much for flying, she and Stan made 12 road trips to San Diego and back. She was an Award Blue Ribbon winner as a member of Abington Photography Club. Extremely loved, she will be missed by all. She was married to her soul mate, Stan S. Snauko for 49 years; they have two daughters, Natalie (Daryl) Hesselink, and Jennifer (Robin) Devega. She was a loving Grandmother to Nathan, Nichole, Cameron, and Christyn Hesselink, and Daniel and Lana Devega. She is also survived by siblings Natalie (William) Young, and Dennis (Terrie) Brownell. You may send online condolences to the family by visiting www.cartertrent.com Carter-Trent Funeral Home, downtown Kingsport is serving the Snauko family.



Lloyd Jack Bushrey III

DATE OF PASSING: 2/7/2010

Class of 1959

Lloyd J. "Jack" Bushrey III Lansing Age 70, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2010. Jack was born November 28, 1939, in Mason, Michigan the son of Lloyd II and Ella (Helms) Bushrey. Jack graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1959. A Lansing resident most of his life, Jack retired from Oldsmobile after 37 years of service. He was a United States Army Veteran and was proud of the fact he served his country. Jack is survived by his wife of 48 years, Lauralee; children, James (Janie) Bushrey, Janene (Kevin) Scott and Lori (Tony) Positano; sisters, Sharon Melton and Sandy (Roy) Thomasson; grandchildren, Khristophor, Tony, Dan, Emily, Damon and Misti; great-grandchildren, Julian and Olivia. Funeral Services will be held Friday, February 12, 2010, 2:00 p.m. at the Palmer, Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Home, Lansing Chapel with Pastor Ric Shaull officiating. Interment will follow in Chapel Hill Memorial Garden Cemetery. The family will receive relatives and friends, Friday, February 12, 2010, one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Mt. Hope St. Johns Family Church or Missions in memory of Jack. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.palmerbush.com.



Patricia Calhoun

Class of 1959

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown



Fred J. Catlin

Class of 1959

Birth 14 Apr 1939
Michigan, USA
Death 23 Nov 2005 (aged 66)
Michigan, USA
Burial: North Eagle Cemetery
Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 11/23/2005



M. Carolyn Church Hylek

May 31, 1941 — September 3, 2020 (Aged 79)

M. Carolyn Hylek, formerly of Grand Ledge, Michigan and resident of Canadian Lakes passed away peacefully on September 3, 2020 at the age of 79; three-1/2 short weeks following her husband Ted's passing.

Carolyn was born in Grand Rapids on May 31, 1941 and grew up in Grand Ledge. She was the daughter of Donald and Carolyn (Cleverdon) Church. Carolyn married A. Ted Hylek November 27, 1959 and was married nearly 61 years. Carolyn was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister and will be missed dearly.

Carolyn's favorite thing to do was laugh! She truly enjoyed attending her sons and grandchildren's sporting activities. She was a member of the Canadian Lakes choir and gardening club. Carolyn also enjoyed reuniting with her girlfriends and former classmates back in Grand Ledge at the local A&W. During retirement Carolyn "the lucky lady" loved going to the casino playing the slots. Her most enjoyable times were spent when she joined her family at their hunting property during hunting season. Proudly known as "Dead Eye", Carolyn rivaled her sons and husband shooting four large bucks of her own.



Carolyn is described as selfless, loving, caring, frugal and always put others first. She is survived by her sons, Jeff (Shelley Jara, girlfriend), Todd (Barb Farr, fiancée), and Kurt (Carrie) Hylek; Sister's Linda (Carl) Babb and Kathy (Larry) Frisoli; grandchildren, Tanner and Chase Hylek, Reilly and Luke Farr, Brooke and Logan Hylek. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother-in-law, Lew, and sister, Ann John and her loving husband, Ted. The family would like to express many thanks and gratitude to Kami Lehnert, Judy Gross, Elara Caring, Royal View Assisted Living and all the many friends. Ted and Carolyn had a much richer life because of all those who cared and helped.

A celebration of their lives will be held Saturday September 12th, 2020 with a viewing starting at 12 noon, service at 1:00 pm with Pastor Adrian Eising officiating, and a luncheon immediately following. Location will be at the Wheatland Township Park pavilion, 398 Charles St., Remus, Michigan 49340. To accommodate social distancing and possible inclement weather the service will be under a large pavilion with seating. If you wish to further distance, you are welcome to bring your own chairs to set up under the pavilion. Casual attire. Please wear face masks so that everyone can pay their respects without concern for safety.

Those desiring may direct memorial contributions to the family to benefit the staff and residents of Royal View Assisted Living in remembrance of Ted and Carolyn.



Marietta Marie Church Roose

March 18, 1939 -- December 6, 2007 (Aged 68)

Mrs. Roose of Grand Blanc, MI, formerly of Sunfield, MI, passed away with her family by her side on Thursday December 6, 2007 from complications with pneumonia at the age of 68. Marietta was born March 18, 1939 in Lansing, MI: daughter of George and Edna (Mills) Church. She was born in Lansing, MI, but she lived most of her life in Sunfield, MI. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank and mother, Edna Spinney. Marietta is survived by a sister and brother-in-law: Norma (Cal) Rose of Arizona, a brother: Ray (Lisa) Church of Saginaw, MI, nieces and nephews: Ellen (Ben) Pritchett, Calvin Rose and Chet Rose all of Arizona, Melissa (Jim) Wainright of Holland, MI and Jeff (Dena) Church of Corunna, MI., great nephews and nieces: Jacob and Joshua Wainright, Renee (Bob), Ryan Clementz, Kylie Pritchett, and step-nieces, Jordon and Breanne Clark, a close family member Jackie Church, along with many special cousins and friends. The family will receive their friends on Monday December 10, 2007 from 1-3 P.M. at the Rosier Funeral Home, Mapes-Fisher Chapel, Sunfield, MI. Funeral services will be held 3:00 P.M. - Monday December 10, 2007 also at the funeral home with Nephew, Jeff Church officiating. Burial will take place in the spring at the West Sebewa Cemetery. For those wishing, contributions may be made to the Ingham Co. Humane Society in memory of Marietta M. Roose C/O RFH PO Box 36 Sunfield, MI 48890. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.legacy.com Where Life Stories Live On. The family is being served by the Independent Family Owned Funeral Home in Sunfield: Rosier Funeral Home.



Janet Ann Cline Haueter

June 24, 1940 — November 13, 2021 (Aged 81)

Janet Ann Cline Haueter of Grand Ledge, passed away November 13, 2021 at the age of 81. Janet was born in Lansing, MI on June 24, 1940, the daughter of Chester and Barbara (Abel) Cline. She was a 1959 graduate of Grand Ledge High School. Janet was a member of the North Eagle Cemetery Society and the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church. She was an avid reader, enjoyed quilting, and knitting prayer shawls.

Janet is survived by her daughters Sandra (David) Menninga and Dianna Haueter, grandchildren Nicole Ward, Janae Imel, Chris (Jackie) Menninga, and Josh (Erin) Menninga, 7 great grandchildren, sisters Judy (Larry) Haueter and Nancy O'Brien, brother Daniel (Nancy) Cline, sister-in-law Nancy (Terry) Dankenbring and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Robert Haueter, and daughter Teresa Ward.



Funeral services will be held 11:00 am Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., Grand Ledge. Interment will follow at North Eagle Cemetery. Visitation will take place Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm at the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge and at the church one hour prior to the service. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to North Eagle Cemetery Society, 5772 Kerney Dr, Six Lakes, MI 48886 or to the Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, 1210 W Saginaw St,

Lansing, MI 48915 in memory of Janet Haueter. Online condolences may be placed at, www.petersandmurrayfuneral-home.com.



Class of 1959

The Honorable John L. Conover

August 19, 1941 — March 10, 2023 (Aged 81)

The Honorable Judge John L. Conover of Davison, MI, age 81, passed away on Friday, March 10, 2023 at his home. A Funeral Service will be held 11 AM Friday, March 17, 2023, at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 Davison Rd, Davison, Michigan 48423, Pastor Rob Prince, officiating. Interment will take place following the service at Davison Cemetery. The family will receive visitors 4-7 PM Wednesday and Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The Honorable Judge John L. Conover, was born in Danville, Illinois on August 19, 1941 to Robert E. Conover and Esther Doris Laflen who preceded him in death.

John graduated from Michigan State University with a BS Degree in Economics and later graduated first in his class at the Detroit College of Law, now known as Michigan State College of Law. He married the love of his life, Karen D. Figg on January 3, 1964, and they set out on a wonderful life adventure that included careers of public service and family blessings for both of them.

John and Karen moved to the Flint area where he had a flourishing family law practice and Karen taught High School English. He was appointed to the 67th District Court of Genesee County in 1993 where he served for 24 years with such distinction and fair-mindedness that even criminals often credited him with turning their lives around. While putting his family first, John joyfully managed to wrestle his court dockets to the ground and still volunteer to coach little leagues. He was equally at home in hunting gear and flashy sports' coats. He was a master of corny jokes, sage advice, and colorful stories, all delivered liberally to friend and stranger alike. He was manifestly generous with his time, patience and wealth. He fiercely believed in the American dream of hard work and lived it out with enthusiasm as a model for his family and friends. "Retirement" was a foreign word in his vocabulary. He recently ran and was elected to the Genesee Intermediate School District board of directors. And he and Karen wrote a book about his years on the bench: all part of his "nonretirement."

He is survived by his wife and closest friend, Karen, after 59 years marriage. His fantastic children left to cherish the memories of a devoted father are BreeAnna (Scott) Moore and Chad (Julie) Conover. The doted and deliciously spoiled grandchildren are Brandon Conover, Lilian Moore, Ciera Conover, Miriam Moore, Zoe Conover and the 5th grade phenom: Oscar Moore. He is also survived by his sister, Judith (Allan) Sanders, three wonderful nieces and one terrific nephew, brother-in-law Stephen (Marjorie) Figg and John's feisty 94-year-old mother-in-law: Marian Figg who says of John: "He leaves a mighty big wake." Appropriately, John's favorite Louis L'Amour novel describes Judge Conover perfectly: *The Last of a Breed*.

Please share your thoughts with the family at www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com





Jerry L. Cook

Class of 1959

Jerry L. Cook -- Grand Ledge

DATE OF PASSING: 3/2/2013

Jerry L. Cook, age 72, passed away March 2, 2013 in Lansing, MI. He was born October 31, 1940 in Charlotte, Michigan. He graduated from Ferris State and retired from Department of Social Services/State of Michigan. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. He was a former member of Jaycees. Jerry was an avid MSU/Detroit sports fan and loved time spent with his granddaughters. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Carol; daughter, Jennifer (Ross) Kindervater of Grand Ledge; son Ronald (Amanda) Cook of Lowell; granddaughters, MacKenzie and Hailee Cook and Sierra DeRosia; several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by brother Ronald. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11:00 AM Wednesday, March 6, 2013 by The Reverend Fr. James Eisele at St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwrad's Street, Grand Ledge 48837. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday 3-8:00 PM at Holi-han-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Vigil at 7:30pm. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Catholic Church.



Ronald L. Cooley

Class of 1959

Birth 1940
Death 2007 (aged 66-67)
Burial: Wacousta Cemetery
Wacousta, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 3/28/2007



Ronald L. Cooley, age 67, was called home to the Lord on March 28, 2007, after a courageous struggle with cancer. He was born February 11, 1940 in Lansing, the son of the late Norbert and Stella (Adams) Cooley. Ron was the owner and operator of Ron's Excavating for many years. He touched many lives with the way he lived life and will be dearly missed. He is survived by his five loving children, Robbie Cooley, Terresa Huss, Kimberly (Steve) Grass, Susan (Leo) Heiles and David (Mary) Cooley; 10 grandchildren; sister, Joyce (Bruce) Fillmore; brother, Bob (Sandy) Cooley; many nieces and nephews; and the love of his life, Linda Cooley. He was predeceased by his parents, and grandson, Justin Tupper. A special thank you to Diana and Bob Norris and all the staff at Sparrow Hospital. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007 - 1:00 p.m. at the Eagle United Methodist Church, 14258 Michigan Avenue, Eagle, MI 48822, with Pastor Judy Scholten officiating. The family will receive friends Friday 6-8 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Sparrow Foundation in memory of Rom Cooley.





Class of 1959

Paul Cooper

February 18, 1940 — March 29, 2022 (Aged 82)

Mr. Paul Cooper, age 82 of Nashville, MI passed away on March 29, 2022 at Thornapple Manor in Hastings.

Paul was born in Lansing, MI, February 18, 1940, a son of Mary and Lloyd Cooper. He was raised in the Grand Ledge area and attended local schools. When Paul was a young teenager, he left school to begin working at the Grand Ledge Chair Company, learning the trade of Upholstery. Paul's exemplary work ethic and attention to quality, quickly earned him the title of Master Upholster. Paul's specialty was custom unique furniture that required the eye and talent of a true craftsman. Many of the pieces he produced over the years were done using basic tools and a technique called "spit tacking". Paul would place a handful of upholstery tacks in his mouth, then using the magnet on his hammer remove the tacks and hammer them perfectly into place on the piece of furniture he was covering. He perfected this technique and often worked faster than most modern staple guns. Paul's workmanship extended beyond local shops and homes, as many items he helped produce are still being used in building at



our nation's capital. Paul was employed at the Grand Ledge Chair Company from 1956 until the company closed its operations. He then opened his own shop, Cooper Upholstery, in his Nashville home.

He was the husband of Janice (Randall) Cooper. Paul had visited Nashville Baptist Church with friends where he was introduced to Janice. The couple were married in 1977 at Nashville Baptist Church and made their home together in Nashville, MI. Paul & Janice loved their church family and were active in several different areas of ministry. Paul enjoyed greeting each Sunday and serving as an usher, while Janet worked as the church secretary. Paul was generally a shy reserve gentleman, until he put his clown costume on! In his role as "Sir Oliver" the clown, Paul was right at home entertaining in just about any venue or event making balloon animals and other fun props.

In 1988 Paul & Janice needed a change, so the upholstery shop was closed, the house sold, and the couple moved to Lakeland Florida. Paul began working at Disney's Epcot Center in the custodial services area, and once again his unwavering work ethic and attention to detail yielded two "Spirit of Disney" awards. He truly loved working at Disney and looked forward to escorting his "Northern" friends and family through the parks when they came to visit during the cold winter months.

Paul is survived by his beloved wife Janice, his sons Lloyd (Dieona) Cooper, Tory Roscoe, daughters Deborah Morawski, & Cynthia Smith, sisters Laura Shepard, June Pennfield, grandchildren Madelyn Updyke, Sydnie Rohn, Keith & Stan McKelvey, Joshua Roscoe, Brandon Mugridge, Evelyn Mix, Steven Roscoe and Thomas Roscoe. He was preceded in death by his son Larry Roscoe, sisters Betty Miller, and brothers Arthur & Richard Cooper,

A celebration of life will be held at Nashville Baptist Church later this spring.

"Paul could take anybody's day and turn it into sunshine with a few simple words"

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Daniels Funeral Home - Nashville, MI. For further details please visit our website at www.danielsfuneralhome.net.



Kenneth William Cox

Class of 1959

Birth 5 Jul 1941
Death 21 Nov 1995 (aged 54)
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Delta Center Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 11/21/1995



Frederic "Brian" Decke

May 6, 1941 — December 30, 2021 (Aged 80)

Frederic "Brian" Decke, 80 of Holt, MI died unexpectedly on Thursday, December 30, 2021. Brian was born in Lansing, MI on May 6, 1941 to F. Bruce and Margaret (Hough) Decke. He graduated from Grand Ledge H.S. in 1959 and received his BA in Marketing from Ferris State University. Brian worked for 65 years in the clay products business, 30 of those years at his family's company in Grand Ledge. Brian was beloved by his customers and enjoyed visiting with them.

He married his high school sweetheart, Roberta "Bobbie" Kay Munsel on September 5, 1963. They were committed to each other for 57 years until Bobbie's death. Brian loved God and made Him a priority in his life by regular church attendance, Bible study groups, volunteer work, searching the scriptures and getting godly advice to make sure he was doing what is right.

Brian enjoyed summers at the family cottage and winters at their Florida home. He also enjoyed working on engines, loved classic cars, being involved in community activities, playing ping pong, shuffleboard, cards, and spending time with his family. He was a devoted father. Brian is survived by his children, Heather (Ron) Edwards of Lynnville, TN; Dianna (Fritz) Bork of Plainwell, MI; Karyn (Nick) White of Littleton, CO; James B. Decke of Lansing, MI; 10 Grandchildren; 3 Great-Grandchildren; sister, Janet Gates. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and sister, Jeanne Harju.



Visitation is from 10:30-12:30. Funeral Service is from 12:30-1:30. Graveside Committal is at 1:30 at Oakwood Cemetery, Lunch immediately following. All events will occur on January 11, 2022 at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home in Grand Ledge, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to White Lake Baptist Church, 5280 Dowling St., Montague, MI 49437.



Herbert C. Domres

Class of 1959

Birth 15 Feb 1941

Death 21 Oct 2006 (aged 65)

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery

Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 10/21/2006

Herbert C. "Herb" Domres, 65, of East Bay, passed away Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at his home, following a strong and courageous six week battle with cancer.

Herb was born in Lansing on Feb. 15, 1941, to Dorothy Alice (Upner) and Herbert William Domres. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1959. He married Joanne I. Hoogenboom on April 27, 1963, at Gull Lake.

Herb's family remembers him as a doer. He held in high esteem a work ethic that left no room for compromise or cutting corners. He was very mechanical and always held to the premise to be precise in any project he worked on. This led to respect from customers and work associates in his work as a service manager in the heavy equipment industry. Herb had been employed by John Deere Company prior to moving to Traverse City in 1981, and then continued with the same type of job in the Traverse City area. His employer and friend at Northern Michigan Equipment Co. summed it all up when he said that his business would not be where it was today without Herb's expertise and attention to service and detail. Herb always gave more than what was expected and was extremely dedicated to his work. He was a man of few words, but spoke volumes through his actions.

Herb is survived by his wife, Joanne; children, Sheryl (Scott) Ashurst of Williamsburg, and Mark (Andrea) Domres of Traverse City; grandchildren, Allison Ashurst, Corbin, Campbell and Cutler Domres; sister, Marie Domres; brother, Fritz (Karen) Domres of Charlotte; father-in-law, Richard Hoogenboom of Gull Lake; brother-in-law, Ronald (June) Hoogenboom of Buffalo Grove, Ill.; three nephews, Andrew, Tyler and David; niece, Lisa; aunt, Margaret Kronk; and other extended family.

Herb was preceded in death by his parents; mother-in-law, Genevieve Hoogenboom; and other extended family members.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, with Rev. Barbara Hoig, Hospice chaplain, officiating.

Visitation will take place at the funeral home on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 5 until 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions in Herb's name can be directed to the Traverse City Junior Golf Association for the Herbert C. Domres Scholarship. This obituary was originally published in the Record-Eagle.



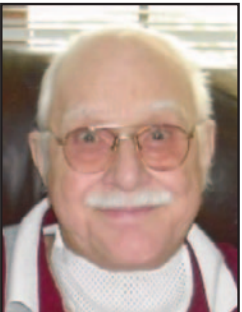
Harold L. Doolittle

Class of 1959

Harold L. Doolittle, 78, passed away with the love of his family by his side on November 27, 2018. He was born August 5, 1940 on his family farm in Mulliken, MI. Harold was retired from General Motors and a former drag racer. He was an outdoorsman that loved and collected ducks, especially mallards; enjoyed playing cards, euchre, going up north, color touring in Mackinaw, helping with his wife's daycare; spending time with family and friends, and especially time with his grandchildren who he adored.

He is survived by his loving wife 46 ½ years, Doris, son Shawn Doolittle and daughter Sarah Doolittle; grandchildren: McKenna, Andrew and Sophia Sklapsky; brother Frank (Gwen) Doolittle, many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ruth (Petrie) Doolittle, 2 sisters and 1 brother. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until service time. For those wishing, contributions can be made to St. Vincent Home for Children. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com

DATE OF PASSING: 11/27/2018





Sandra Downing Karmes

DATE OF PASSING: 10/9/2009

Class of 1959

Sandra K. Karmes -- Montrose

Sandra K. Karmes, 68, of Montrose, passed away from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in September, 2009.

Sandra was born July 12, 1941 to Roland and Arletta (Aryes) Downing in Kalamazoo, Mich. She spent her childhood and received her education in Grand Ledge, Mich.

Sandra married Louis S. Karmes on May 22, 1969 in Hastings, Mich. She worked for many years as a cashier in a food store while residing in Michigan. Sandra and Louis moved from Grand Ledge, Mich. to Montrose in July, 1999 where they made their home until her time of death.

Sandra was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Sandra was a member of the Elk's Lodge, The National Rifle Association, and Western Four-Wheel Drive Club. She is survived by her husband, Louis of the family home; mother, Arletta Aryes of Temperance, Mich; son Louis Karmes, of Tucson, Ariz.; daughters, Angella Malaney of Haslett, Mich., Connie Williams and Tina Eaton both of Hastings, Mich., Sherrie Tompson of Washington, D.C; brother, Orley Downing of Temperance, Mich.; and 14 grandchildren.

A Memorial Service in celebration of Sandra's life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ouray Elk's Lodge, in Ouray. The service will conclude at the Elk's Lodge. Arrangements are under the direction of Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory.



Richard Vern Dukes

DATE OF PASSING: 12/14/2013

Class of 1959

Birth 22 Dec 1939
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 14 Dec 2013 (aged 73)
Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan, USA
Burial Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Richard Vern "Dick" Dukes, age 73, of Grand Ledge, retired General Motors employee, died Saturday. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



Donna Dye

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown

Class of 1959

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Robert Carl Eimer

Class of 1959

Birth 15 Mar 1941
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 20 Aug 1992 (aged 51)
Freeport, Walton County, Florida, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 8/20/1992



Sandra Elliott

Class of 1959

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown



Dorothy Farthing

Class of 1959

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown



Miriam Fellman

Class of 1959

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown



Ronald Frederick Frisbie

Class of 1959

Birth 26 Feb 1941
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 3 Jan 1958 (aged 16)
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 1/3/1958





Marvin Hankins

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Kathleen Hardacre O'Boyle

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 2/10/2018

Kathleen O'Boyle -- Grand Ledge

Kathleen P. O'Boyle, 76, born April 15, 1941 in Lawrence, MA, passed away February 10, 2018 in Charlotte, MI. She was a retired secretary for the Grand Ledge Public Schools; member of the Grand Ledge First Congregational United Church of Christ, and volunteered at Mudge's Follies and Yankee Doodle Days. She enjoyed golfing, cross country skiing, and spending time with family and friends.

Kathleen is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Lyle, son Todd (Melanie) O'Boyle, daughter Lori (Dan) Demitroff; 7 grandchildren: Austin, Zachary, Amanda, Jordan, Katelyn, Hailey and Nicholas; sister Valarie (Ken) Dabrowski, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Ralph and Ruth Lawrence.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Hwy., Grand Ledge, with Pastor Greg Briggs officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. For those wishing, memorial contributions can be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care or Capital Area Humane Society. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.





Class of 1959
Jack Harry Hart

September 11, 1941 — May 5, 2022 (Aged 80)



Jack Harry Hart, age 80, passed away peacefully at his home in Mason surrounded by his family on May 5, 2022. Jack was born on September 11, 1941, to Lois and Nettie Hart in Lansing, MI. After he graduated from Grand Ledge High School, Jack served in the United States Marine Corps, was a proud member of Operating Engineers Local 324, and retired from Clark Construction Company. Jack was known for his strong work ethic and dedication to his job. Jack was truly a "Jack of All Trades"-there was nothing he couldn't create, build, or repair. Jack and his first wife, Patricia, began their family in Grand Ledge. After Patricia's passing in 1978, Jack married his childhood sweetheart, Kathy, and continued raising their five children in their Mason home. Jack was dedicated to his work, but spent his free time with his family, attending his grandchildren's sporting events, working on handyman projects, and riding around on his John Deere tractor. After retirement, Jack and Kathy enjoyed spending time at their cabin in St. Helen and traveling with their trailer. Jack is survived by his wife, Kathy, children Stacy Hart, Erin Kosch (Doug), Jessica Kamerad (Ryan), Jeff Auvenshine (Denise), and Julie Weiss. He is also survived by his 11 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and his siblings Jane Monasmith, Jim Hart, and Bonnie (Lysle) Finney. In addition to Patricia, Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Lee, and many other loving family members and friends. Jack was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, whose love of life and infectious laughter will be forever missed. Jack was a lover of nature and believed in preserving the Earth; in lieu of flowers, please consider planting a tree or donating to the Arbor Day Foundation to honor him. A Celebration of Life will be held at Jack and Kathy's home in Mason on Sunday, May 15, 2022, from 1-5 p.m.



Garry K. Hengesbaugh
Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 10/10/2016

Garry K. Hengesbaugh age 75 of Bancroft passed away Monday, October 10, 2016 at Sparrow Hospital. A gathering of friends is set from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Durand Chapel.

Garry was born July 9, 1941 in Lansing, MI a son of Lawrence and Leona (Harrington) Hengesbaugh. After High School he served in the Army. On January 9, 1971 he married Nanci Kramer. Garry enjoyed poetry, hunting, fishing, just being outdoors, doing different projects of all kinds, and his pole barn "man Cave". Prior to his retirement from Farm Bureau Insurance in 2007, he had been employed there for over 39 years.

Garry is survived by his wife, Nanci Hengesbaugh; children, Larry (Christine Morrow) Hengesbaugh and Staci (Shane) Wicke; grandchildren, Zachary, Jaclyn, Lauren and Tyler; mother, Leona; sister, Diane; sister-in-law, Sherry; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence; brother, Neil; and brother-in-law, Tom.

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





James Lyle Hodge

DATE OF PASSING: 3/26/2011

Class of 1959

James Lyle Hodge -- Chippewa Lake

Mr. James L. Hodge, age 69, formerly of Grand Ledge, passed away March 26, 2011 in Ruskin, FL. He was born June 18, 1941 in Grand Ledge, MI, son to the late Willard and Vera Hodge. James was retired from Sears Roebuck & Co. with 35 years of service; life member of the Grand Ledge Lodge #179 F. & A.M., and enjoyed fly fishing and golf. Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Sharon M.; daughters, Cheryl J. Connor of Holt and Jennifer L. (Andrew) Kempf of Eaton Rapids; sons, William T. Hodge of Lansing and Jeffrey S. (Dawn) Hodge of Spring Lake; sister, Connie (Chuck) Giller of Grand Ledge; 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Friday, April 1st - 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with interment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday and Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with Masonic services to be begin at 7:30 p.m., Thursday evening. For those desiring, contributions given to the Life Path Hospice or American Cancer Society will be greatly appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Joan Roselene Hough Haney

DATE OF PASSING: 12/11/2015

Class of 1959

Birth 6 Dec 1941
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 11 Dec 2015 (aged 74)
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial Cremated, Ashes given to family or friend

Joan R. Haney passed away at home December 11, 2015 at the age of 75. She was born December 6, 1940 in Lansing, MI, daughter of DuWayne and Fae (Bailey) Hough. Joan helped her husband Bill with their concrete business, Haney & Son Concrete; attended Portland Church of the Nazarene, and enjoyed spending time with her family at their cottage on Houghton Lake.

Joan is survived by her husband of 57 years, William "Bill", daughters JoAnn (Kim) Ackerson, Cheryl (Glenn) Coffman, son William (Mary) Haney; 12 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren; sister Elaine (Rodney) Wawiernia, and brother-in-law Joseph (Jane) Haney. She was predeceased by her parents, sister Vivian Fedewa and brother DuWayne "Pete" Hough.

A Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to the Eaton County Medical Care Health & Rehabilitation Center or Portland Church of the Nazarene. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.





Roy Almond Hough

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 9/15/2015

Al Hough, age 74, died peacefully on September 15th, 2015, after a long battle with Renal and Respiratory failure in Fort Worth, Texas. His children were by his side!

Al is survived by his daughter, April Denise (Hough) Morse of DeWitt, Michigan; his son, Thomas Jeffery Hough of Fort Worth, Texas; his brother, Gerald Lionel Hough of DeWitt, Michigan; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Lou (Reeder) Hough, and his eldest son, Monty Jon Hough, both of Eagle Michigan.

Al was born July 14, 1941, in Lansing, Michigan to his parents, Gerald and Leotta Hough. Al graduated from the Grand Ledge High School in Michigan in 1959.

Al was a great family man, loving father, and dedicated husband. He married Betty Lou Reeder in 1960, and had 3 children.

Al was an Eagle Scout who spent 11 years as a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America-Troop 55, located in Grand Ledge, Michigan. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Al's family and friends will always remember him for his tireless spirit and dedication to those he loved.

A Celebration service is scheduled for 3 pm on Saturday, December 5th, at Liberty Church, 12745 Georgia Ave., Grand Ledge, Michigan. Dinner to follow in the Liberty fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Liberty Church.



Lawrence Warren Howe

November 13, 1940 — April 3, 2007 (Aged 66)

(NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.)



Joan Mary Huhn Hosey

April 17, 1941 — December 13, 2020 (Aged 79)

Joan Mary Hosey, lifelong Grand Ledge area resident passed away December 13, 2020 at her home. Joan was born on April 17, 1941 in Eagle Township, Michigan to the late Clarence and Rosemary (Snitgen) Huhn. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1959. Joan enjoyed working in her hometown at First of America Bank and was the first woman in the State of Michigan to be appointed Vice President and President. She served as President of First of America Bank in downtown Grand Ledge and then was promoted to Vice President of commercial lending at the main branch in Lansing. Joan was an avid golfer and had two hole-in-ones and was a Club Champion at Centennial Acres. She also participated in the Women's Pro-Am in Lansing. Joan loved to spend time with her family, whether it was the weekly card games with her siblings or spending holidays and special occasions together.



She is survived by her son, Brian; granddaughter, Megan (Jordan) Dick; great grandson, Kirkland Keith Dick; siblings, Raymond (MariAn) Huhn, Kathleen Tabor, Mary (John) Russman, Michael (Jayne) Huhn, Victoria (Alvin) Jenks, Neil (Gloria) Huhn. Joan was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Keith in 2011.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, December 17, 2020, 12:00pm at Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4:00pm and 6-8:00pm with a scripture service at 7:30pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions in Joan's name may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105 (https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=header-btn-donate-now). Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com



Charlene Marie Hutchinson Ames

February 13, 1941 — September 26, 2020 (Aged 79)

Charlene Marie Ames fell asleep in death on Saturday, September 26, 2020 with family at her bedside. She was born on February 13, 1941 in Mulliken, Michigan to Hartley and Marjorie Hutchinson.

She loved country music, dancing, swimming and the son! In her younger years she also competed in horse/barrel racing in the rodeo. She played the French horn and played basketball in junior high school. She loved animals, camping and having fun throughout her life. She was well known for not only being a great mom to her own children, but she was a mother to all her children's friends too.

She was known best in her community for her love of teaching people "Bible Truths." She always had a deep desire to help others. She was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in her early teens and spent over fifteen years in her volunteer pioneer ministry work throughout her life. Her children and students described her as a very kind, patient and good listener. She helped many in her community, through their study of the bible, to improve their lives to have happier families.



She married and became a devoted mother at age eighteen. She set a sterling example for her children and worked hard to instill a love for Jehovah God in their hearts too. Her strong faith helped her and her family to get through some difficult times, but she was unwavering in devotion to her God Jehovah and determined to always do things the right way. She never complained and always had a smile.

One of her children is quoted as saying, "One of the things I will remember most about mom is how selfless she was. She would do anything and everything good for others. She would go without so that someone else could have a little. She was the greatest woman I have ever known!"

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hartley and Marjorie Hutchinson; her husband of 42 years, Melvin Ames and a son, Tony (Kellie) Ames. She is survived by her brother, Ken (Sharon) Hutchinson; and children, Mark (Kathy) Dixon, Joel (Kim) Dixon, Michele (Jeff) Torres, Phillip Dixon, Elizabeth (Chris) Everhard, Sam (Sadie) Ames, Cindy (Jim) Nichols, Thomas (Shonda) Ames also many grandchildren and great grandchildren whom she was very proud of and loved dearly.

The family wishes to thank the "Hope Landing Facility" in Charlotte for giving her excellent care. Also, we would like to thank all of those who supported our family with endless cards, phones calls, visits and prayers through these most difficult times.

(Isaiah 11: 6-9; Revelation 21: 3,4; Isaiah 25: 8; Isaiah 41: 10,13; Nahum 1:7)

A memorial service will take place on Zoom on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 4:00pm. Additional details and links will follow. To view and post comments please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHomes.com



Janet Jones Henretty

Class of 1959

Birth 7 Dec 1940

Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

Death 16 Sep 1992 (aged 51)

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 9/16/1992



Class of 1959

Bonnie Lea Kelly Huhn

July 6, 1941 — February 25, 2024 (Aged 82)

Bonnie Lea Huhn, of Portland, passed away in the presence of her loving family on February 25, 2024 at the age of 82. She was born to Chester and Marian (Shaw) Kelly in Grand Ledge on July 6, 1941.

Bonnie was a woman of great faith, whose devotion inspired those around her. She lived with kindness and compassion, leaving a mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her. Among Bonnie's cherished pastimes was her love for camping and traveling; she particularly enjoyed her annual mother-daughter vacations. One of her and her daughters most treasured traveling memories was their white-water rafting adventure. Bonnie was an avid Detroit Tigers and MSU Spartans fan. Over the years, Bonnie enjoyed scrapbooking and going out to eat with her family. For 34 years, Bonnie dedicated herself to her work at Meijer, where she formed lasting friendships with those who were lucky enough to meet her.



Preceding Bonnie in death are her parents and sister, Shirley Robbins. She is survived by her children, Brenda (Joe) Haney, Julie (Gilbert) Palacios, Larry Huhn, Sherri

(Joe) Hufnagel, and David Huhn; 9 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and sister, Doris Selden.

The family wishes to give a special thank you to the staff and caregivers at the Portland Assisted Living Center and Heart to Heart Hospice for the wonderful care they took of Bonnie.

A private traditional burial will be at Portland Cemetery. Everyone is invited to celebrate Bonnie's life at the Portland VFW at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 2, 2024. Arrangements are entrusted to Lehman Funeral Homes. Online condolences may be made at www.lehmanfuneralhomes.com.



Class of 1959

Gregory Chapman Kennedy

April 7, 1941 — June 25, 2023 (Aged 82)

Gregory Chapman Kennedy, 82, of Grand Ledge, Michigan, passed away on June 25, 2023, in Lansing, Michigan. Greg was born on April 7, 1941, in Grand Ledge, Michigan, to Leon C. Kennedy and Laura (Blundy) Kennedy.

At the age of 18, Greg enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Kimpo Air Base in Korea.

Greg worked as a double-trailer feeder driver for United Parcel Service for 31 years, where he pursued his work with dogged determination and superior attention to detail. Over three decades, Greg received numerous safe driving awards, and he was inducted into the UPS Circle of Honor (COH), an elite group of UPS drivers who have each achieved 25 years or more of accident-free driving.

Outside of work, Greg pursued his passions of hunting, fishing, boating, wood-working, and landscaping. When our Beautification First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson, encouraged the people in our nation to plant "A bush, a tree, or a shrub," Greg Kennedy listened and made Lady Bird proud.



If you happened to be driving by his home on Crescent Drive in Grand Ledge or boating by his beloved retirement home on Hiawatha Drive in Cheboygan, you would often see Greg on his Wheel Horse and John Deere riding lawnmowers. He took immense pride in mowing and maintaining his lush, green grass. Greg's lawn left a good impression to those who passed by his family's home and became the envy of all the neighbors.

Family and friends will remember Greg's talented storytelling, which included both colorful details and language. Greg felt most at ease in Northern Michigan, where he served as a generous host and guide. Those hosted by Greg received an introduction to the natural beauty and peaceful tranquility his native state offered.

Greg and his siblings cared for many unique pets while growing up, and his love of animals remained strong throughout his life. After his marriage to Lanie, Greg had his heart set on owning a Basset Hound, and he would eventually own four: Jenny Rebecca, Maggie, Sarah, and Holly. He and Lanie also adopted a very gentle and loving English Setter, Trixie. Several cats deemed Greg and Lanie worthy of their affection and made themselves at home in the Kennedy household also.

Greg is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Elaine; his daughter, Kristine Kennedy Grigsby; his grandchildren, Maxwell and Claire Grigsby; his brother, Charles (Ruth) M. Kennedy, and many loving nieces and nephews.

Greg was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Donna Rae Betty.

A memorial service will be held at the Palmer, Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Homes, Delta Chapel, 6301 West St. Joe Highway, Lansing, Michigan 48917 at 12:00 p.m., followed by a luncheon. The family will receive guests one hour prior to the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Northern Michigan Animal Rescue Network, AC Paw, Basset Hound Rescue of Michigan, and the Sparrow Hospice House of Mid-Michigan.



Nancy Lee Kraft

February 16, 1941 — February 25, 2004 (Aged 63)

Nancy Lee Kraft, aged 63, passed away February 25, 2004. She was born February 16, 1941 in Charlotte, MI to Edward and Althea (Wendel) Kraft. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1959 and attended beauty school in Lansing. She operated Nancy Lee's Salon of Beauty in Grand Rapids, was a member of Wacousta O.E.S. and Wacousta Community United Methodist Church. She is survived by sister, Joan Kraft of Grand Rapids; many cousins; loving and devoted friends including Holly and Nicholas Haveman; and loyal companions, Kate and Lily. Memorial services will be held Sunday, March 7, 2004, 2:30 p.m. at Snow Ave. United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave., Lowell, Pastor Edward Perkins officiating. A reception will follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements are being handled by: Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



Bruce Dee Lonsberry

DATE OF PASSING: 4/11/1986

Class of 1959

Birth 17 Jun 1941
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Death 11 Apr 1986 (aged 44)
Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, USA
Burial: Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

Bruce D. Lonsberry -- Cincinnati, OH

Bruce D. Lonsberry, of Cincinnati, OH, formerly of Michigan, age 44, died April 11, 1986. He was employed with the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. He is survived by his wife, Julie Ann (Bartlett) Lonsberry; a daughter, Lisa Marie; a son, David Bruce; a brother, Lacy Lonsberry of Michigan; mother-in-law, Marguerite Bartlett of Michigan. Visitation will be at the Shorten Funeral Home, 400 Reading Road, Sunday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at St. Suzanna Catholic Church, Monday, 10:30 a.m., burial will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery, Lansing, Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.



Gary William Lyon

DATE OF PASSING: 8/15/2015

Class of 1959

Gary William Lyon was born on November 28, 1940 in Grand Ledge, MI to the union of his parents Cleon H. Lyon and Rachel Hall.

He resided in Modesto, CA and worked in the Postal Service Industry for 30 years. He served in the United States Marines from 1959 to 1963.

Gary passed away on August 15, 2015 at the age of 74 and was preceded in death by his loving wife and parents.

He leaves to mourn his passing his sons, Collin Lyon and Barry Lyon both of San Jose, CA, sister, Barbara Goodwin, brother, James Lyon, 3 grandchildren and a host of other loving family and friends.

Gary will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.



Lawrence Lyon

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Dawn Marie McCullough Goodwin

March 31, 1941 -- October 6, 2021 (Aged 80)

Dawn Marie McCullough Goodwin, age 80, loving mother, housewife, and homemaker, passed away in her home on Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

Dawn was born on March 31, 1941, to Frank and Esther McCullough.

She graduated from Grand Ledge High School, and later in life, attended North Central Michigan College, as well as Kirtland Community College. She raised three children on her own.

In June of 1981, she married Elmer E. Goodwin and together they raised a daughter.

Dawn had a passion for playing euchre, fishing, crafting, crossword puzzle books, reading mysteries, crocheting, and she loved her pets immensely. She had a love for garage sales, the Upper Peninsula, going on adventures down two tracks, and spending time with her daughter, Jennifer. She was known for her quick wit, her infectious laugh, and her kind compassionate spirit. She was very loved and will truly be missed.

She is survived by her faithful dog, Emily; three children, Kerri Willis of Albany, Kentucky, Richard (Dana) Reid of Albany, Kentucky, and Jennifer (Scott Gross) Goodwin of Wolverine, Michigan; her brothers, Robert McCullough of Grand Ledge, Michigan, and Terry (Jolene) McCullough of Lake Odessa, Michigan, her sister, Dianne Wells of Harrison, Michigan; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Dawn was preceded in death by her son, Brian David Reid; her mother and father; and her husband, Elmer.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family to help with funeral costs by mailing a check to the Nelson Funeral Home.

Arrangements were entrusted to Nelson Funeral Home and Cremation Service, PO Box 1548, Gaylord, Michigan 49734.



Thomas McKinney

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Carolyn Meredith

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Jon Miller

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Hervey J. Mills

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 8/2/2012

Hervey J. Mills Lansing (Wacousta)

Surrounded by family, Hervey went to be with the Lord on August 2, 2012. He was born August 14, 1941 in Lansing, the son of Oliver and Mary Mills. Hervey is survived by his loving wife of 51 adventurous years, Audrey, children: Curt (Karen) Mills, Cindy (Brad) Holton, and Chris (Amy) Mills; grandchildren: Jessica Mills, James (Corinne) Mills, Nikki (Tim) Dilts, Kendra Nolen, Timothy Leavel, and Jeremy Mills; great grandchildren Bryce Freed and Cameron Dilts; also brother Leonard (Julie) Mills, sister Brenda Hassey, as well as many loving nieces, nephews and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, precious granddaughters Megan Lee Leavel and Nichole Lee Mills. Hervey, stationed in Abilene, Texas, served in the Army as an M.P. from 1960 to 1963. Enjoying many careers he retired from Sarasota County, FL. He was a devoted husband, family man, teacher, friend and neighbor. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and family up north, building, boating, hunting, fishing, playing with his grand-kids, sharing stories and working in his garage. A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, August 8, 2012 - 2:00 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 7740 W. St. Joseph Hwy., Lansing, with Pastor Norman Burger, Jr. officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or Crippled Children's Foundation. Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Patricia Ann Osborne Morris

March 5, 1941 — May 16, 1998 (Aged 57)

Patricia Ann Osborne Morris, Lansing, gone from our sight, the laughter silenced, but her memory will live in our hearts forever. She is now at home, in peace, comfort, and the loving presence of our Lord. Pattie passed away on Saturday, May 16, 1998, at the age of 57. She was born March 5, 1941, in Pontiac, MI, to Hubert and Anice Osborne. On September 2, 1967, she married Gene Morris and she recently retired from Farm Bureau Insurance Company after 25 years of service to the billing and mailing departments. She was preceded in death by her father, Hubert Osborne. Surviving are her husband of 30 years, Elsen "Gene" Morris of Lansing; her mother, Anice Osborne of Houghton Lake; mother-in-law, Eunice Morris of Harrison; sons, Michael (Kim) Winter of Lansing, Patrick Morris of Haslett, and William (fiancee, Holly Hinterman) Morris of Grand Rapids; daughter, Susan (Brian) Halsey of Pottersville; grandsons, Jeffrey, Christopher and Gregory Winter; granddaughters, Elizabeth and Emily Halsey and Patricia Winter; brothers, Charles (Ann) Osborne of Dallas, TX; brothers-in-law, Robert (Marcy) Morris of Mason and William (Helen) Morris of Green Bay, WI; sisters-in-law, Ethelyn Meredith of Harrison, Carolyn (Jerry) Kribs of Lansing and Claudia (Gary) Hultgren of Dimondale; many nieces and nephews and a multitude of great friends whom she loved very much.



The family will receive friends today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Chapel In The Pines Funeral Home, 101 W. Jolly Rd., Lansing. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 1998,

Trinity United Methodist Church, Lansing, with Pastor Rae Franke officiating. Interment in Deepdale Memorial Gardens. To know Pattie was to love Pattie. She will never be forgotten by the many whose lives she has touched! Contributions may be made to the Greater Lansing Visiting Nurse Hospice, 1122 West Holmes Rd., in memory of Pattie Morris.



Class of 1959

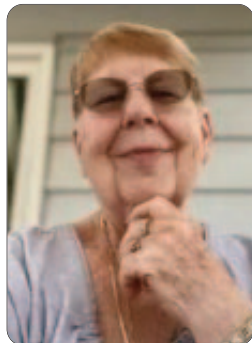
Betty Jean Oles Dukes

January 25, 1940 — October 18, 2023 (Aged 83)

Betty Jean Dukes passed away October 18, 2023 at the age of 83, went home to be with her heavenly father. Betty was born January 25, 1940, daughter to J. Riley Oles and Bretha (Thornton) Bodfish. She was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School class of 1959.

Betty is survived by her grandchildren: Daniel (Tenisha) Osborn, Joel Osborn, Sarah Estrada, and Rachael Osborn; great grandchildren: Alena, Rebecca, Ethan and Sofia; beloved cat, Baby. She is predeceased by her parents, and daughters: Tammy (Ken) Osborn, Brenda Dukes, and Amie Dukes.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 am, Tuesday October 24, 2023 at the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at Delta Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Stoneleigh Residence Hospice of Lansing in memory of Betty Dukes. Online condolences may be shared at www.millsfuneral.com.





Ronald Osman

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Marion Osmer Kempf

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 5/13/2009

Marion Alma Kempf -- Pewamo

Marion A. Kempf, formerly of Grand Ledge, born June 22, 1941, passed away May 13, 2009 at the age of 67. She was a member of the Grand Ledge Chapter #14 O.E.S. and the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Survivors include her husband of 19 years, John H. Wood; 2 sons, James R. (Jodie) Kempf of Mulliken and Andrew R. (Jennifer) Kempf of Eaton Rapids; 2 daughters, Brenda S. (Thomas) Owen of Lansing and Sara J. (Jeffery) Webster of Lansing; 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; 1 step-son, John H. II (Lilly) Wood of Kentucky; 2 stepdaughters, Sylvia I. Wood and Shawn L. (Jason) Pilot of Grand Ledge. She was predeceased by her parents, Henry Clifford and Velma (Buck) Osmer and grandson, Christopher. Funeral services will be held Monday, May 18, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with interment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends Sunday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. For those desiring, contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Diabetes Association Online condolences may be made at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Sandra Lou Parker Homer

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 7/15/1999

Birth 30 Aug 1940
Mason, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 15 Jul 1999 (aged 58)
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA





Class of 1959

Lyle Duane Patrick

June 9, 1940 - October 28, 2023 (Aged 83)

Lyle Duane Patrick passed away peacefully on October 28, 2023, in Lansing, Michigan. Born on June 9, 1940, in Grand Ledge, Michigan, he was a loving father, grandfather, and brother who was known for his intelligent mind and handy skills.

Lyle was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, class of 1959. His intelligent mind and love for machines led him to become a licensed master mechanic and owner of Lyle's Carburetor and Tune-Up in Eagle, Michigan. Lyle's love for classic cars was well known in his community. He found joy in restoring, driving, and showing classic cars, a hobby that combined his mechanical skills with his appreciation for history and design.

As a long-time dedicated Jehovah's Witness his faith and confidence in the Bible's promise of a resurrection in paradise on earth gave him hope and comfort.

John 5:28,29 "the hour is coming in which all in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out."

Lyle was a devoted family man. He is survived by his daughter, Kari (Kevin) Bergman; son, Kipp (Tina) Patrick; grandsons, Andrew (Kate) DeMello and Dylan (Lexi)

Barclay; granddaughter, Shandel Kee; great-grandchildren, Jax and Hazel DeMello, Bentley and Cooper Servis; and sister, Marlene Merrill. His love for his family was immeasurable. He was a role model to his children and grandchildren, teaching them the value of hard work, the importance of faith. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Cora (DeLaVergne) Patrick; his beloved wife, Mary Lou Patrick; and his brother, Donald (Norma) Patrick.

A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, November 25, 2023, 2:00 p.m. at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness at 2730 Delta River Dr., Lansing, MI 48906 with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions can be made at the Kingdom Hall or to the worldwide work of Jehovah's Witnesses at donate.jw.org

Online condolences may be shared at www.millsfuneral.com



Dale A. Peterson

Class of 1959

Dale A. Peterson -- Lansing
(Formerly of Grand Ledge)

DATE OF PASSING: 4/21/2011

Mr. Dale A. Peterson, age 70, passed away April 21, 2011 at his home. He was born October 10, 1940 in Watertown Twp., Clinton Co., MI, son to the late Albert and Dora (Beach) Peterson.

Dale was a retired toolmaker from Pratt-Whitney Auto Air; former member of the Grand Ledge Lodge #179 F. & A.M.; and worked with experimental metals, which resulted in some of his work used on the moon and Air Force One. He enjoyed camping, fishing and black-powder shooting. Survivors include his wife of 18 years, Carolyn J.; 4 daughters: Rochelle Peterson of Eaton Rapids, Monique (Ken) Smith of Eaton Rapids, Laurie (John) Ruddy of Midland, Katie (Dan) Kline of Durand; special daughter Susanne Wooden (Chris) Peterson of Lansing; 3 sons: Charles (Maria) Sands of Eagle, Tim Sands of Durand, and Andy (Jean) Sands of Charlotte; 24 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren; 2 sisters Doreen (Jim) Gilbert and Karen Ypma both of Grand Ledge, sister-in-law Colleen (Chuck) Horton and brother-in-law Don (Karen) Adams, and first wife Julie Ranshaw of Charlotte. He is predeceased by his brother Robert Peterson and sister Annette Burwell; in-laws Clarke and Mary Adams, and brother-in-law Michael Adams. A Memorial service will be held on Friday, April 29, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. For those desiring, contributions made to the Great Lakes Hospice will be greatly appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Judith Richardson Love

DATE OF PASSING: 9/14/2014

Class of 1959

Judith Diane Love, age 72, of Okemos, formerly of Grand Ledge, passed away at home on September 14th, 2014 surrounded by her family. Judy was born to Clifford and Lillian (Werner) Richardson on September 17th, 1941. She was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School Class of 1959. She completed her radiology training at St. Lawrence Hospital and was an X-Ray Technologist for over 40 years, many of them for Michigan State University. Judy married Gordon Love of Ovid in 1973 and they celebrated 38 years together. After Gordon passed, Judy spent two wonderful years in the care of her daughter-in-law Sue Phillips and grandchildren Tiffany and Dustin West. Judy was a big MSU basketball and football fan, and her greatest joys in life were being with family (especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren), taking lots of pictures, cooking, bird watching, and gardening. Though she battled leukemia for over 10 years, Judy remained one of the most caring, generous, and loving individuals on earth. She will be sorely missed by her family and her legacy will live on through her wonderful example of love.



She is survived by granddaughter, Tiffany (Dustin) West, grandsons, Chay and Cullen Menke; great grandchildren, Ethan, Nathan, and Alanah West; step-daughter, Julie Love; sisters, Janet Parisian, Cindy Bentall and Debbie (Tom) Bacon; brother, Gary (Sharon) Richardson; son-in-law, Rick (Amy) Menke; daughter-in-law, Sue Phillips; and many treasured nieces and nephews. Judy

was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Lillian Richardson, sons, Edward J. Ripley and Johnny M. Ripley Jr.; husband, Gordon Love; brother-in-laws, Jim Bentall and Bob Parisian; and daughter-in-law, Robin Love.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, September 21st, 2014 at 4pm at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home in Grand Ledge. The family will receive friends from 3pm until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Great Lakes Caring Hospice Foundation, 900 Cooper Street, Jackson, Michigan 49202 or Ele's Place, Administrative Office, 1145 W. Oakland Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48915



Johnny M. Ripley

DATE OF PASSING: 1/7/2004

Class of 1959

Birth 5 Apr 1940
Michigan, USA
Death 7 Jan 2004 (aged 63)
Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Johnny M Ripley was born on April 5, 1940. He died on January 7, 2004 at 63 years old. We know that Johnny M Ripley had been residing in Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan.



Michael Hale Ritter

DATE OF PASSING: 3/9/2005

Class of 1959

Michael Hale Ritter, 64, formerly of Grand Ledge, died March 9, 2005 in Blacksburg, Virginia. Mr. Ritter was born January 2, 1941, in Lake Odessa, Michigan, the son of Maynard and Virginia (McDaniels) Ritter. Michael was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School. He served in the Navy as a Hurricane Hunter from 1959 to 1963 and then in the Army Reserves, completing 26 years of military service. He received Bachelor and Masters degrees in geology from Michigan State University and worked as a geophysical explorationist for the petroleum industry in Houston, Texas. In June 2004 Michael retired to Blacksburg, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Shannon Ritter, sons Madison and Marshall Ritter of Blacksburg, daughter Jennifer Ritter of Winthrop, Massachusetts, parents Maynard and Virginia Ritter of N. Ft. Myers, Florida, brothers Anthony Ritter of Charlotte, Tom Ritter of Roscommon and Tim (Renae) Ritter of New River, Arizona. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the Potterville United Methodist Church with Rev. Rebecca Morrison officiating.



Beverly Rosier Howell

Class of 1959

Birth 1941
Death 6/17/2002 (aged 60–61)
Burial
Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 6/17/2002



Judith Schulert Thorsen

Class of 1959

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: UNKNOWN



Connie Shanafelt Thorn

Class of 1959

Constance Lee Thorn -- Eagle

Constance Lee Thorn, age 74, died on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, with her family at her side. In spite of her struggle with gastric cancer, Connie remained engaged with life and optimistic until the end.

Connie was born December 19, 1940, in Avondale, MI, to Willedeana Leyder and Evert Shanafelt. The family moved to Eagle, MI, when Connie was in her early teens, and she attended Grand Ledge schools. Connie married Thomas Thorn on March 15, 1958, and they made their home near Eagle. Connie was employed by and retired from Michigan National Bank in Grand Ledge. She greatly enjoyed gardening, bird watching, reading, solving Sudoku puzzles, oil and watercolor painting, traveling, cooking excellent dinners of traditional American food, and spending summers on Sugar Island, MI.



Connie was much loved and will be missed by Thomas Thorn, her husband of 57 years; her children Carrie Thorn of Lansing, Phyllis Thorn of East Lansing, Brenda Hill of Williamston, and Thomas Jr. (Shirley) of Eagle; grandchildren Ian Thorn (Nikki) of Sinclair, WY, Justin Fuller of Sinclair, WY, and Megan Harnett (Dani) of Ocean Springs, MS. She was preceded in death by her parents, Evert and Willedeana Shanafelt.

A funeral service will be held at 11am on Monday, April 27, at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, 406 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. Interment will be at N. Eagle Cemetery followed by a luncheon at the Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St., Eagle. Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2-5 pm. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home.

DATE OF PASSING: 4/21/2015



Ron Sheperd

Class of 1959

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: 2011



Class of 1959

Judith Irene Sheren Zomeran

July 16, 1940 — December 19, 2023 (Aged 83)

Judith Irene Zomeran of Potterville, passed away December 19, 2023, at the age of 83. She was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan on July 16, 1940, the daughter of Reo and Viola (Kornmeyer) Sheren. Judith and her husband loved travelling, camping in particular. They travelled all over the United States with their travel trailer, in the years of travelling, they managed to make it to all the states in the Continental US. Judith was a homemaker and loved taking care of her family. She was an excellent cook and loved reading in her spare time.

Judith is survived by her loving husband, Willem Zomeran; children, Joan (Bryan) Richard of Charlotte, Edd (Andee) Zomeran of Portland, OR; grandchildren, Courtney (Steve) Guthrie of Kentwood, Alex Bailey of Lansing, Emma Zomeran of Anaheim, CA, Annika Zomeran of Orlando, FL; great grandchildren, Aiden and Addisyn Guthrie of Kentwood. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Duane Sheren, Jerry Sheren and Richard Sheren.

Per Judith's wishes, a private family service will be held. Arrangements were entrusted to the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel in Grand Ledge. To leave condolences for the family, visit our website www.millsfuneral.com.



Douglas Shroyer

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: Unknown

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.



Dewain J. Sivyer

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 5/2/2018

Dewain J. Sivyer, 76 of Vermontville, a man who loved outdoor activities and was known for his stubbornness, died May 2, 2018. Dewain was born August 1, 1941 in Lansing, MI to James and Jeannette (VanPolen) Sivyer. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School and enlisted in the Army. While serving in Germany, he met his future wife, Monika Secker, and they were married October 6, 1962 in Frei-Laubersheim, Germany. They have been happily married for 55 years, and have enjoyed many adventures together traveling and fishing, as well as raising their four children.

Dewain loved to fish in Canada, hunt on his property for deer and turkey, he had several vegetable gardens and canned the fruit of their labor, and he also loved fabricating in his barn (a skill he learned from his grandfather).

Dewain was very proud of his children and grandchildren, and they will miss him dearly. Dewain is survived by his wife, Monika Sivyer; children Susan (Edward) Daaod, James (Linda) Sivyer, Richard (Martha) Sivyer, and Cynthia (Brad) Huff; grandchildren, Alex, Cody, Anna, Hannah, Brianna, Amber, Jacob; great-grandchildren, Joyeln, Ava, and Braden; siblings, Jan(Don), Helen, Donna (Gary), and Arlene. Dewain was predeceased by his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Dewain's family by visiting his tribute page and sharing memories of him at www.PrayFuneral.com. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Stoneleigh Residence in Lansing, where Dewain spent his final days being cared for by a wonderful staff. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.



Gerald K. Slee

Class of 1959

Birth 2 Jun 1941
Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA
Death 3 Apr 1998 (aged 56)
Roscommon County, Michigan, USA
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery
Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA

DATE OF PASSING: 4/3/1998



Alice Smith

Class of 1959

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: 2016



Carolyn Starkweather Powell

Class of 1959

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

DATE OF PASSING: 1/15/2010



Virginia Kay Stoll Panetta

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 2/14/2019

On Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14th, 2019 Virginia Kay (Stoll) Panetta went to be with the Lord. She was born in Lansing, Michigan on September 19th, 1941 the daughter of Margarete Virginia and Carl Victor Stoll. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in Class of 1959.

Virginia worked for the Michigan Department of Social Services for 35 years as a Caseworker; and retired in 1997.

In retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her kids and grandkids. She enjoyed spending time at Higgins Lake and taking her annual color tours throughout Michigan. She also loved traveling to Florida and Hawaii, frequently. One of her favorite things to do was play card games. She will be missed and fondly remembered by all that knew her.

She was preceded in death by her Parents; and brother; Theodore Stoll. Surviving are her children; Christine (Ken) Dennings, Lisa (Ron) Thompson and Frank (Keisha) Panetta. Also surviving to cherish her memory are nine grandchildren; Dominic, Vincent, Margo and Paul Sawaya, Craig, Francesca and Rachel Wing, Katrina Dennings and Nicholas Panetta and four great-grandchildren.



The family will receive friends on Tuesday, February 26th from 5:00-8:00pm at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 900 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI with a Rosary being prayed at

7:30pm. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Resurrection, 1527 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48912 on Wednesday, February 27th at 11:00 am with a one hour prior visitation. Rev Fr. Steve will be Officiating.

At her request, she will be cremated and laid to rest at Hurd Cemetery.

Those desiring to make contributions, please make a donation to the Resurrection School Tuition Fund in Virginia's name. Online memories and condolences may be expressed at www.grlansing.com



Drusilla Thomson Kintigh

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 3/22/2017

Drusilla "Thomson" Kintigh
November 20, 1941 -- March 22, 2017

Here's hoping God likes BINGO because our loving, thoughtful, sincere mother will have him yelling out BINGO numbers for everyone who loves to play.

Drusilla Rose Kintigh, 75 of Lansing, Michigan passed away suddenly on March 22, 2017. She was born in Hastings, Michigan, on November 20, 1941, to Joseph P. Thomson and M. Dawn Burns (Walter).

After graduating from High School, she married her beloved husband of 56 years, Clark M. Kintigh. She spent most of her life as a meticulous homemaker and devoted wife and mother. She was preceded by his recent death, which completely broke her heart. Also preceding her death were her parents, a stepfather Walter Burns, son-in-law Brian Coates and brothers Patrick and Michael Thomson.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her children, Kamie D. Coates, Mitchell (Julie) Kintigh and Kellie (Scott) Kintigh-Witt; loving brother David (Joan) Thomson; 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild as well as nieces, nephews and cousins. She had many other loving family and friends, including very thoughtful neighbors. Her kindness will be missed more than words can express, but we know she is happy and healthy in her new life.

Drusilla will be remembered for her thoughtful, hospitable acts and her love for Bingo and Casino slots.

In Lieu of flowers, contributions honoring Drusilla's memory may be made to the American Lung Association.



Wilma Tiedt Campbell

DATE OF PASSING: 11/27/2009

Class of 1959

Wilma Dale (Tiedt) Campbell -- Grand Ledge

Wilma Dale (Tiedt) Campbell, age 68, passed away November 27, 2009 in Lansing, MI. She was born April 1, 1941 in Lansing, MI to the late Norman and Veo A. (Bomersheim) Tiedt. She was a retired employee of General Motors, enjoyed gardening and spending time at her cabin in Ewart, MI on the Muskegon River. She is survived by sons Kevin (Sharon) of Holt, and Kyle (Lisa) of Grand Ledge, grandchildren Crystal, Rachel, Anna Marie, sister Gloria Wallace of Grand Ledge. She is preceded in death by sister Donna Reese. Private memorial services are being held. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, Capital Area Service Center 3100 West Rd. Bldg. B Ste 110 East Lansing, MI 48823.



Gary W. Twitchell

DATE OF PASSING: 4/24/2008

Class of 1959

Gary W. Twitchell of Eagle, MI Gary Twitchell, age 67, born March 15, 1941 in Lansing, MI, passed away on April 24, 2008. Gary was retired from the Wolhert Corp. and the Michigan National Guard. He was an avid Harley Davidson rider and enjoyed spending time on his houseboat on the Illinois River. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Carol L.; 3 daughters: Tonya G. (Chad) Henry of Lake Odessa, Renee J. (Ravi) Kukkapalli of Memphis, TN and Trina J. (Eric) Post of Byron Center; 3 grandchildren: Andrew Kukkapalli, Evan Henry and Jacob Post; his mother, Mary L. of Eagle; 2 brothers, Gale E. (Diane) of Eagle and James L. (Dawn) of Phoenix, AZ; many nieces and nephews; and was predeceased by his father, Malcom and 2 sisters, Janet Eimer and Joyce Kaminski. In honoring Gary's wishes, cremation has taken place and private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Assoc. in memory of Gary Twitchell. www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com





Gary W. VanAlstine

June 21, 1941 — March 19, 2021 (Aged 79)

Gary W. VanAlstine, age 79, of Irons formerly of Lake Odessa passed away Friday, March 19, 2021 with his wife of 45 years by his side. Gary was born on June 21, 1941 in Lansing to Albert and Jean (Krapf) VanAlstine.

Gary was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School. He was employed at Diamond Reo for 17 years and then worked for Leaseway in Lansing until he retired in 2001. He was a true outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, camping, and traveling. Gary especially enjoyed wintering in Florida the last 20 years. He enjoyed woodworking and carving. He liked spending time with his family and friends, helping anyway he could. Gary was a hard worker with a great sense of humor.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, Sharon, his stepson, Brian (Melissa) Cook, his mother-in-law, Ardene Lackey, his brother, Ron (Della) VanAlstine, his brothers and sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by son Jeffrey VanAlstine, mother Jean VanAlstine, father Albert VanAlstine, and father in-law Vance Lackey.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date at Koops Funeral Home in Lake Odessa. In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Michigan.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Oak Grove Funeral Home of Ludington, www.oakgroveludington.com.



Class of 1959

Elvin "Al" James Ward

October 2, 1940 — January 31, 2022 (Aged 81)

Elvin "Al" James Ward, 81, of Owosso, passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, January 31, 2022 at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Jennings-Lyons Chapel in Owosso. Pastor Scott Wilhite will officiate with military honors and burial to be held in Pioneer Cemetery in Grand Ledge at 2:00 pm. Family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday from 4-6 pm.

Al was born on October 2, 1940 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Russell and Treva (Schultheiss) Ward. At the age of 18, Al enlisted in the United State Air Force and served his country faithfully being honorably discharged in 1963. Following his time in the service, Al would spend the next 32 years working for General Motors at the Fisher Body Plant in Lansing, retiring in 1995. While at GM, Al also farmed for many years, raising pigs and steer. Al was very involved in moto cross racing in the 70's and held many trophies from Jack Pine Enduro Racing in Lansing. He was an avid golfer, having had a membership at Chippewa Hills where he held several trophies, including club champion and also loved to bowl.

Al is survived by his children: Al (Jane) Ward, Suzie (Jim) Shaft, Annette (Scott) Wilhite, Billie Jo (Don Miller) Canfield; daughter-in-law, Debi Ward; the mother of his children, Joyce Cleveland; many grandchildren and great grandchildren and 2 brothers: Richard Ward and Keith Ward.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers: Raymond and Verland; his sister, Maize; son, Johnny and his beloved cat, Nugget.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a plant or donation to Al's family. Online condolences may be shared with Al's family by going to www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com



Lanny Webb

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 6/6/1995

Lawrence "Lanny" Webb, 54, of Charlotte died June 6, 1995, in Charlotte.

Mr. Webb was born Dec. 17, 1940 in Grand Ledge, the son of Russell and Yvonne (Lawrence) Webb. He has been a lifetime area resident of Grand Ledge and Charlotte. He was a 1959 graduate of Grand Ledge High School. He was an employee of Spartan Motors of Charlotte and a former employee of Diamond REO and Anchor Motor Freight. He was a member of the Charlotte Eagles Aerie #3552 and a former member of the Naval Reserve.

Services were June 8 at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, with the Rev. Barbara Smith Jang of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christopher Webb Educational Fund.



Class of 1959

Milo Edward Wells

December 12, 1939 — October 31, 2022 (Aged 82)

Milo Edward Wells, passed away peacefully on October 31st 2022, at the age of 82. He was born to Nathan and Helen (Hayes) Wells in Grand Ledge, MI.

Milo served his country in the United States Army from 1958-1960. After serving his time with the Army, he met the love of his life, Sonja Woolley in Lansing, and they were married on June 2nd, 1962. Being happily married for over 46 years, they built a family of their own, and were able to create many great memories together, especially their trip to Hawaii.

Milo worked for General Motors for over 30 years, providing countless hours as a Skilled Tradesman and Supervisor for the car manufacturer. In his free time, Milo enjoyed woodworking, reading, the Lake City Cabin, tinkering on whatever he could his hands on, snowmobiling, dune buggy rides, hunting, family vacations, and photography. He also had a crazy sense of humor that would make anybody laugh.

Milo is preceded in death by his loving wife, Sonja (Woolley) Wells; Infant Son: Edward Wells; Brothers: Nathan (Joan) Wells Jr., Harry (Donna) Wells, Franklin Wells, and Charles Wells; Sisters: Barbara Shaw, Dorothy (Kenneth) Schieberl, and Lucile (Jerry) Alford.

He is survived by his children: Brian (Teresa) Wells of Coldwater, Karen (Greg) Coady of Lansing, and Todd Wells of Mason; Sister: Bertha (Ron) Smith; Sister in Laws: Elaine Wells and Jean Michael; Grandchildren: Emily, Ethan, and Emmett Wells; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 3rd, at Palmer, Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Homes-Holt Chapel from 4pm-7pm. A Graveside Service will be celebrated on Friday, November 4th, at 1pm at Deepdale Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to Hospice of Lansing and the Capital Area Humane Society.



Warren David White

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 5/8/1988

Birth 27 Jun 1940 (Michigan, USA)

Death 8 May 1988 (aged 47)

Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, USA

Burial: Delta Center Cemetery

Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, USA



Maxwell E. Whitney, Jr.

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 11/27/2017

In memory of Maxwell E. Whitney, Jr., class of 1959, who passed away at the age of 76.

Maxwell E. Whitney Jr., passed into the spirit world on November 27, 2017. Max was born in Annapolis, Maryland in 1941. He leaves behind his loving wife of 50 years Kathryn (Robertson) Whitney, daughters Robin (Chris Shaw) Marsh and Kimberly Wixson; sons Robert (Whitney Kropp) and Jonathan (Emily) Whitney. A proud grandpa of 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Max is a retiree of Fisher Body and a Veteran of the U.S. Army. He was the commander of the Ogemaw County V.F.W. 3775 and honored with Veteran of the Year this past Veteran's Day. He was an amazing, proud and loving man who will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be shared at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home website.



Gerald L. Winstanley

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 3/24/2005

Gerald L Winstanley (1941 - 2005)

Gerald L Winstanley was born on August 17, 1941. He died on March 24, 2005 at age 63. We know that Gerald L Winstanley had been residing in Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan.



Duane Ivan Zaikowski

Class of 1959

DATE OF PASSING: 10/10/1973

Lansing State Journal Lansing, MI Oct 1973

Services for Staff Sgt. Duane I Zaikowski, 32, of 393 Sterling Dr., Dimondale, will be held 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Holihan Funeral Home in Grand Ledge.

Mr. Zaikowski died by his own hand Wednesday 10 Oct in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He was communications center officer in the Army stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado. Staff Sgt. Zaikowski entered Army service in April 1961 and served in the Army Security Agency through out his career. He was a Vietnam veteran serving in country from Jul 1969 – Feb 1971. Mr. Zaikowski was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School and also attended Michigan State University.

He was a member of Grand Ledge Trinity Episcopal Church.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. And Mrs. Leo Zaikowski and his brother Jerold, of Lansing; five sisters, Mrs. Katheerine Thompson of Potterville, Mrs. Donis Whitaker, Mrs. Darlene Krebbs, Mis Janice Driscal, all of Charlotte, Mrs. Doris George of Coldwater, and his grandmother Mrs. Helen Zaikowski, of Warsaw, Poland.

