

**Ralph Virgil Keyes Jr.**  
**February 25, 1951 – August 19, 2025**



Mr. Ralph Virgil Keyes Jr., age 74, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Muskegon on Tuesday, August 19, 2025. He was born in Muskegon on February 25, 1951 to Ralph Virgil and Lillian Arlene

(Stebelton) Keyes Sr. Ralph served for two and a half years in the United States Army and was deployed to Vietnam. He then spent over 30 years serving in the Army National Guard and was deployed to Iraq in 2005, stationed only 30 miles from his son, Ryan. Ralph was employed as a Millwright for Eagle Ottawa Leather and later worked in Environmental Services at Mercy Health Partners prior to his retirement in 2020. He enjoyed traveling, visiting family, and watching Nascar, baseball, and hockey. Ralph and the former Judy Elaine Schnick blended their two families over 35 years ago, and Judy survives him along with his children, Jennifer (Mike) Smith, Erin (Collin) Brooks, and Ryan (Sarah) Keyes; Judy's children, Eric (Janet) Vanderstelt, Lori (Tom) Folger, Kristi (Ronald) Calhoun, and Richard (Kelly) Gunderman; 20 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and brother, John (Lynn) Keyes. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Robert Keyes. SERVICES will be 1:00 PM Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Servies, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. Burial will be in Fort Custer National Cemetery. MEMORIALS in memory of Ralph may be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project or to the National VFW Association. You may sign his online guestbook at <https://www.sytsemafhn.com>

**Lane Arden Humphreys**  
**March 26, 1949 - October 19, 2024**



Lane Arden Humphreys, age 75, passed away on October 19, 2024. Lane was born March 26, 1949, to Clare and Dorothy (France) Humphreys in Grand Haven, Michigan. Lane graduated from

Fruitport High School in 1967. He loved auto mechanics in high school and decided to pursue a career in that field. He proudly owned and operated Lane's Auto Repair in Fruitport for many years. He was passionate about cars and motorcycles and collected many of both over the years. Lane was also passionate about hunting and proudly displayed his trophies in his home. When not hunting, or out for a ride on his Harley, Lane could be found enjoying a Green Bay Packers game or a NASCAR race. Lane will be remembered by his friends and family as a storyteller and jokester. Lane is survived by his brothers, William (Maggie) Humphreys Sr., Glenn (Meredith) Humphreys, and Mark D. (Christine) Humphreys; nieces and nephews, Mark W. Humphreys, Theresa (James) Humphreys-Oswald, Julee (Richie) Humphreys, William Humphreys Jr., James Humphreys, Michael (Shannon) Humphreys, Terry Humphreys, Cindy Priester, Jennifer Mo, and Abby (Brian) Shutter; and many great nieces and great-nephews. He had numerous friends, and his closest friendships were lifelong. Lane is preceded in death by his parents, Clare and Dorothy Humphreys; and his wife, Kerry Humphreys. Lane's final resting place will be at Pine Hill Cemetery in Fruitport. There was a short Graveside Service at 2:30 PM on Friday, October 25, 2024. Immediately following, a Celebration of Life Gathering was held from 3-5 PM at one of Lane's favorite hangouts, the Village Diner in Fruitport.

**David Kieft**  
**June 27, 1938 - May 1, 2026**



David "Dave" A. Kieft Sr., age 87, passed away Friday, May 1, 2026, in Muskegon, Michigan. He was born June 27, 1938, in Muskegon, Michigan to Bartel and Anna (Grevell) Kieft.

After high school, Dave honorably served our country for 2 years in the Army.

Once discharged from the Army, he worked many jobs. His primary employment consisted of serving the State of Michigan as a Manager for the Liquor Control Commission. A position he held for 27 years before retiring in 1992. One year after his first retirement, Dave went back to work as a bus driver for Orchard View Public Schools; later retiring in 2002.

Dave began roller skating as a child, which led to him becoming a National Speed Skating Champion in 1961. He also had a love for casino trips, golfing, hunting and fishing. One of his favorite things to do was meeting up with his friends for breakfast at Herbie's cafe. He also enjoyed bowling and swimming. Dave always tried to stay active.

Dave will be lovingly remembered by his four children Jeanene Blease (Terry Falkowski), David Jr. (Janice) Kieft, Mindy (Nick) Lange, and Brandon (Rachel) Kieft; 14 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and three sisters, Margaret Cook, Darlene (Dan) Houle, and Judy (Ralph) Kotecki. Dave was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Henry, Jack, and Don.

**Robert Lee Slocum**  
**February 20, 1948 - November 26, 2025**



Robert Lee Slocum, "Bob" "Bobby", age 77, of Whitehall, MI passed away on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. He was born on February 20, 1948, to Robert and Carmen Slocum and went on to graduate from Fruitport High School with the Class

of 1966. Bob joined the U.S. Marine Corp having served in combat during the Vietnam War. He was proud to serve his country and very proud to be a U.S. Marine. After returning from Vietnam, he married Judi Landis in 1972 until her passing in 1994. Through his work at Howmet Corp., he later met Karen (Stiller) Taylor in 1998, and they were joined in marriage on January 20, 2010. Bob worked for Sealed Power for over 20 years and for Howmet as a supervisor until he retired. Bob was an active member of the VFW, American Legion and the White Lake Eagles. He thoroughly enjoyed giving back to his community by donating to many organizations and supporting local community fundraisers. He is survived by his wife, Karen; his children, John (Jessica) Slocum, Jamie, Joni (Jason) McCollum; grandchildren, Rachel (Balazs) Juhasz, Anna Slocum and Alex Slocum; one great-grandchild; siblings, Steve Slocum, Deb (Don) Verwey and Paul (Kathy) Slocum; many nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his first wife, Judi Slocum; his parents, Robert and Carmen Slocum; sister, Joni Slocum; parents-in-law, Roy and Grace Stiller; sisters-in-law, Paula Slocum, Claudia Lynn and Rhonda Beckley; brother-in-law, Wayne "Buck" Stiller and special great-nephew, Zachary Moser. A Celebration of Bob's Life was held at the White Lake Eagles, 1204 S. Lake St., Whitehall, MI 49461 on Sunday, December 21, 2025, with a brief service at 1:00 p.m. with military honors followed by a time of gathering in remembrance of Bob. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Bob's memory to The Wounded Warrior Project, The Noah Project or MOKA. Arrangements by Shoreline Memorial Services of Whitehall.

**Mark Alan Richards**  
**April 1, 1985 - November 21, 2025**

Markie Mark Alan Richards has received his promotion from the chains of this world, into the loving arms of his Savior Jesus Christ, on November 21, 2025.

Born three months early, April fools day 1985 to Alan and Linda Richards, his life started out physically hindered. A brain hemorrhage after birth tried to steal his life. But he was a fighter, and we prayed. God had a special plan for his life that most might not understand. He was called to lay his life down, literally. He could not walk or communicate well enough where others could understand. Mom and I could. Mom also gave her life for him 100%. I watched in amazement as she tenderly met his needs, held his hand, and always had sweet words to comfort him through the difficult times.

Several setbacks over the years took their toll. But through it all Mark fought, and found joy, laughter, and peace that passes all understanding. Anyone who entered our home encountered Mark in the living room. Seems if they had a poor me moment, that would fall silent rather quickly. Mark gave glory to God through his willingness to endure his condition through God's strength for 40 years.

Many care takers, nurses, agency employees, doctors, and the many who helped along the way are angels to us. And they might say wow, look what God did with Mark. Linda, myself and surely our son are eternally grateful.

Thank you to our extended family, prayer warriors, and body of Christ that brought our needs before our merciful heavenly Father. His grace is sufficient and we long to see Mark walk, talk and run in glory.

**Jeffrey Oberlin**  
**August 2, 1968 - November 2, 2025**



Jeffrey Robert Oberlin, age 57, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 2nd. Jeff grew up in Fruitport and graduated from Fruitport High School in 1986. After high school, he went to Western Michigan University where he

graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Jeff and Dionne, his wife of 32 years, met just after college and knew immediately they were meant to be together. After living for some time in Kalamazoo, they came back to Fruitport where Jeff and Dionne built their home and family. He was most proud of their beautiful family, whom he loved dearly. Jeff was an accomplished and well-respected businessman. He looked forward to soon retiring from Pacific Floor Care. All who knew and loved him knew he was beyond smart; he could do, fix, build, and solve anything. Jeff was an avid hobbyist...he loved the outdoors, whether it was hunting, boating, woodworking, taking care of the house and his property up north, or rebuilding cars; he could do it all. But the title Jeff loved most was "Papa." His children and grandchildren were the light of his eyes. Along with his wife Dionne, Jeff is survived by his kids and grandkids; daughter Kenna (Vaughan), her husband Collin, and their daughter Emersyn Marie; and daughter Kylie and her son Maverik Ray. Jeff is also survived by his parents, Kim and Wendy Oberlin, his sisters Tammy (Todd) Bramer and Laurie (Rich) Mullennix, and brother David (Stephanie) Oberlin. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to The Sportsmen for Youth, PO Box 261, Fruitport, MI 49415. Arrangements through The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services.