

**OBITUARY:  
MARY ANN (HART) VARGAS**



Mary Ann (Hart) Vargas, age 72, passed away peacefully December 21, 2020 due to cancer. She was born April 23, 1948 in Grand Haven, Michigan to Clifford Hart and Betty McManamey. She graduated from Fruitport High School in 1966. Thereafter, Mary enlisted in the United States Air Force, honorably serving our country during the Vietnam War while stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska.

For many years Mary worked in law enforcement for the Michigan State Police and later at the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department. Mary served her fellow citizens with distinction and at times risking her life to ensure the safety of the surrounding community. Along the way, Mary also was a bail bondswoman, owned a motel, sold first responder work uniforms, owned an apartment cleaning business and obtained a private investigator license. After working in all of these professions Mary then decided to obtain a bachelor's degree in Science from Grand Valley University in 1995.

Mary loved art, gardening, cats, camping, reading, home remodeling and volunteering her time helping people less fortunate. She had a kind heart, spoke honestly to people and never turned her back on a person in need.

Mary is survived by her brother and wife Kenneth Hart and Renee Kraley-Hart, sister Sherri Hart, her son and wife Chris and Diana Vargas. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

In lieu of flowers consider donating to Hospice or a fund set up at Shelby State Bank rehoming her pets.

As per Mary's wishes, a service around a campfire will be organized sometime in the summer.

**OBITUARY: RONALD J. GOLL**  
1946 - 2020



Nunica - Ronald J. Goll, age 74, passed away Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Mercy Hospital. He was born on February 11, 1946 to Lee and Ruth (Welton) Goll in Grand Haven. Ron had been a heavy equipment operator prior to semi-retired blueberry farmer. Ron has always enjoyed the outdoors, farming and hunting. On June 24, 1968 married Linda Brown and she preceded him in death in 2004. SURVIVORS include two sons, Jim (Lisa) Goll and Johnny (Brandie) Goll; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and brother-in-law, Steve Brown. Ron was also preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Thomas Goll. At this time the family is planning to hold a service in the spring and the date will be announced. Memorials in Ron's name can be directed to the American Heart Association. Share memories with the family at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com). Arrangements by, The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444

**OBITUARY: GORDON RUTZ**  
1951 - 2020

Muskegon - Mr. Gordon Paul Rutz, age 69, passed away Saturday, October 24, 2020. He was

born in Muskegon, MI on April 6, 1951, to Russell & Shirley (Passage) Rutz. Gordon owned and operated Suburban Outdoor Center where he provided small engine repair services as well as Gordy's Grills Catering. Mr. Rutz was a member of the Fruitport Eagles, the Lithuanian Club, Twisting Trails Snowmobile Club & enjoyed cooking. SURVIVORS Sisters, Janis (Mike) Walachovic, Sandra (Bruce) Ferguson; brother, David (Amy Blackmer) Rutz; aunts, Pat Wright, Susie Passage; many nieces, nephews & cousins; his dog, Dammit. He was preceded in death by his parents. SERVICE A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Please visit [www.clockfuneralhome.com](http://www.clockfuneralhome.com) to leave a memory or sign the online guestbook. Clock Funeral Home - Muskegon

**OBITUARY: MARILYN HODGSON**

Fruitport - Marilyn Hodgson, 88, of Fruitport, passed away Monday, May 3, 2021 at home with her family by her side. Marilyn was born October 10, 1932, the daughter of Russell and Mabel Lowing. She married Carl Hodgson of Fruitport where they lived and enjoyed 70 years of marriage. She worked for Fruitport Public Schools for 30 years as a Food Service Manager, retiring in 1992. Marilyn enjoyed reading, crocheting, cooking and sharing Carl's hobby of collecting and restoring antique tractors and gas engines. Most important to her was always her family. She was a social, caring, hard-working woman who will be deeply missed. Marilyn is survived by: her husband Carl; daughters, Carla (Mike) Wallis and Kim (Dennis) Slezak; grandchildren, Kelly Johnson, Amy (Jerry) Parker, Jodie (Rob) Schmidt, Jamie (Rob) Thompson, Gary (Kathy) Hodgson, and Michael (Jan) Hodgson; step-granddaughter, Allison Saunders; and sisters, Lottie (Robert) Eddy and Lorna (Donald) Engle. She was preceded in death by: her son, David; granddaughter, Sandy; parents; and daughter-in-law, Vicki. In keeping with her wishes, cremation will take place and a private graveside service will be held at the Pine Hill Cemetery in Fruitport. Memorial contributions may be made to Harbor Hospice. Please visit the online guestbook at [www.everrestfunerals.com](http://www.everrestfunerals.com).

**OBITUARY: WILLIAM "BILL" FORTENBACHER**  
1934 - 2020

Fruitport - Mr. William John Fortenbacher Sr, age 86, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, October 24, 2020 in Fruitport. He was born March 4, 1934 to Francis and Isadora "Izzy" (Barnard) Fortenbacher in Muskegon. A lifelong resident of the area, Bill joined the United States Army after graduating high school in 1952 and was Honorably Discharged in 1954. Bill married the former Valarie Robarge on January 19, 1957 in Muskegon and they were blessed with 63 wonderful years of marriage and a loving family. Bill was known to be one of the best fast-pitch softball pitchers in the state and enjoyed playing the game in the 50's and 60's. He was a devoted Chicago Cubs fan, though he enjoyed watching all sports. Bill had a fantastic work ethic, working as a city bus driver for three years, milkman for 18 years, and owner of Ye Olde Tavern for 21 years. The years spent at Ye Olde Tavern formed many friendships and relationships that were cherished by his entire family. When Bill was not on the clock he could usually be found working in his immaculate yard entertaining Wilson and Oberon, bonding with his beloved cat Missy, playing poker and visiting with neighbors. Most importantly, Bill cherished the time spent with his two grandchildren, Derek and Kerra, and the special memories they created together will forever live on. Bill is survived by his wife, Valarie; children, Bill Fortenbacher Jr and Carol (David) Anderson; two grandchildren, Derek (Jenna) Anderson and Kerra (Derek) Bush; sister-in-law, Nancy Franczek; and brother-in-law, David (Susan) Robarge; nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and great-great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary "Sis" Bauer Fortenbacher. A private family burial will be held. Memorial contributions in Bill's name may be directed to Harbor Hospice Foundation, American Cancer Society or Muscular Dystrophy Association. Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. Please feel free to visit Bill's online guestbook, [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com), to share a memory with the family.

**Lakatos, George Eli**

Fruitport

Mr. George Eli Lakatos, age 100, passed away Sunday, November 29, 2020. He was born in Muskegon Hts., MI on February 4, 1920, to Peter & Mary (Szekely) Lakatos and served his country in the US Army during WWII. He married the former Mary Ellen Hart on January 18, 1947. Mr. Lakatos had been employed at Anaconda Wire & Cable for over 30 years until retiring.



George was a very active member of First Congregational Church of Fruitport, Happy Wanderer Camping for over 50 years & a former member of Hungarian Hall. He enjoyed Orchard View Seniors, polka dancing, fishing, gardening, and cooking.

SURVIVORS 2 daughters, Diane (Don) Anderson of Coopersville & Marlene (Ron) Becklin of Holton; 7 grandchildren, Kelly, Amy, Tricia, Ryan, Adam, Sarah & Josh; 6 great-grandchildren, Madison, Andrew, Skyler, Owen, Wesley & Walker; sisters, Theresa (Joe) Kuzniar, Rosie Hartman & Margaret Jawor; brothers, Joe Lakatos, Alex (Delphine) Lakatos & Denny Lakatos; sister-in-law, Ruth Ann Miller.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Mary Ellen in 2004, son, Michael in 2008, sisters, Mary, Veronica & Irma; brothers, Pete & Jim.

Internment in Fruitport Cemetery. MEMORIAL: First Congregational Church of Fruitport. Please visit [www.clockfuneralhome.com](http://www.clockfuneralhome.com) to leave a memory or sign the online guestbook. Clock Funeral Home - Muskegon

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