



Roland E. Gunderman

April 5, 1928 - October 11, 2020

Roland E. Gunderman, age 92 of Clare, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, October 11, 2020. Roland was born in Isabella County on April 5, 1928 to the late Kenneth E. and Naola M. (Archbold) Gunderman. He had served his Country during the Korean War in the U.S. Army. Roland was united in marriage to Leora J. Grant on March 27, 1953. Following his discharge from the Army Roland went to work for Dow Chemical Company. While working at Dow as a Lab Research Technician he was credited with obtaining 37 patents; he retired from Dow in 1992 after 33 years of service. Serving his community was important to Roland as he was active with the Clare Little League as a coach and board member for over 15 years; as well as serving on the Clare Board of Education for 4 years in the early seventies. He enjoyed gardening and fishing but his greatest love was for family; being a loving husband, father, grandfather and a great grandfather. Roland is survived by his wife Leora; children Ken W. (Roze) Gunderman of Kingman, AZ, Teresa (David) Schepperley of Gulliver, Gregg (Cyndi) Gunderman of Hubbard Lake, Judy Gunderman and Jill Gunderman both of Clare; 8 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; as well as siblings Glen Gunderman and Goldie Rodgers both of Clare. Roland was predeceased by children Deborah, Kimberly and Joy Gunderman, a sister Violet Grant and a granddaughter Jaymie Gunderman.

Visitation and services will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 1 P.M.

with services at 3 P.M. led by Roland's nephew Pastor Jeff Gunderman. Burial with Military Honors will be held in the Cherry Grove Cemetery. Memorial Contributions are suggested to MidMichigan Home Care and Hospice. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 15. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

OCT 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KY

“ *Leora and family, I was very saddened to hear the news of Rollie's passing. The Yats Family will always cherish the wonderful memories of our interactions with Rollie and the entire Gunderman Family. The many ice fishing trips, which always included a game of ice football and grilling hot dogs while Rollie and Big Lar tended to the tip ups! Rollie was one of the most kind and patient men that I have ever met. May God grant you Peace and comfort during this very difficult time.*

Kirk Yats - October 15, 2020 at 01:20 PM

KS

“ As Covid has kept me from attending today, it is with much love that I cherish the memories with my grandpa. I remember waiting on summer days for him to arrive home from Dow. He always had such an amazing garden that he loved spending time in. Sometimes i would eat the berries faster than he could pick them! He was never too tired to play, I never heard him complain about how long or bad his day was. He was always a very gentle man that never raised his voice. I loved to hear his laughter and the little language he and grandma shared at the table. It went like this, “hmmmm...”. And the other would reply, “whelp... I suppose”. There may or may not be any further discussion but they seemed to fall in sync with each other! Aside from camping and fishing, I will always remember my grandpa feeding me campfire pie when I was sick. Above all, the memory that will always be burned into my memory is how he would hold my grandma’s hand... on the couch, walking along... he was always a gentleman and so very loved!



Kristin Selmeczy - October 15, 2020 at 11:34 AM

HO

“ It is difficult to be so far away and unable to travel back to be with Gram and Mom and Dad and the rest of the family during these days. I thought I would leave a few words here to let you all know that my love and my prayers are with you.

I've been remembering Grandpa this past week and am filled with gratitude for him. I'll not quickly forget him following Dad up a mountain to recover a purse full of poems and stories I had left at the top. By the time they made it down, Dad was no longer exasperated with my daydreaming and muddle-headedness. I'm pretty sure I owe that to Grandpa.

Grandpa baited fish hooks, made us peanut-butter and pickle sandwiches, and cheered us on when we got into a rotten tomato fight in the backyard. He watched countless high school sporting events, helped me make sense of chemistry, and drove several hours to bring me home from college for holidays. He showed me how to paint with watercolor and how to sketch a landscape, though my attempts never matched his.

Grandpa wrote me a letter most weeks when I was away at school. They were always about home—garage sales and gardening and visits with family. They made me feel like I was still a part of things even when I was far away. I still have all of his letters, and I look forward to reading them again to remember his voice and his kindness.

Gram, my heart is with you even though I cannot be there in person. I continue to pray for comfort and for strength. May God give you peace during this time.

Love,
Heather

Heather Owens - October 14, 2020 at 09:04 AM

KS

“ Grandpa is my hero.. His accomplishments are vast, but he is still Grandpa. His stature is grand, but he is Grandpa, he knows how set a tip up in the right spot (sometimes :) He knows how to explain the swing or how to throw a baseball. He would come home from a long day at Dow and I'd be there like a lost puppy....I'd say, grandpa, do you want to go hit me some balls in the field (like that's what he really wanted to do after a long day at work) but sure enough, he'd come out and whack a bucket of balls at me. Maybe hitting the balls at me was therapeutic?

Grandpa was "Grandpa" and "Great Grandpa" and "Dad" but most importantly he was a husband.

Not just any husband, Grandpa was the BEST husband. He loved Grandma more than anything in this world. They were the example of love and marriage. As we celebrate Grandpa, lets remember to hug and love Grandma.

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kevin sheredy - October 13, 2020 at 03:17 PM

MA

I am so so sorry Jill 💔 Judy, obviously he was a great, kind, n good Man!!! My prayers have never strayed from u, since the loss of our precious jme. 😭 we still talk about or share little tidbits! She's so missed. She left a legacy of love, obviously it runs in the the family. May the Lord bless and wrap each one of you in His loving arms, n give you a bit of peace knowing, jme's got your dad, Grandpa, great grandpa, right by her side!!! Fly high u two, jme n grandpa

Marjie - October 14, 2020 at 05:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roland E. Gunderman.*



October 13, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ *Lear Farwell purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Roland E. Gunderman.*



Lear Farwell - October 13, 2020 at 10:26 AM