

OBITUARY - ROBERT KRAMER



Robert Wayne Kramer, 86, of Fruitport, passed away Monday, July 26, 2021.

Bob was born January 2, 1935, the son of Claude and Nellie Kramer. He served his country proudly in the US Army. Following his time in the service, he married the former Joan Dyke. Together they enjoyed over 60 years of marriage. Bob worked for Shaw Walker and retired from the company with 37 years of service. He was a member of Ottawa Center Chapel, the Muskegon Eagles, and enjoyed spending time together with some close friends he served with in the military. He enjoyed golfing, traveling, fishing, and yard sales.

He was a strong-willed, spontaneous, unpredictable, adventurous man who will be deeply missed.

Bob is survived by: his wife, Joan; children, Greg (Kathy) Kramer; and Sue (Rich) Genz; grandchildren Breanna (Sean Kremers) Kramer; Keanna Kramer, Felicia (Travis Sale) Grigsby; Megan Genz, and Brittney (Corey) Phelps; great-grandchildren, Lilly, Owen, and Trip; and several cousins, aunts, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; brother, Clarence; and sister, Betty Swanson.

A memorial service with military honors was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at Ottawa Center Chapel 8991 Leonard Street Coopersville. Burial took place at a later date at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

OBITUARY - ALYCE MCLAUGHLIN



Alyce Ann McLaughlin, 90, of Fruitport Township, passed away August 25, 2021. She was born July 18, 1931, "number ten child" to Ray and Neda Soseman.

She is survived by a brother Clair Soseman of Omaha, NE, Sons: Michael A. (Rebecca) of Muskegon, MI, James R. (Renée) of Grand Haven, MI, David L. of Muskegon, MI, Terrance J. (Nina) of Naples, FL; Twin daughters: Kathleen M. Burress (Timothy) of Whitehall, MI and Colleen M. Clark (Jack) of Grand Haven, MI, seventeen grandchildren (Erich, Brendan, Erin, Kristi, Stephanie, Kimberly, Samantha, Amy C., Angela, Amy M., Madeline, Natalie, Rogan, Keegan, Elaina, Brianna, and Nolan), twelve great grandchildren (grandchildren Trent, Easton, Emma, Austin, Andrew, Caiden, Campbelle, Elliot, Kylee, Sophia, Xavier, and Samson) and many beloved nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Alyce was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Richard McLaughlin, seven brothers (Ned, Charles, George, Don, Bob, Jerry, & Jon), three sisters (Ruth & Dorothy, and Virginia), and parents (Neda and Raymond Soseman).

Alyce was born on the family farm in Bloomfield, IA, moved to Nevada, IA when she was in 2nd grade, and then to Omaha, NE when she was a sophomore. She graduated in 1950 from Omaha Technical High School where she was voted "Sweetest" and "Cutest" by her classmates. She enjoyed dances and played the marimba. She worked most of her childhood - from selling produce off of a wagon to full-time clerical work at Mutual of Omaha after high school, where she met and travelled across the US and Cuba with her

girlfriends. She had fond memories growing up in a large family, corresponding with her brothers during WWII, her mother playing the organ, and dressing up her nieces.

She met and married Richard McLaughlin while he served in the Air Force in Omaha, NE. They then moved to his hometown in Michigan and started a family.

As a young wife and mother, Alyce worked at the Norge until her second child arrived. She was a contributing member of many parent groups in the Fruitport Area Schools and was instrumental in acquiring the pool, so that children could learn to swim. She was a Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader and worked for years at the voting polls in Fruitport. She very much enjoyed her yearly Soseman family reunions at Lake Wapello in Iowa and was an avid reader, and long-time league bowler at Pincrest Lanes. After her kids had grown, she worked as a food presenter at Meijer and Fruitport Foods, and in the mailing department at Fruitport Area News. She and her husband spent retirement travelling, taking many cross-country motorcycle trips, and later spending winters in Punta Gorda, FL. Throughout the years, her girlfriends met for coffee at Burger Crest. Rose Strait was a particular special friend and rarely did you see one, without the other.

The family would like to give special recognition to her caregivers: Katilyn, Tony, and Lisa who visited with Alyce in her own home. She recently moved into memory care at White Lake Assisted Living. Their caring staff let Alyce's personality shine. She adored everyone and will be missed by all.

Visitation was Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 10am, followed by a memorial service at 11am and luncheon at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St, Norton Shores, Michigan 49444. She is laid to rest at Pine Hill cemetery in Fruitport, MI. Donations in Alyce's name can be made to the Agewell Services (Meals on Wheels).

Mary Weimer

by Kate Holtrop



I only knew Mary a little bit, but I knew her well enough to figure out that she was a pleasant, caring Christian. I had no idea, until I went to her funeral, what an accomplished person she was, too. I found out quite a bit, but I really wish I could have known her better while she was with us.

From what was said at her funeral, Mary probably wouldn't have appreciated this article about her, since it's going to be braggy.

But I think she deserves it!

Here are some things her family shared with those who attended her funeral:

"Mary was born January 26, 1950, the daughter of Robert Moore and Barbara Davis. She graduated from Mona Shores High School. She married William Weimer on October 2, 1976. Mary was a very intelligent woman, earning three masters' degrees from Western Michigan University. She taught English and various other courses at Dollar Bay, Muskegon Business College, Muskegon Community College, the prison in Muskegon and White Lake Baptist School. She worked at Teledyne and International Aid as well as for the Fruitport Area News. She enjoyed reading, crosswords, knitting, bird watching, and spontaneous car rides. Mary was an energetic, positive and confident woman with a great sense of humor."

In addition to all this, Mary was very passionate about the Fruitport library. She served as the Secretary of the Fruitport District Library Board, from 2017 until she passed away earlier this year.

Mary touched a good many lives and did a good bit more for the community than I know. But one thing I know for sure: She was incredibly talented and loved, and will be dearly missed.

Mary Sue Weimer, 71, passed away on August 13, 2021. Survivors include her husband, William; children, Rob (Rachel), Jason (Michelle), and William; grandchildren, Justin, Andrew, and Kayla; and brother, William Moore.

OBITUARY - PHYLLIS "FIFI" KENTER BOWEN SCHLEE

Phyllis Schlee, cherished wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and great friend, passed peacefully August 21, 2021.

Phyllis was born in Muskegon, Michigan, and grew up in Fruitport, Michigan. A beautiful baby, she was a happy loving child who excelled in school.

After marrying Roger Bowen, she ran their household and raised their four children, perfecting her famous cooking along the way.

She began her work at the Oceana County Building in 1974 and later she found her calling when she campaigned for, and won, her position as Oceana County clerk in 1989. Having earned the trust of voters, she held office until her retirement. The countless people who had the good fortune to pass through the County Clerk's office were treated to her warmth, quick mind, determination and integrity. Nobody checked and double-checked like Phyllis Schlee.

Phyllis gave generously of her time volunteering for the American Cancer Society and the Red Hats Society, where she found comfort and community.

Phyllis lit up every room she entered. Known to her family and friends as "Fifi," she filled people with joy, and if they were lucky, she filled them with her wonderful cooking. We'll miss the cooking, and the bright Christmases and all the other trimmings that made Phyllis Phyllis. But we will always have the joy.

Phyllis is survived by her children: Brian Bowen, Lisa (Bruce) Snider, Laurie (James) Newell and Nanette Bowen (and husband, Jon Snider); her former husband, Roger Bowen; and her brother, Cecil Kenter; 12 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and a nephew. She was preceded in death by her mother, Donna Yeoman; and her husband, Dale Schlee.

Visitation was Wednesday, August 25, 2021. Funeral Services were Thursday, August 26. Both were held at Harris Funeral Home in Shelby.

OBITUARY - BLANCHE F. DYKEHOUSE

August 15, 1936 - October 26, 2021

Blanche Fern Dykehouse, passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, in Fruitport. She was born on August 15, 1936, in Coopersville to Bert and Leona Westover.

Blanche is survived by her husband of 64 years, Roger Dykehouse; daughter, Vicki Whiting; 2 sons, William Dykehouse and Steven Dykehouse; 3 grandchildren, William Whiting, Jennifer Mitts and Jeanette Dykehouse.

Cremation has taken place and a private celebration of Blanche's life will take place later. Memorial contributions may be sent to Harbor Hospice.

Shoreline Memorial Services of Muskegon 231-722-5050



10th Annual Ladies' Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 4th, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
at First Baptist Church,
1070 S. Quarterline Rd.

Come join us! Homemade treats, warm fellowship, exquisite handmade items for sale, and more, a wonderful time celebrating Christmas! A free-will offering will be taken to raise funds to share the love of Christ with the children of Muskegon County!

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