

OBITUARIES

Ronald Max Davis

July 14, 1932 ~ April 20, 2026

Ronald Max Davis passed away peacefully on April 20th, 2026, in Bellaire, MI. He was born on July 14th, 1932, to Clarence and Alice (Metz) Davis in Clarksburg, WV. At ten years old the family moved to Detroit, where he'd meet his lifelong friend, Don Miller. He went on to meet the love of his life Emma Jean (Walker) Davis there as well. Marrying her, and spending the next 74 loving years together.



searching out the best hot dogs, giving golf cart rides, and berry picking around the property.

Ronald had a generous heart and was always willing to help family, neighbors, his coworkers, and many charitable causes. He continued golfing until the age of 90 and could often be found relaxing in his barn, enjoying a beer and a cigar.

Above all, Ronald was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He adored spending time with his children and grandchildren. Ronald is survived by his wife; Emma Jean Davis, and his children; Deborah (Greg), Sandra (Robert), and Ron; his siblings Ed (Sharon), and Norma (Lou); grandsons Todd (Amber), Corey, Kyle, Joel, Darrick, Bobby (Chloe), Jessie, and Joseph; great-grandchildren Connor, Samantha, Miles, Alexis, Brianna, Evan, Elijah, Mable, Owen, Axl, Ethan, and Scarlett; as well as many other cousins, nieces, nephews, and close friends. Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Alice Davis. A celebration of life will be announced with a date and time to be determined. "May the Lord bless you with a straight drive, a soft landing, and a final putt that drops. Rest in Peace." Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Ronald enjoyed a long and successful career in the trades, working in sheet metal. He was a proud member of Sheet Metal Workers Local 292, where he served as Vice President. During his years of service, he negotiated contracts, organized golf outings, and helped raise money for Dads for Diabetes. Ronald was also a graduate of Wayne State University's School of Labor Law.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club, and was a Freemason.

Ronald's love of hunting, boating, and golf brought him to Kalkaska, where he purchased a cabin and 40 acres of wooded property in 1961. He spent 32 years living between Kalkaska and Florida during the winter months.

A true family man, Ronald especially cherished time spent with his grandsons. He loved taking them to McDonald's,

Douglas Dale Waldie

October 25, 1950 ~ April 16, 2026

Douglas Dale Waldie, age 65, passed away on April 16, 2026, at his home on Elk Lake in Rapid City, Michigan. Doug passed away peacefully, surrounded by family. He chose to spend his final days where he felt most at peace — at home with the people he loved most.



He was deeply grateful for the prayers, kind words, and support from family and friends near and far. Even in his final days, Doug's focus never wavered — his family came first.

Doug was born on October 25, 1960, in Bay City, Michigan, to the late Darwin and Elaine (Foco) Waldie. He was the third of four boys and grew up in a lively household filled with energy and mischief, resulting in a lifelong bond with his brothers. He was a standout athlete, excelling in football, basketball, and track, earning several awards and trophies.

He graduated from Bay City Western High School in 1978 and went on to attend Grand Valley State University on a full football scholarship, graduating in 1982 while obtaining a bachelor's degree in computer science. Later in life, he earned a master's degree in organizational leadership from Lourdes University.

Doug spent his career in leadership roles built on hard work, determination, and respect for others. He retired from UPS as a manager after a 20-year career, worked for Lourdes University, and later served as an owner and CEO of Crum Manufacturing in Waterville, Ohio, for 16 years. There, he had the unique opportunity to work alongside his wife, Debbie, as a co-owner, and with all his children in various capacities, something that brought him great pride.

On September 13, 1997, Doug married Deborah Crum, the love of his life and his partner in every sense. Sharing a life of love, laughter, and adventure, it was apparent they were meant for one another. Together, they built a life centered around family, loyalty, trust, and being each other's best friend. Doug enjoyed nothing more than spending quality time with his wife — whether it was a sunset cruise on a warm summer evening, being snowed in due to a blizzard in Northern Michigan, or just taking their dogs for a walk through their property. Their journey was filled with precious memories, priceless teachings and much laughter.

Doug was a proud, devoted, and very present father. He coached all five of his children in sports and rarely missed a game, always supporting and encouraging them

in their endeavors. He had a unique relationship with each of his children, providing guidance and unwavering love. Doug especially cherished being a grandfather. His granddaughter, Maizy, brought him immense joy, and he looked forward to welcoming two more granddaughters later this year.

His impact extended well beyond his own family. Doug was a trusted mentor and a father figure to many of his children's friends. He was always ready to listen, offer advice, or lend a helping hand. Doug had a remarkable ability to make others feel welcomed, valued, and loved. With his strong presence, hearty laugh, and big warm hugs, he left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Doug had a deep love for the outdoors and found his greatest peace in Northern Michigan. He enjoyed boating, fishing/hunting, snowmobiling, and spending time on his property, where he was always working on projects. Alongside his wife, they created a special place for family and friends to gather for years to come. He was a devoted fan of the Michigan Wolverines and enjoyed cheering them on each season. Doug also had a great love for animals, and he will be deeply missed by his loyal dogs, Owen, Doogan, and Hope.

Doug was a man of strength, humility, and deep love for his family. His legacy lives on through the values he instilled in his family — integrity, honesty, hard work, and kindness — which will continue to guide future generations and the lives he touched. He lived a full and meaningful life and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He is now free...cruising on his boat off into the sunset.

Doug is survived by his beloved wife of 28 years, Deborah; his children, Aaron (Aby), Ryan, Collin, Evan, and Helen Bain (Blake); his granddaughter, Maizy, with two additional granddaughters arriving in May and August; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Helen and Ernest Crum. He is also survived by his brothers, Dean, Barry, and Brent (Sandy) Waldie; numerous nieces and nephews; and many close friends near and far.

In honoring Doug's wishes, a Celebration of Life will be held by his family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, any contributions in Doug's honor may be made to Potcake Place K9 Rescue, or Dirty Paws Agape Haven.

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John 14:2 - In my Father's house, there are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Carol Mae Smith

January 21, 1937 ~ April 15, 2026

Carol Mae (Strand) Smith, 89, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2026, in Williamsburg, Michigan. Born on January 21, 1937, in Detroit, Michigan, Carol lived a life filled with love, dedication, and an enduring commitment to her family and faith.



Helen (Hilty) Strand; her sister Gail Olack; and her brother Charles Strand. She is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and leaves behind countless extended family members who will forever treasure their memories of her.

Carol earned her bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan in 1983, a testament to her determination and intellect. Her professional journey included roles as a telephone operator and gift wrapper in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She also worked at her father's company, C.A. Strand Co., in Detroit before becoming the co-owner of Hughes Electronics Products Corp in Livonia, Michigan. After retiring, Carol volunteered for many years at the Elk Rapids Chamber of Commerce in Elk Rapids, Michigan. Through these endeavors, Carol demonstrated a strong work ethic and a commitment to excellence.

Family was at the heart of Carol's life. She was the beloved wife of Rich for 68 years — a partnership built on love and devotion. Together, they raised four children: Richard Jr. (Vicki) Smith, Kurt Smith, Amandasue Butterfield, and Suzanne (Joseph) Moscynski. Carol cherished her role as a grandmother to Alicia, Jonathan, Jeremy, Jelana, Brianna, and Courtney; and as a great-grandmother to Braelyn, Izaiah, Onyka, Zoey, Mira, Kynzlie, Sophie, Liviana, Tristan, Korbyn, Wesson, Ayla, and Josie. She also held a special place in her heart for her sister-in-law, Joan Smith, and her goddaughter Pam (Rob) Thomas.

Carol was predeceased by her parents, Charles Strand Jr. and

A woman of deep faith and compassion, Carol was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her spirituality guided her throughout her life and inspired those around her.

One of Carol's greatest passions was researching her family history — a labor of love she pursued for decades. She meticulously gathered not only names and dates but also the stories that brought her ancestors to life. This dedication ensured that future generations would have a rich understanding of their heritage.

Carol will be remembered for her humor, compassion, and boundless love. She touched the lives of all who knew her as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister-in-law, aunt, godmother, and friend. Her legacy is one of kindness and connection — a reminder to cherish the bonds we share with one another.

May Carol's memory bring comfort to all who mourn her passing. A memorial service will be held in Carol's honor on May 9th at 11:00 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2305 US 131 NE, Kalkaska. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

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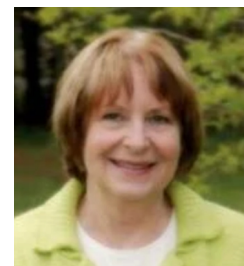
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Sharon Kay Wegner

July 26, 1943 ~ April 16, 2026

Sharon Kay Wegner, 82, of Springfield Township, passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2026. She was born in Tawas City, Michigan, on July 26, 1943, to the late Eugene and Floybelle (Allen) Wegner. Sharon was a hardworking, talented, and fiercely independent woman. She raised her two sons and dedicated 37 years of service to General Motors in Flint. Later in life, she moved to a farmhouse in Clio where she enjoyed raising pygmy goats and Yorkies. Sharon was an excellent seamstress who often created beautiful quilts and blankets for those she loved. She enjoyed shopping and was always fashionable, classy, and well put



together. Above all, Sharon was loving, fun, and a joy to be around. Sharon will be lovingly remembered by her children Troy (Teresa) McIntyre and Greg (Sylvia) Szabo; her grandchildren: Ashley, Joshua, Maria, Abigail, and Callie; her great-grandchildren: Vivian, Emery, Jerek, Isabella, and Juliet; and her siblings Gloria Wegner and Michael Wegner. She was preceded in death by her parents and her grandson Zachary Szabo. A celebration of Sharon's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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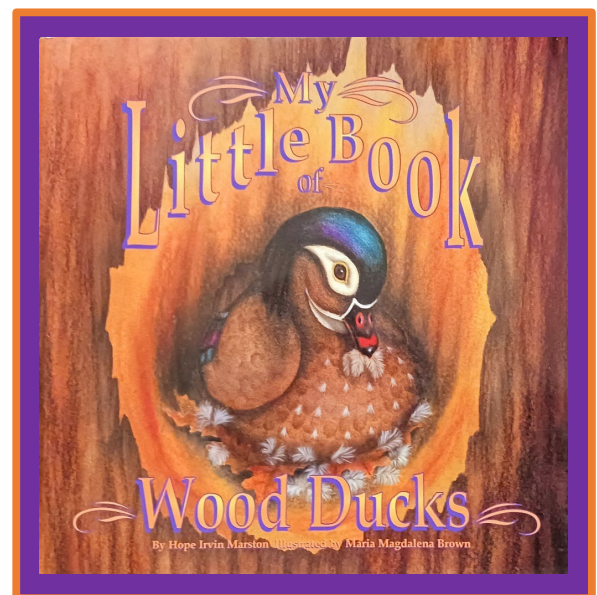
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