

Corunna High School Class of 1942



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'THE CORUNNA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1942 TODAY attending Thursday's 50th anniversary reunion at the Pines Country House in this photo by Richard Clark of Owosso.

Members included (front row, from left): Margaret Leader Adams, Mary Jane Currie Cooley, Angelene Kondell Yokobasky, Corrine Woodcock Butcher, Polly Bacon Hoerger, Gladys Elkins Vibbert, Betty Raymond Hart, Eloise Spare Serr.

Also (second row, from left): Arthur Carlin, Roberta Porterfield Flood, Annabelle Randell Grover, Phyllis Matthews Snavely, Geraldine Mallory Fischer, Gertrude Davis Zwolensky, Mary Small Vincent, Wayne Tibbits, Fred Bernat, Duane Kennedy.

Plus (back row, from left): Colon Berry, Walter Swan, Don Harris, Arlo Butcher, Walter Delamarter, Delbert Harris, Robert Neal, John Strauch.

(Photo Courtesy/RICHARD CLARK of Owosso)

Pauline Bacon
7-5-1924
Deceased 6-4-1998



Karl Wacker
Fredrick C. Hoerger

1942

Clara Baleja
12-16-1923
Deceased 6-23-1973

No picture

Dale Bryant
1942

1942

Fred Bernat
3-12-1925
Deceased 9-3-2007



Mickie ...

Fred Bernat
3-12-1925
Deceased 9-3-2007



Maxine Fuller
12-29-1945

1942

Fredrick V. Bernat

Of Flint, age 82, passed away Monday, Sept. 3, 2007 at Hurley Medical Center, Flint.

The funeral service will be held at noon Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 E. Davison Road, Davison, Pastor Susan Youmans officiating. Burial will be in Flint Memorial Park Cemetery with military honors under the auspices of Davison VFW Post 4087. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or VFW Post 4087.

Fred was born in St. Johns on March 12, 1925, son of Valentine and Julia (Durdina) Bernat, and he graduated from Corunna High School in 1942. He married Maxine Fuller Dec. 29, 1945. They lived in Lapeer and Flint area until retirement, moving to Crystal from 1986 to 2005, and in the Kearsley Daly Villa for the last two years.

Fred served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended Albion College in 1949, where he earned his bachelor's degree, served as a football captain and earned MVP his senior year. In 1953, he earned his master's from Wayne State. Fred worked as a teacher, principal and was a state champion football coach at Dryden High School. He retired from Flint Public Schools in 1986.

Fred is survived by wife, Mickie; children, Cheryl (Brahim) Hadri, Larry (Shelly) Bernat, Diane "ede" (Mitch) DeCamp, Julie (Jim) Swanson and Nancy (Larry) Purdue; son-in-law, Fred McKenna; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Francis Praski of Corunna; and several nieces and nephews.

Fredrick was preceded in death by daughter, Mary Jo McKenna.

Colon O. Berry
1924
Deceased 2009



Dorothy Chamberlain



1942

Stanley Bocek
9-15-1922
Deceased 2-16-1989



Pauline Cerny

1942

Robert Braid
5-23-1923
Deceased 12-12-1986



Lorraine Serr (41)

1942

Arlo Butcher
1-14-1925
Deceased 12-9-1998



Corrine Woodcock (1942)
5-5-1946

1942



Arthur E. Carlin
5-19-1925
Deceased 4-14-2010



Palmela “Pal” Newport
11-4-1955

1942

Arthur E. Carlin
5-19-1925
Deceased 4-14-2010



Palmela “Pal” Newport
11-4-1955

1942

Arthur Ernest Carlin

Age 84, of Lennon, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

Arthur was a life-long farmer, raising cash crops. His family's farm had been handed down from generation to generation since the 1800s.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, April 19, at Nelson-House Funeral Home, with Sam Tissot and Russ Till officiating. Burial will follow at Wilkinson Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., with the family present from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Arthur was born on May 19, 1925, in Corunna, the son of Ernest and Mabel (LeCureux) Carlin. He graduated from Corunna High School with the class of 1942. He later attended Michigan State University, where he studied agriculture. He served in the United States Army during World War II in Berlin.

On Nov. 4, 1955, he married Palmela “Pal” Newport at the United Methodist Church in Owosso. He attended the Corunna Christian Assembly. He loved family get-togethers



and reunions, especially at Christmas. He enjoyed tending his vegetable garden and was very fond of his tomatoes and pickles. He liked taking walks in the woods and roasting hot dogs. Family was very important to him, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Palmela; children, Robert (Maria) Carlin, Catherine Carlin, Marjorie (Bert) DeClerg, Carol Carlin and Audree (Jim) Baxter; grandchildren, Kristina (Tim) Good, Jonathon Carlin, Steven Carlin, Nicholas, Jennifer, Jacqueline and Janelle DeClerg, Jessica and Matthew Baxter; great-grandchildren, Julia and Timothy Good; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and brother Lester Carlin.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the University of Michigan Cancer and Research Center.

Jack Coakes
12-2-1924
Deceased 6-14-1974



Rosemary Kiebler
5-5-1943

1942



Mary Jane Currie
Deceased 12-5-1998



James Cooley
10-1947

1942

Gertrude Davis
8-12-1922
Deceased 7-4-2014



Louis Zwolensky
7-27-1946

1942

Gertrude Davis
8-12-1922
Deceased 7-4-2014



Louis Zwolensky
7-27-1946

Gertrude Ann Zwolensky

Age 91, of Corunna, passed away Friday, July 4, 2014, at Olive Branch in Perry.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, with a Rosary at 6 p.m. at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Chapel, 1106 S. Washington St. in Owosso.

Mrs. Zwolensky was born Aug. 12, 1922, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of George W. Davis and Nella Mae Kinney. She graduated from Corunna High School in 1942 and resided most of her life in the Owosso and Corunna areas.

She and Louis Zwolensky were married July 27, 1946, at St. Joseph Church in Owosso.

She was an auxiliary member with the VFW Corunna Post 4005, a volunteer for CACS for many years and attended St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and making ceramics with her sister Millie.

Survivors include her daughter Judith (Stanley) Clark of Durand; grandchildren Chris (Tanya) Zemla, Matt (Jess) Clark and Jinny (Kevin) Palmer; great-grandchildren Megan and Daniel Zemla, Chole Callie and Cavin Clark, Aiden, Ayla and Astin Palmer; daughter Rebecca Zemla; granddaughter Lisa Zemla; and sister Joyce Hughson.

She was predeceased by her husband, two sisters and one brother.

**Walter Delamater
Deceased**



1942

Eugene Derr



Betty Humbert

1942

Junior Edwards
2-23-1924
Deceased 3-1-1974



Gladys Elkins
7-21-1923
Deceased 8-10-2015



John Prout 1942
Donald Vibbert
9-14-1947

1942

Gladys Elkins
7-21-1923
Deceased 8-10-2015



John Prout 1942
Donald Vibbert 9-14-1947

1942

Gladys Lucille Vibbert

Age 92, of Owosso, passed away Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, at home.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2015, at Corunna United Methodist Church with Pastor Janet Larner officiating. Burial will follow at Pinetree Cemetery in Corunna. The family will receive friends at Nelson-House Funeral Homes, Owosso Chapel, Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Gladys was born July 31, 1923, in Corunna, the daughter of John and Mildred (Kinney) Elkins.

She graduated from Corunna High School in 1942. Gladys married John Prout in 1942 who lost his life serving his country during World War II. She then married Donald Vibbert in 1947, who predeceased her June 14, 2008.

Gladys worked at several retail locations throughout our community and for the Corunna school district as a teacher's aide for approximately 10 years. Along with her husband Don, they provided daycare and foster home services, serving more than 50 children throughout the years.

Gladys is survived by her daughter Donna and son Gregory, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husbands, son Marvin Prout, great-grandson Anthony, and 12 brothers and sisters.

Gladys Elkins

7-21-1923

90TH BIRTHDAY



Gladys Vibbert

Gladys Vibbert celebrated her birthday during the Elkins family reunion at McCurdy Park July 21.

She was born to John and Mildred Elkins July 31, 1923, in Corunna. She had 12 siblings who have all predeceased her.

Vibbert married John Prout and Donald Vibbert, who both predeceased her. She has three children, Donna Tantalo, Greg Vibbert and the late Marvin Prout. She has five grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Vibbert was employed by Montgomery Ward, Damms Corunna — an old dime store — and Corunna Public Schools. She is a member of the Corunna United Methodist Church, and is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for Corunna United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star Owosso Chapter.

Donald Vibbert

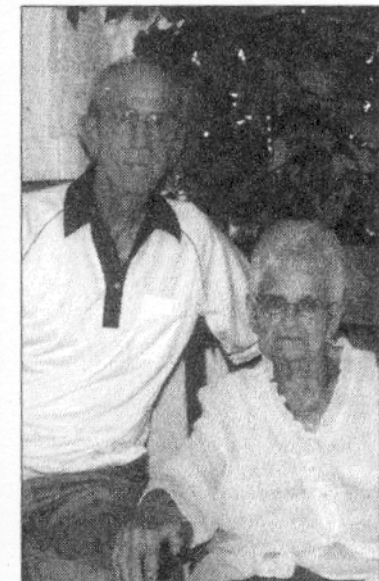
9-14-1947

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60TH ANNIVERSARY



THE VIBBERTS IN 1947



THE VIBBERTS TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vibbert

Donald and Gladys (Elkins) Vibbert of Corunna celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house Sept. 15 at the Corunna United Methodist Church, hosted by their children.

They were married Sept. 14, 1947, in Corunna, where they have resided all their lives.

The couple have one son, Greg (Robin) Vibbert of Stevensville, and one daughter, Donna of Corunna.

Five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild complete their family.

Alice Fattal



Vito Carusello

1942

Eugene Gellatly
9-4-1924
Deceased 11-13-1998



Edith ...
7-1943

1942

Donald N. Harris
3-23-1922
Deceased 2-22-2002



Jean Beehler
1-15-1946



1942

Donald N. Harris
3-23-1922
Deceased 2-22-2002

Jean Beehler
1-15-1946

1942

**Donald Nathen
Harris**

Age 79, of Corunna, Michigan died Friday, February 22, 2002 at his home. A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Owosso at noon on Feb. 25, 2002.

Burial will take place at St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery. The Rev. Father Robert Kelenski will officiate.

Visitation will take place Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. A rosary service is planned Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. at Smith Family Funeral Homes **Corunna** Chapel.

Mr. Harris was born March 23, 1922 in Owosso, the son of Earl and Beatrice (Briggs) Harris. He **graduated** from Corunna High School with the class of 1942 and resided most of his life in Corunna. On Jan. 15, 1946, he married Jean Beehler at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Owosso.

Mr. Harris worked as a quality control inspector for Buick in Flint. He was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Owosso. He was a life member of the Corunna VFW and was a member of the Over the Hill Gang Golf Club.

Survivors include his wife Jean Harris of Corunna; two sons, Gary and Lisa Harris of Owosso and Greg and Ann Harris of Newaygo; grandchildren Donelle and Robert Sheperd of Owosso, Justin Harris of Lancaster, California, Autumn Harris of Owosso and Corey Harris of Columbus, Ohio; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Dr. Delbers and Doris Harris of Charlotte; his mother Beatrice Childs of Lansing; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and stepfather Clarence Childs.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Catholic Church of Owosso or Hospice.

**Donald N. “Dub” Harris
Deceased 2-24-2006**



Doris ...

1942

Paul L. Hauk
7-26-1925
Deceased 1976



Phyllis Choquette
1943

1942

Elaine Huber



1942

Beverlie Johnson
12-23-1924
Deceased 1-26-1988



Wallace E. Howe
9-4-1948

1942

Beverlie Johnson
12-23-1924
Deceased 1-26-1988

Wallace E. Howe
9-4-1948

1942

Beverlie L. Howe

Age 63, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1988 at her home in Yankeetown, Fla. after after a short illness.

Memorial services were held in Dunnellin, Fla.

Mrs. Howe was born in Flint, Mich. on Dec. 23, 1924. She graduated from Corunna High School in 1942. On Sept. 4, 1948 she married Wallace E. Howe of Owosso.

Survivors include her husband, Wallace E.; two daughters, Janet Noffsinger of Longwood, Fla. and Kathy Schwartz of Conifer, Colo.; her mother, Bessie M. Lennox of Corunna; one sister, Betty Jean Smith of Owosso; and one brother, James N. Johnson of Lansing. She was predeceased by her father, Frank B. Johnson, in 1972.

The family suggest memorials to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

**Duane Kennedy
Deceased**



**Margaret ...
1948**

1942

Angeline Kondell



Joe Vakabobsky

1942

Bill Leader
9-29-1923
Deceased 11-9-1990



Ialene Price
1943

1942

Margaret Leader



Arthur Lee Adams

1942

Geraldine Mallory
Deceased



Robert Fischer
1945

1942

Phyllis Matthews
12-31-1923
Deceased 8-5-2022



Frank I. Snavelly
6-9-1948

1942

Phyllis Matthews
12-31-1923
Deceased 8-5-2022



Frank I. Snavely
6-9-1948

Phyllis Matthews Snavely 98, Lakeland, Florida passed away August 5, 2022 at Good Shepherd Hospice. Born in Curland, Michigan and graduated from Corunna High School '42. She attended Asbury College in Wilmore, KY where she met her future husband, pre-ministerial student, Frank I Snavely, who had just returned from WWII, and the couple became engaged. Frank returned to his home area of Pittsburgh, PA to finish his education at Pittsburgh University, and Phyllis returned to Owosso/Corunna to teach on an emergency teaching certificate and taught in a one room school house. They were married in her home church in Corunna, June 9, 1948. Their first charge was at an inner-city mission church in Chicago, IL while Frank continued his studies at Garret Theological seminary. Upon completion they accepted a pastorate with the Western PA United Methodist Conference in Bethel Park, Johnstown, Swissvale, Beaver, and finally retired from Aliquippa Methodist Church. Phyllis took coursework at every residence and finally completed her undergraduate work and obtained her Master's degree from PITT. Phyllis was a master musician and taught piano, sang and directed many choirs, and taught elementary school. While in the Beaver area she mostly taught in Brighton Township and then at College Avenue Middle Schools. After retirement and commuting half the year between PA. and FL. for 8 years, the Snavely's moved permanently to Lakeland in 1994 and ultimately resided at Carpenter's Estates in Lakeland since 2006. Frank passed away in April 7, 2008.

Phyllis is survived by daughter, Kathlene and her husband, David Cooper, of Lakeland and three grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and 2 great- great grandchildren. Also survived by daughter Judith McDonald of Naples, FL. , 2 grand children, 4 great-grand children, and two great- great grandchildren.

Services for Phyllis' Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, September 29th, 2 pm, at Carpenter's Estates multi-purpose room where Phyllis played piano and organ for many events and church services over the span of 13 years. Another service will be held at the College Avenue Methodist Church in Beaver, PA on October 2, at 3 pm. A brief time of fellowship will conclude each service.

**Marjorie “Peg” McBride
Deceased 10-9-2020**



**Allan Brown (35)
Bob Mendelsohn**

1942

Marjorie “Peg” McBride Deceased 10-9-2020



**Allan Brown (35)
Bob Mendelsohn**

Marjorie "Peggy" McBride Mendelsohn-Brown, age 95, passed peacefully at her Madison, AL home on October 9, 2020, after a long illness. Mrs. Brown was a longtime resident of Madison County, AL, and was retired from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 1994. Originally from Corunna Michigan, Mrs. Brown was a member of Corunna High School Class of 1942, where she was a majorette and Homecoming Queen. In 1988, Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Robert Mendelsohn and in 2014, she was preceded in death by her husband of 13 years, Allan Brown. She is survived by her three daughters: Trudy Jo Mendelsohn Moore-Francis; Barbara Jean (Bobbie) Mendelsohn Jersey; and Sandra Mendelsohn McRae; as well as by three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. During her life, she made a positive impact on many lives. She was an original member establishing St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Huntsville, AL and Sunday School teacher there. Later she became a member of the Ascension Lutheran Church in Huntsville and St. John's Catholic Church in Madison. When she became more home bound, Harvest Pointe Methodist Church, Madison, AL came to her at Madison Village and will provide her service. The family will receive friends at Legacy Chapel on Hughes Road, in Madison Alabama, Monday, October 12, 2020 starting at 1:00 with the funeral at 1:30. Interment will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville, AL. In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Brown wished for donations to be directed to The Harris Home for Children at 1210 Church St NW, Huntsville, AL 35801.

1942

Robert Neal



**Betty ...
12-1948**

1942

**Walter Norcross
Deceased**



Helen Hickey

1942

Roberta Porterfield

... Wood



1942

Annabelle Randall

Richard A. Grover



1942

Betty Raymond



Ned Hart

1942

**Mary Small
Deceased**



**Merton Vincent
1-1947**

1942

**Eloise Spore
Deceased**



**George Serr
1-1943**

1942

**John Stauch
Deceased**



Marjorie Coakes

1942

Walter Swan
10-8-1923
Deceased 4-1-2014



Bernice Tejkl
7-27-1945

1942

Walter Swan
10-8-1923
Deceased 4-1-2014

Bernice Tejkl
7-27-1945

1942

Charles Walter Swan

Oct. 8, 1923 - April 1, 2014

Age 90, of Corunna, went to his forever home in heaven Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at Memorial Healthcare.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 4, 2014, at First Free Methodist Church in Owosso, with Pastor Mark Kincaid officiating. The family will receive friends at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes of Corunna today from 5 to 8 p.m.

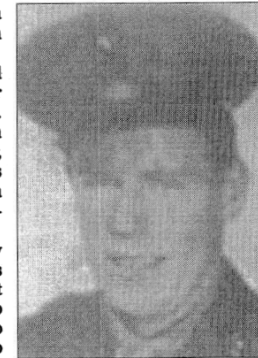
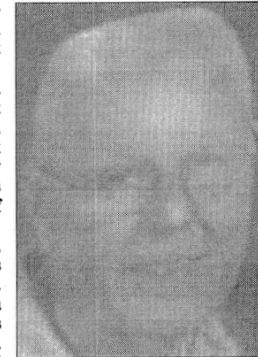
Charles was born Oct. 8, 1923, in Corunna, the son of Charles G. and Eva May (Butcher) Swan. He graduated from Corunna Public Schools in 1942. Charles served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps, Company K, 3rd Battalion, and was awarded a Purple Heart for his bravery in World War II.

On July 27, 1945, he married the love of his life, his ever devoted wife Bernice Tejkl. Together they were blessed with five children Patricia Hilliker, Susie (Ron) Kalisek, Charles Swan Jr. (Karen), Sally Harkema and Tina Zilliox and granddaughter Tara Swan.

Charles was employed by Fisher Body in Flint and as his family grew he took a position at Midland Ross in Owosso to spend more time and be closer to his family. He later returned to General Motors as skilled trade where he worked until his retirement in 1987. Charles was an active member of First Free Methodist Church of Owosso and enjoyed many winters in Florida.

He is survived by his wife Bernice; son Charles Jr.; daughters Patricia, Susie, Sally and Tina; grandchildren Edward (Heather) Hilliker, Travis Hilliker, Tricia (Kurt) Warner, Tami (Darrin) Parker, Ronald (Mindy) Kalisek, Charles J. Swan, Jason Swan, Angie Miller, Hillarie (Norm) Holm, Tara Swan and Michael Zilliox. He is also survived by 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter and sister Pauline Rundell.

Charles was predeceased by his parents; brothers Earl, Harold, Ralph and Leon; sisters



Mable, Martha, Lillian, Alice, Helen and Bertha; and son-in-law William Harkema.

We are blessed to know our loving husband and father is no longer imagining what heaven will be like. He is rejoicing with his heavenly father.

Memorial contributions are suggested to United States Veterans Association or First Free Methodist Church of Owosso.

Online condolences may be sent to www.watkinsfuneral-homes.com.

Wayne Tibbits
Deceased 10-28-2002



Genie Church
1954

1942

Lila West
11-30-1923
Deceased 11-16-1951

Did not graduate

Garnet D. Cousins
2-2-1942



1942

**Corrine Woodcock
Deceased 10-24-2017**



**Arlo Butcher (1942)
5-5-1946**

1942

Corrine Woodcock
8-31-1924
Deceased 10-24-2017



Arlo Butcher (1942)
5-5-1946

Corrine Elaine (Woodcock) Butcher, 93 years young, was reunited with her husband, Arlo and her Lord on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at the Hospice House of Shiawassee County, with her family by her side. Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 11am at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Corunna Chapel, burial will follow in Pine Tree Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 from 6-8pm and again on Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 1-4pm.

Corrine "Corky" was born in Owosso, Michigan on August 31, 1924, the only child of Wesley George and Gardis Marguerite-Elaine (Langworthy) Woodcock. She graduated from Corunna High School in the class of 1942 and continued her education at the Melba Beauty College. She worked as a beautician during WWII, she was a homemaker, and also worked as a teachers aide for the Corunna Middle School. Corrine was a 4-H leader for 15 years, Girl Scout Leader for 8 years, and taught Sunday School at the Corunna United Methodist Church. She volunteered many hours at the Red Cross, Pleasant View, and her church, Trinity United Methodist Church. Corrine enjoyed golfing, bowling, gardening, traveling, card games, and reading the Argus-Press.

Corrine married her high school sweetheart, Arlo J. Butcher on May 5, 1946 in Corunna. They were lifelong residents of the Corunna community, they were married 52 years before Arlo's passing in 1998. Arlo spent 25 years on the Corunna School Board, with Corrine by his side. In the 1940's, Corrine was the head Drum Major, in the band and loved to watch the band practice from her home near the school. Corrine and Arlo were devout Cavalier and Spartan fans.

Corrine is survived by her daughters; Debbie (Bob) Bentley of Corunna, and Cindie Butcher (Volker Heiner) of Charlevoix. She was also loved by her grandchildren; Steve (Sarah) Bentley, and their four children, (Taylor, Aliyah, Brooklyn, and Brody) and Bobbi (Jeff) Pangborn and their four children (Jordyn, Brynn, Nolan, and Raelyn) also her special RESPITE friends, Chris Norder and Pat Elliott.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Butcher's name are suggested to; Hospice House of Shiawassee County, RESPITE, or Trinity United Methodist Church.

Helen Zruna
2-15-1925
Deceased 4-4-1979



Clifford Smith
1-1-1952

1942

Earl R. Lancaster

Superintendent

1942

Ralph L. Stull
Principal

The End