



Russel Sanders

March 12, 1925 - April 13, 2012

Russel L. Sanders, age 87, of Clare, passed away on Friday, April 13, at the Laurel's of Mt. Pleasant. He was born the son of Charles Earl and Mary (Lietner) Sanders on March 12, 1925 in Clare County. Russ had married Clara Cassidy in 1950 and she preceded him in death in 1954. He married Ruth Riske on Aug. 13, 1955 and she preceded him in death on Jan. 5, 1988. On Nov. 11, 1988 he married Helen Barber and she survives him. Russ had been a self employed Excavator, was a member of the St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Gladwin, and was a member of the 20 Lakes Tractor Club.

He is survived by his wife Helen, children, Ronald and Joyce Sanders of Clare and Diane and Ronald Grinn of Henderson, Nevada, step-children, Linda Riffle, Nancy Klinge, LuAnn Strauch, Marcy Staley, and Dudley Strauch, his grandchildren Tina Sanders-Anderson, Tami Richardson, and Brian Grinn, and several Great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Edith Newman, Grace Coats, and Helen Sims.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at 11:00 AM at the St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church - Gladwin with pastor Paul Metzger officiating. Burial will be in Arthur Twp. Cemetery. Friends may call at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church - Gladwin. If you are unable to attend, you are invited to sign the Sanders family online condolence register at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Arthur Township Cemetery

2500 S. Athey Ave.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 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/>

Visitation

APR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church - Gladwin
10293 E. M-61
Harrison, MI 48625

Tribute Wall



“ We will be thinking of you and your family. I will miss Uncle Russ, and his smile. I can remember several occasions when I was little and Uncle Russ was helping us excavate. I was in awe of how he operated the Backhoe, making it appear as one fluid motion. He would let me move the levers, I felt like a big boy!! He would look down at me and grin, then go back to working. I also have great memories of being at his house and playing with the goldfish under the stairs in their built-in pond that Aunt Ruth built, and out in the garage looking over the grader he was restoring. He was always working and always happy. We should all take a lesson from him, I will carry that with me always.##imported-begin##Matt & Lisa Benic##imported-end##

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“ Helen, I was so sorry to hear about Uncle Russ. Please accept my condolences. He was a very good man. Like Matt said, I remember alot of those things too. He was very well known and liked and I am sure he will be missed by many. God bless him and your family. Lee Ann##imported-begin##Lee Ann Deck Grogan##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear of Russell's passing. He wad a neighbor of my parents, Cyril and Hazel Farmer. He was a good neighbors to them. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Arlene (Milkie) Hansen##imported-end##

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“ Dear Cousin Helen, I'm so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you. Psalm 116:15 Love to you ~ cousin Mary##imported-begin##Mary Goodwin Haddad##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Don Barber##imported-end##

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“ All of the staff at Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Homes wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the Sanders family. Thank you for placing your trust in us.##imported-begin##Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home##imported-end##

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“ Russ, We will miss you. Condolences to sister Helen and family.##imported-begin##Ernie Barber##imported-end##

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