



THOSE PASSED FROM THE CLASS OF 1977

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Tamara Bartlett Bigford

March 8, 1959 — May 9, 2024 (Aged 65)

Tamara "Tami" Lynn Bigford, aged 65, of Grand Ledge, Michigan, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on May 9, 2024. Born on March 8, 1959, in Lansing, Michigan, Tami was a beacon of kindness and love throughout her life.

Tami attended Grand Ledge Public Schools and graduated with the class of 1977. After high school, she married her high school sweetheart, Mark Bigford, on May 20, 1978. Together, they embarked on a journey of love, partnership, and family that would span 46 beautiful years. She also retired after many years of dedication from Grand Ledge Public Schools.

A devoted mother, Tami leaves behind her daughter, Kari (Frank) Aguirre, and son, Jim (Molly) Bigford. She cherished her role as a grandmother to Hudson, Gemma, Payton, and Isaac, who brought immense joy and laughter into her life. Tami's love extended to her brother-in-law, Gregory (Doris Ann) Bigford, sister-in-law, Jeanne (Don) Hunt, and several nieces and nephews, all of whom she held dear to her heart.

Traveling to Traverse City was one of Tami's favorite pastimes. She reveled in the beauty of the region and the tranquility it offered. These trips provided cherished memories that her family will hold onto forever.

Tami is preceded in death by her parents, Jack Bartlett and Eleanor (McCloud) Spitzbergen, and her brothers, Kent and Greg Bartlett. Her family takes comfort in knowing that she is now reunited with them in eternal peace.

As we bid farewell to Tami, we celebrate the time we were fortunate enough to share with her. Her spirit, characterized by love and kindness, will continue to inspire and guide us. Tami will be deeply missed, but her memory will forever be a blessing to all who knew her.

Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in loving memory of Tammi to the American Cancer Society. For online condolences, please visit www.millsfuneral.com.



Kathleen Block Bechtol

July 15, 1959 — January 29, 2022 (Aged 62)

Kathleen (Block) Bechtol, 62, of Grand Ledge, passed away peacefully on Saturday January 29, 2022 with her loving family by her side.

Those who knew Kathy loved her, and the empathy and compassion she had for others was unmatched. Kathy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who wholeheartedly embraced each of those roles. She enjoyed cooking and baking, drawing and crocheting, spending time in her garden, and caring for her four-legged buddy Oscar. Above all else, she loved being around those that she loved the most. Her genuine kindness and endearing smile touched the lives of many.

Kathy is survived by her devoted husband of 43 years, Mark Bechtol, daughter Kelsey Bechtol (Will Consiglio), sons Andy Bechtol (Ashlie) and Tony Bechtol (Kimberly Abed), along with six adoring grandchildren; siblings Ken Block (Pat), Julie Haan (Val), Tim Block (Karen), and Amy Hoeksema (Dan). She is preceded in death by her beloved mother and father, Nancy and Kenneth Block.

Visitation will be held on Thursday February 3, 2022 from 4-7:00 pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. A private funeral service and committal will take place on Friday February 4, 2022. Memorial contributions in Kathy's name may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906

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





Charlene Rosanne Broadbent Tefft

July 4, 1958 — December 7, 2020 (Aged 62)

Charlene Rosanne Tefft age 62 of Grand Ledge went to be with the Lord December 7, 2020. Charlene was born July 4, 1958 in Charlotte, Michigan and graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1977. As a young woman, Charlene had a love for animals especially dogs and horses. She retired from Fisher-Body after 30 years of service. Charlene was also a member of the Church of Christ of Grand Ledge.

She is survived by her mother, June Conrad; siblings, Alva Roy Bair, Sylvia Broadbent and Patricia Wright; step-brother, Stephen Bair along with several nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen Wayne Tefft on March 25, 2020.

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

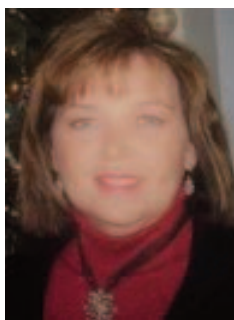


Bonnie Lee Brooks

August 22, 1959 -- March 20, 2020 (Aged 60)

Bonnie Brooks of Grand Ledge, MI passed away on Friday, March 20th, 2020 at the age of 60. Bonnie was born August 22, 1959 in Lansing, MI. She was a 1977 graduate of Grand Ledge High School. She had a bachelors degree in Economics from Michigan State University. She is survived by her sisters Laura (Mark) McNeil, Julie (Jimmy) Combs, niece Sara (Jared) Whitford, nephew Jeff (Sophie) McNeil, niece Dana (Jon) Hawkins, niece Nicole Combs, niece Mindy (Brad) Lundquist, nephew Blake (Athena) Stamper, nephew Alex Crews and nephew Shawn Lev. She was predeceased in death by sister Janet Lev, nephew Joseph Lev, her parents Leland and Pearl Brooks.

A Celebration of Life Picnic will be Saturday June 27th, 2020 at Heritage Park in Grand Ledge/Wacousta, MI from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



Arthur Guy Cheesmond

August 30, 1958 — February 3, 2022 (Aged 63)

Arthur Guy Cheesmond of Grand Ledge, passed away February 3, 2022 at the age of 63. Art was born in Lansing, MI on August 30, 1958, the son of Jerdian "Jerry" and Beverly (Mingus) Cheesmond. He retired from General Motors after 26 years. Art enjoyed fishing, golfing, feeding the squirrels, birds, and his neighbors. His most important job came 5½ years ago, honoring him with the title "Grandpa". Art had a true servant's heart. He left this world doing what he loved, helping everyone around him.

Arthur is survived by his mother Beverly; his wife of 42 years Jane; children: Sarah (Dusty) Young, Rachel (Derrick) LaBorde, and Joshua (Brianna) Cheesmond; grandchildren: Lincoln (5) and Novah (2) Young, Norah (5) and Eliyanah (3) LaBorde, and Ford (8 months) Cheesmond; sisters, Angela (Douglas) Hale and Susan Hazen; many nieces and nephews, as well as his beloved dog Paisley. He was preceded in death by his father Jerdian "Jerry" Cheesmond.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00pm Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Believers Christian Church, 10837 W. Grand River Hwy, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or to Amazing Facts Ministry, PO Box 1058, Roseville, CA 95678.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel.

Online condolences may be placed at www.millsfuneral.com.





Ronald Lynn "Grizz" Curtis

January 2, 1959 — May 20, 2010 (Aged 51)

Burial: Cremated: Ashes scattered, Specifically: His favorite hunting spot.



Ronald 'Grizz' Lynn Curtis 51, passed away Thursday, May 20 2010 just shortly after 1:00 P. M. He was fishing at Kilpatrick Lake, Barry County, Michigan where he was airlifted to Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Police ruled it and accidental drowning. Ron was born January 2, 1959 in Lansing, Michigan to William Vernon Curtis and Dorothy Jean (Hoy) Curtis. Ron enjoyed fishing, all hunting sports and looking for mushrooms. His newest adventure panning and looking for gold. His morning coffee dates with his Aunt Joyce and talks with Aunt Audrey. You would always find him doing these things each and every week. Ron attended Grand Ledge schools, and had for many years worked for Clark Construction Company of Lansing, Michigan. Ron was a devoted and very loving father to his Andrea who was his daughter in every way. Andrea and Ron shared many hours and Sunday dinners together. Survivors include Andrea Jean Jordon, one brother Dennis (Sue) Curtis, sister-in-law, Cindy Curtis all of Sunfield, Michigan. Special Neice and God daughter, Cassandra 'Kaci' Curtis, nephews, Travis Curtis, Jeremy Eagen (his gold Panning buddy) all of Sunfield, Michigan, also many more, Aunts, Uncles, many more special neices and nephews of Grand Ledge and Sunfield, Michigan. He was prede-

ceased by his parents, three sisters: Mary Ann Southwell of Mulliken, Michigan, Bonnie and James Brighton of Sunfield, Michigan. Linda Lou Beck of Grand Ledge, Michigan, one brother, Andrew Curtis of Sunfield, Michigan. Memorial services will be held Monday, May 24, 2010--11:00 A. M. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home of Grand Ledge, Michigan. The family will begin to receive friends one hour prior to service time. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests those wishing may make contributions to the funeral home to help with arrangements or the Huntington's Disease Society.

The family would also like to thank all the responders and bystanders who were there to help Ron.



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David DeBoer

October 9, 1958 — February 2, 2024 (Aged 65)



David was born October 9, 1958 and joined his parents on February 2, 2024. David was preceded in death by his parents in 2007, his brother Les DeBoer in 2020 and his brother John DeBoer in 2023. David was born in Grand Ledge, MI and attended and graduated from Grand Ledge High School, class of 1977. While in school David was in baseball, wrestling and cub scouts. David would often talk about the camping trips for scouts that he and his dad would take or the trips they made to go salmon fishing. David enjoyed his two way radios, scanners and other radios. David enjoyed his weather radios also. David got his love for scanners and radios from his mother as he often talked about them listening together. David loved guns and was always studying up on new methods of reloading applications. David enjoyed going to the range and target shooting with his handguns. David was hooked on YouTube yet sometimes could not figure out his phone. David liked gardening but the last couple of years the deer and rabbits had won. I think he just liked being outside having a campfire and gardening was a good excuse. David started his career as a skilled auto mechanic but later

changed career direction and joined the Michigan Department of Corrections and was employed as an officer with the MDOC up until his passing. David loved going snowmobiling and going up to Negaunee or the Gaylord area and staying in the cabins. David loved his dogs. His best buddy was Mishka. He also had adopted Sparky (Cat), Miley and then Tillie. His latest hobby was heated wear such as gloves and vests. David enjoyed fishing and loved watching Mishka retrieve the salmon they may have caught. David loved a good home cooked meal and his white cake with homemade butterscotch frosting. He had received one of those cakes for the past few years on his birthday and felt they were as good as his mom had made for him when he was younger. And his favorite saying I will never forget was to text either myself or my grandsons with the saying "It's Just David."

David is survived by special friend Sally Ann Spry, his goddaughter Helen Herrick; his nieces Jessica (Josef) Krawciw and Allissa DeBoer; his nephews Jason, Justin and John DeBoer; great nephews Aidan, Chaz, Shepherd and Vanguard; along with several cousins.

Cremation has taken place per David's wishes. A celebration of David's life will be held at Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, on Saturday, February 10, 2024, with visitation from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. and memorial service at 5:00 pm. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes's Research Foundation or the Capitol Area Humane Society in loving memory of David DeBoer.



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Kurt E. Grosman

March 5, 1959 — February 13, 2023 (Aged 63)

Kurt E. Grosman - Born March 5, 1959 in Milwaukee, WI; passed away on February 17, 2023 in Sebastian, FL.

A brilliant attorney with a superlative legal mind; he was endeared by his clients and feared by his opponents. He was a loving, caring man, scheduled to marry his fiancée and loyal and doting companion of 13 years - Catalina Di Cecco - on February 21, 2023.

Kurt was the President of his Grand Ledge High School graduating class of 1977, and proceeded to the University of Michigan, Cooley Law School and the New York University for his advanced Master of Law Degree. After years of practice, he also became an impassioned inventor of an unprecedented system to alleviate healthcare-acquired infections, viruses and disease. Many healthcare facilities and emergency services across the country were able to save lives as a result of Kurt's relentless commitment to eradicating preventable pain, suffering and loss of life.

Kurt has left a forever hole in the hearts of all who had the special privilege of knowing and loving him. Kurt will be laid to rest at Hillside Cemetery in Delta Township with a private family service.



Kevin Ray Kines

April 16, 1959 — January 2, 2021 (Aged 61)

Passed away unexpectedly, January 2, 2021 at the age of 61. Kevin was born in Lansing, April 16, 1959, the son of Edward and Arlene (Doane) Kines. He was a 1977 graduate of Grand Ledge High School where he was also on the golf team. Shortly after graduation, he went to work at GM where he would retire in 2015 after 30 years as a team leader. Kevin loved animals and was an avid golfer, golfing in a league on Wednesday's at Hawk Hollow Golf Course.

Kevin is survived by his father, Edward Kines of Dimondale; wife, Michele Kines; son, Kyle (Jessica) Kines of Vermontville; granddaughter, Kendra Kines of Vermontville; uncle, Walter (Jan) Doane of St. Johns; aunts, Vee Ford of Grand Ledge, Jan and Joseph Delaney of Lansing; cousins, Melissa and Bill Ford, Wendy Doane, Darlene Witford, Amy and Scott Burr, Brenda and Steve Potter; his golf and work buddies, Tom Lindeman and Bill Goff and his beloved Labrador dogs, Riley and Ellie. He was preceded in death by his mother.

No services are planned at this time. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Craig Cartwright Memorial Fund, <https://ccmemorialgolf.com> or the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Ave, Lansing, MI 48906. Arrangements were entrusted to the Mills Funeral Home, Shelly-Odell Chapel in Eaton Rapids. To place online condolences please visit our website at www.millsfuneral.com.



Gerald Lloyd "Jerry" Kleinfelt

July 20, 1959 — October 12, 2021 (Aged 62)

Gerald Lloyd Kleinfelt, 62 of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away on October 12, 2021.

Jerry was born on July 20, 1959 in Lansing, MI son of Lloyd and Mary Kleinfelt.

He is preceded in death by his father Lloyd and brother Edward. Jerry is survived by his mother Mary, daughters Sarah (Kelly) Long and Kristina Kleinfelt, son-in-law Tom Fink, brother Ken (Lori) Kleinfelt, sisters Patty (Chris) Simon and Tammy Souza, grandchildren: Kameron, Karina, Carly, Drew, Ava, and Lydia; several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, 11:00 a.m., October 15, 2021 at Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge with visitation one hour prior to service. Visitation will also be held on Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Chron's & Colitis Foundation, 733 Third Avenue, Ste. 510 New York, NY 10017. The family has entrusted arrangements to Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Gerald "Jerry" B. McAllister

March 30, 1959 — January 22, 2022 (Aged 62)

Gerald B. McAllister of Woodland formerly of Grand Ledge passed away January 22, 2022 in Lansing. Jerry was born March 30, 1959 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Dale and June (Graft) McAllister. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1977 and went on to receive an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from Lansing Community College. Jerry served on the Roxand Township Fire Department and then the Grand Ledge Fire Department for 15 years. He served the community, mentored many young people and developed a lot of lifelong friends in fire service. Jerry retired from GM after many years of service. He was an outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Jerry was a loving husband, father and cherished his grandkids. He is survived by his children, Melissa (Jared) Grables, Amanda (Michael) Fox and Matthew (Morgan Womboldt) McAllister; grandchildren, Cici, Kaylee, Jordon, Gabe, Reagan, David and Josie; sister, Donna (Leonard) Eklund and sister-in-law, Doloris McAllister. Jerry was preceded in death by his wife Telina Rae "Tina" on June 20, 2012; brothers, Roger and Gary McAllister. A Celebration of Jerry's life will be held Saturday, January 29, 2022, 1:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Chaplain Roy Atherton, officiating.

Visitation will be Saturday from 11-1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Woodland Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be given to the Grand Ledge Fire Department Memorial Fund, 500 N. Clinton Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Share your memories and condolences online at

www.holihanatkin.com





James Vaughn Peake

July 7, 1958 — September 9, 2020 (Aged 62)

James Vaughn Peake of Portland passed away unexpectedly at home on September 9, 2020. Jim was a hard working husband and father who loved his family and many friends. Jim will live on in hearts of the many lives that he touched. Jim was born July 7, 1958 in Lansing to the late Vaughn and Catherine (Schoettl) Peake. He graduated from the Grand Ledge High School Class of 1976 and went on to work for the Parish Co. as a heavy equipment operator. The last decade, Jim became an instructor at AIS teaching heavy equipment operation. He enjoyed attending car shows, going to the casino, fishing and traveling.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Karol (Monroe); daughter, Jennifer (Rick) Martin; sisters, Dawn (Bill) Sherman, Pat (Denny) Schartzler, Gail VanAlphen, Sue (Dale) Harlow, Karen (Wil) Linley along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. Jim was preceded in death by son, Ryan on June 5, 2019.

A funeral service will be held Monday, September 14, 2020, 1:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Pastor Roy Atherton, officiating. Interment will follow at Pioneer Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 11-1:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906 (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=cahsad&id=23>).



Maria "Nena" Ramirez

July 20, 1959 — February 23, 2013 (Aged 53)

Maria "Nena" Ramirez of Owosso formerly of Grand Ledge passed away surrounded by family February 23, 2013 after a long illness. Maria was born July 20, 1959 in Alma, Michigan to Manuel and Amelia (Valladares) Ramirez. She was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School Class of 1977 and retired from GM in 2002 as an executive secretary. Maria's faith and devotion to her church were very important to her. Consequently, she taught religious education through the Diocese of Lansing for 27 years. She also served in a folk music group, choir and funeral choir through her local parish. Maria is survived by her daughter, Amy; mother, Amelia Ramirez; brothers, Nicolas (Joan) and Carlos Ramirez; nieces, Kim Ingles, Carmen Ramirez, and Christina Ramirez and nephew Gabriel Ramirez. She was preceded in death by her dad, Manuel S. Ramirez August 20, 2012. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Reverend Fr. James Eisele, Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 11:00 AM at the St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge.



Rite of Committal will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Lansing. The family will receive friends Tuesday 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM with a vigil service at 7:30 PM at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. In honor of Maria, the family has requested that friends and family take time to help someone in need and pay it forward through kind words, good humor, and a compassionate heart.



Teresa K. Reeves Marvin

November 16, 1958 — September 7, 2018 (Aged 59)

Teresa K. Marvin of Portland passed away September 7, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Teresa's family and many friends will miss her wonderful friendship and remember how deeply she invested in others. She loved children and much of her career she sought for the well being and protection of young people. Teresa was born November 16, 1958 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Robert E. and Carol L. (Smith) Reeves. She worked as a Child Specialist in the Department of Human Services for the State of Michigan and had earned a Master's Degree in counseling. In her practice she focused on family and child counseling. Teresa also assisted many new moms as a doula, helping deliver over 20 babies. Teresa and her husband Pat were also foster Parents to 40 children. She always looked forward to spending time with her family, was a proud mother of 4 and cherished time spent with her grandkids.



She is survived by her husband of over 40 years, Patrick; children, Robert (Britani), Kyle and twins, Michael and Melissa Marvin; grandchildren, Celia, Isabel, Robert Jr. and Violette; sisters-in-law, Elaine (Lee) Riley, Mary Ellen Marvin, Jane (Ron) Conley and Anne (Bruce) Zimmer; brother-in-law, Eric (Mike) Marvin and Gerold "Jerry" McAllister along with many nieces and nephews. Teresa was preceded in death by her sister, Telina (Tina) McAllister.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday September 11, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at Holmes Road Church of Christ, Lansing with Stan Craig, Minister. Visitation will be Monday from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and at the church Tuesday from 10-11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions in Teresa's name may be given to the VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Road, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827 (<https://www.vfwnationalhome.org/donate>), St. Vincent Catholic Charities, 2800 W. Willow Street, Lansing, Michigan 48917



Gerald "Jerry" Thomas Sheerin

September 17, 1958 — April 23, 2021 (Aged 62)

Gerald (Jerry) Thomas Sheerin, 62, of Mason, Michigan, passed away at his home April 23, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer. Jerry was born September 17, 1958 to Walter and Jean Sheerin in Lansing, Michigan. Jerry was a graduate from Grand Ledge High School and went on to become a painter at KP Automotive and Towing. Jerry married the love of his life, Cindy, in Holt, Michigan, and the two of them shared 21 years together. Jerry was known for his generosity and loyalty; however, he was most notably known for his sense of humor and his ability to make friends wherever he went. He enjoyed watching movies, and getting outside to kayak on the river. Jerry took great joy in collecting knives and finding new additions to his collection. Jerry, the ever-caring man he was, loved nothing more than spending precious time with his grandkids.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Cindy Sheerin; children: Heather Sheerin, Matt (Ashley) Sheerin, Austin Sheerin, Kelly (Joe) Arford; grandchildren: Kaylee Johnson, Myah Guerrero, Camdyn Guerrero, Nevaeh Babcock, Harmeny Babcock, Joe Arford Jr., Thomas Arford, and Taeler Arford; his parents, Walter and Jean; siblings, Jeff (Deana) Sheerin, and Scott (Dana) Sheerin; cousin, Jimmy and Michelle Mercer.

A memorial service celebrating Jerry's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on May 16, 2021, at Fitzgerald Park in Pavillion #6. Care entrusted to Vickers Leslie Funeral Home, 109 N. Church

St. Louis, MO, Box 503, Leslie, MI 49251. 517-878-6600





Richard Dee Shepard

March 19, 1959 — July 24, 2020 (Aged 61)

Richard Dee Shepard, 61, passed away on July 24, 2020, son of Richard Sr. and Barbara (Ziegler) Shepard. He was born March 19, 1959 in Lansing, MI. He worked for Ryder Logistics; enjoyed bowling, and playing texas holdem poker.

Richard is survived by his son, Cameron Shepard; sisters: Michelle Shepard, Cassandra James, Jean (Tim) Cooper, and Lisa (Leo) Cooper; brother, Scott Shepard. He is predeceased by his wife of 16 years, Denise (Gidley).

Out of respect and concern for public health and safety, no services will be held at this time. The family has entrusted Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



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Jacqueline "Karol" Sheren Iskra

June 1, 1959 — October 14, 2023 (Aged 64)

Jacqueline "Karol" Iskra, affectionately known as Sis, age 64, passed away on October 14th, 2023, in her home in Potterville, Michigan, with the love of her life, Chris, by her side. Born on June 1, 1959, in Lansing, Michigan, Karol enriched the lives of all who knew her with love, kindness, and humor. She was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School class of 1977. She proudly claimed the honor of being the first female bass drum player for the marching band. Karol spent over 30 years as a much-loved employee of Potterville schools and served as the co-owner of City Pest Control. Karol had many talents and was well known in the community as the "Cake Lady" by sharing a passion passed down by her Mom for decorating cakes. Perhaps Karol's greatest passion was spending time in nature, especially Drummond Island, where she would often state "Was Heaven on Earth".



Karol is survived by her devoted husband, Chris Iskra, her loving son, Chris (Brittany) Iskra, and her cherished daughter, Shelli Iskra; grandchildren: Jonathan Cooper, Gatlin Iskra, and one on the way. She also leaves behind her sister, Joyce (Don)

Sheren-Starr, brother, Dave (Kimm) Sheren, and Quentin Colby. She is preceded in death by her parents, Richard, and Jacqueline (Meister) Sheren, and her brother, Rick Sheren. Karol will be remembered as a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, whose radiant spirit and unwavering love for her family will continue to live on in their hearts.

Karol's passing leaves a void that will never be filled. Yet, the memories she created, the love she shared, and the laughter she spread will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew her.

Karol Iskra was truly a remarkable woman who will be deeply missed. As we mourn her loss, we also celebrate her life, a life that was a testament to love, kindness, and humor on Saturday, November 4, 2023 1:00 p.m., 5099 Pinch Hwy, Potterville, MI 48876. Lunch will be served. The family is being served by the Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be placed at www.millsfuneral.com.



John Ervin Starr

May 10, 1959 — August 21, 2020 (Aged 61)

John Ervin Starr, age 61, lifelong area resident of Grand Ledge, passed away at home August 21, 2020. He was born May 10, 1959 in Lansing, MI, the son of Alvin and Marian (Goodrich) Starr. John was a longtime employee of Mapes Furniture in Sunfield; volunteer fireman for the Grand Ledge Fire Department and member of St. Michael Catholic Church. He loved to play the guitar and music; enjoyed being around people, and was very devoted to caring for his wife.

John is survived by his wife of 32 years, Constance "Connie"; children, son Joseph Starr, daughter Katie (Brett) Stosick; brother, Steve, sister, Mary Lynn (Bill) Dixon, and sister-in-law, Julie Sander; mother-in-law, Brenda Sander; brother-in-law, Stephen Sander Jr.; Connie's cherished step-siblings; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law, Stephen Sander Sr., mother-in-law, Constance Sander; brother-in-law, James Sander; and sister-in-law, Maureen Starr.

Visitation will be Thursday 5-8 p.m. at Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial Mass will be Friday, August 29, 2020 - 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church, 345 Edwards St., Grand Ledge, with Rev. Fr. James Eisele as Celebrant. Masks are required at the church and for the visitations. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Grand Ledge Fire Dept., 500 N. Clinton St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or St. Michael Catholic Church in memory of John Starr. Online

condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com



Timothy M. "Tiny" Tiedt

June 18, 1959 — February 1, 2010 (Aged 50)

Timothy M. "Tiny" Tiedt Grand Ledge Age 50, passed away suddenly February 1, 2010 in Lansing, MI. He was born June 18, 1959 in Lansing to Melvin and the late Mildred (McCaffery) Tiedt. He graduated from Grand Ledge H.S. in 1977 and was employed at MPC Lumber Co, the Lansing State Journal, and formerly employed at Big L Lumber Co. He enjoyed woodworking, snowmobiling, and helping others. He is survived by his loving family: wife Barbara, son Paul, daughters Tracy (Frederick) Whitten, Trina (Evan) Miller, Tami Yiirs, and Patricia (Darren) Miller, 7 grandchildren, brothers Floyd "Butch"(Pamela) Tiedt, Melvin David (Nancy) Tiedt, sister Paula (Curt) Babb, sister-in-law Bethany Tiedt-Eiseler. He is also preceded in death by brother Thomas, and grandparents Floyd and Mary Ann Tiedt.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, 11:00a.m. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge, Reverend Bill Amundsen officiating. Interment will follow at Danby Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday 6-8p.m. and Wednesday 2-4, 6-8p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. www.holihanatkin.com





L. Kathrine Tisdale Minsky

April 17, 1959 — May 21, 2019 (Aged 60)

L. Kathrine Minsky returned to the house of our Lord and to the arms of her loving husband on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

In following Kathrine's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Kathrine was born on April 17, 1959, the daughter of Robert and Grace (Stabile) Tisdale, in Lansing, MI. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1977 and received a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Michigan in 1982. Kathrine retired in 2017 after 22 years in the mortgage industry due to having stage IV Colon Cancer.

Kathrine married the love of her life John "Jack" Minsky on December 17, 1994 in St. Johns, MI and they spent the next 22 years raising a loving family, enjoying gardening, home improvements, golfing (which she was not very good at), and spending as much time as possible in Sault Ste Marie, which they considered their second home.

Kathrine is survived by her children who she loved more than life itself: Solitaire (Adam) Ayen and Joshua Minsky; her grandchildren: Leon, Colton, and Alexa Ayen. Also surviving Kathrine is her father Robert Tisdale, her siblings: Patricia (Ivan) Beal, Theresa Hubbell, Carol McGowan, Roberta (Craig) Sparks, Mark (Vicky) Tisdale, and John (Angie) Tisdale; many nieces and nephews,

her best friend Genny Keener, and mother-in-law Arline Minsky. Kathrine is preceded in death by her husband Jack (2015), her loving mother Grace (2016), brother-in-law William McGowan (2017), brother-in-law Robert Hubbell (2018), and father-in-law John Minsky (2019).

At Kathrine's request, in lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org/gmc) or the Autism Association (<https://www.autismspeaks.org/michigan-0>). Online condolences may be sent at www.smith-familyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI.



Jean Douglas Wakefield

October 11, 1958 — September 15, 2015 (Aged 56)

Jean Douglas Wakefield of Sunfield passed away September 15, 2015. Jean was born October 11, 1958 in Little Rock, Arkansas to the late Lester and Mertis (Sawyer) Wakefield Sr. Jean was a Grand Ledge High School graduate Class of 1977 and was formerly employed with Lindberg Heat Treat. He always enjoyed taking trips on his motorcycle with friends. Jean is survived by daughter, Heather Wakefield; siblings, Rick and Diane Keener-Lester Wakefield Jr. According to Jean's wishes a cremation has taken place and a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.



Daniel "Danny" Lyn Watts

August 7, 1958 — June 5, 2016 (Aged 57)

Daniel "Danny" Lyn Watts, age 57, of Entrican, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at his home. Danny was born August 7, 1958 in Battle Creek, the son of Lee Renzo and Edith Ann (Mackie) Watts. He was raised in Mulliken, Michigan and attended Grand Ledge Public Schools. Danny served his country honorably in the United States Air Force serving at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois and Anchorage, Alaska. Danny also served in the National Guard in Battle Creek. He attended Truck Driving School. Danny was self employed as a Carpenter and was a care taker for his mother. He was an inventor, creating several things to assist his mother with every day care. He enjoyed word games and puzzles, camping and camp fires; he was a jack of all trades. He loved his family especially his nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents Lee and Edith Watts.

Danny will be greatly missed by three siblings Linda Carlson of Grand Rapids, David (Tangee) Watts of Elmira, and Elaine (Dale) Roper of Lake Odessa; one aunt Virginia Gadsden of Lake Placid, FL; three nieces Amy, Heather, and Nicole; three nephews Kenny, Dana, and Drew; one great-niece Abigail "Abby"; and two great-nephews Larry, and Cole.

In accordance to family's wishes, cremation has taken place, and services will be held at a later date.



Kirk David Weaver

March 25, 1959 — June 16, 2016 (Aged 57)

Kirk David Weaver, age 57, of Charlotte, MI passed away June 16, 2016 at his home. He was born March 25, 1959 in Elkhart, IN, to David Lou and Rae Ann (Fike) Weaver. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1977. He retired from General Motors in 2004 after 28 years of service and was a proud member of UAW Local 652.

He is survived by his mother, Rae Ann (Jim) Markely of Middlebury, IN; children, Michael, Edward, and Erin; long-time love, Mary Gleason; 3 grandchildren; sister, Anna (Ben) Yoder of Goshen, IN; nieces, and many long-time friends. He was preceded in death by his father David Weaver in 2000; sister, Rhonda Weaver in 2001; and brother, Eric Weaver in 2003.

A memorial gathering will be held Wednesday, July 20, 5-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. If desired, memorial contributions are suggested to the family, in care of Edward Weaver. Friends and family are encouraged to visit Kirk's tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com to share memories and condolences. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.





Lee Allen Zimmerman

February 12, 1959 — January 23, 2016 (Aged 56)

Lee Allen Zimmerman, 56, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Saturday, January 23, 2016 in Charlotte. He was born February 12, 1959, in Grand Rapids, MI, the son of Gary and Sharon (Engel) Zimmerman. Lee graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1977 before earning his Journeyman's Card in Welding and Machine Repair. He worked as a welder with Industrial Welding in Lansing for over 20 years.

Lee is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Zimmerman of Portland and Chelsea (Scott) Millbrook of Eagle; son, Jacob Zimmerman of Haslett; grandchildren, Skylan Bowie and Iris Millbrook; parents, Gary and Sharon Zimmerman of Charlotte; sister, Kendra (Ryan) Craven of Charlotte; niece, Alexa Zimmerman; and nephew, Cory Osborn.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Interment of Lee's cremated remains will take place in Maplewood Cemetery in Hopkins Twp., MI. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Lee on his tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

