



Leonard J. Waite

January 12, 1937 - July 31, 2024

Leonard J. Waite Sr., died quietly at home in the early morning of July 31, 2024. He was born to Lyle and Alta (Strouse) Waite on January 12, 1937 at their home in Sheridan Township, Clare County, MI.

Leonard was a proud alumni of Clare Public Schools. Right out of school, he started his career at Holley Carburetor, where he met the love of his life, Marion N. Mayes. They were married May 29, 1958. Together they made one of the first houses on Bertha Lake their home where they raised their five kids.

Leonard found both a career and many lifelong friendships at Future Mold in Farwell, where he retired after 30 years of service in 2005. He greatly enjoyed spending time on the lake relaxing, swimming, & fishing with a cool breeze. He liked to hunt, do woodworking, & go snowmobiling. He enjoyed vintage cars; a favorite was riding in a Model A because it was actually older than he was.

His patience and keen sense of humor will be missed by many including his wife Marion; they shared 66 years of marriage, jokes, pranks, and laughter with many of those at her expense.

Also surviving are his 5 children, Rick, Bud Jr, Robert, Brenda (Bernie) Blain, & Sue (Jim) Higgins; 9 Grandchildren, 19 Great Grandchildren, and 1 Great-great Grandchild;

his 9 Nephews, and his favorite niece Kim (George) Acker; as well as his brother-in-law Joe Mayes, many cousins, friends, and neighbors that were like family, Jill Genow, Angela, Pat, Patty St George. Leonard was preceded in death by brothers Claude and Clarelyle, sister Verna Mae (Hardy), his brother-in-laws Leonard Hardy and Wayne Mayes, and his parents.

Visitation and services will be held at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 P.M.. Services will be on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 11 A.M. with Pastor Ray Francis officiating. Burial will follow in the Garfield Twp. Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the charity of the donors choice. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Garfield Township Cemetery

8800 S. Lake Station Avenue
Lake, MI 48632

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
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<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

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Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Marion and family, so sorry that Leonard has gone to the Lord, but know that he is in good hands. Don is remembering high school and Holly Carburetor with Leonard. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of your family. GODS BLESSINGS

Marcia Wentworth - August 07, 2024 at 04:44 PM

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“ Erica, Justin, and Heath planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard J. Waite.

Erica, Justin, and Heath - August 06, 2024 at 11:55 PM

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“ Erica, Justin, and Heath purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Leonard J. Waite.



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