



## Leland Warschefsky

August 26, 1923 - September 21, 2017

Leland Warschefsky, age 94, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

Leland was born on the family farm in Palms on August 26, 1923, to the late Albert and Amelia (Kaufman) Warschefsky. He married Joyce Ann Rumble on September 1, 1949 in Carsonville, MI.

Leland is survived by his wife, Joyce, the love of his life for the past 68 years; sons Tom (Barb) Warschefsky of Williamston, MI and Jim (Barb) Warschefsky of Stanton, MI; two daughters Linda (Ken) Linenger of Clarkston, MI and Mary (Mike) Frey of Caledonia, MI. His thirteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren brought great joy to his life. Kristina, Jenny (Kyle), Jordan, Brooklyn, Charlie; Dan(Megan); Katie (Richard); Tom (Angela), Liam; Emily (Jason); Jennie (JP), Brynn, Mason; Carrie (Dan), Sydney, Luke; Kendra (Jake), Nora, Connor; Kyle (April), Darrin, Adalynn; Christine, Elizabeth and James; one sister, Marion Nelson of Rochester Hills, MI.

Leland was preceded in death by his step-father Edward Warczinski, brother Willard and grandson T.J. Warschefsky.

He graduated from Deckerville High School in 1939. Lee attended Pt. Huron Junior College prior to graduating from Michigan State Agricultural College in 1950. He received his Master's Degree from MSU in 1955 and taught vocational agriculture in Owendale and Ithaca. Lee then joined MSU Cooperatvie Extension Service where he served the tri-county farming community for the next 30 years. Lee also was involved in Lions Club,

Michigan Cattlemen's Association, Michigan Corn Growers and various other community organizations.

He and Joyce were active members of Our Savior Lutheran Church and enjoyed traveling with friends to various other destinations throughout the world. Lee loved to spend to time hunting and playing Stosh at the family cabin, enjoyed their cottage in Harbor Beach, and was a great Bocce player when they spent winters in Estero, Florida.

Lee's folksy humor and sonorous voice made him a joy to be around. He often borrowed Tom Bodet's famous line from the Motel 6 ads reminding all of his visiting kids "We'll leave the light on for you." We know that where he is now, he's still saying "We'll leave the light on for you." A life well lived, Daddy.

Services will be held Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 11:30 am at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Friends may call at the funeral home from 9:30 until the service time at 11:30. A private burial service will be in Washington Cemetery in Carsonville.

Memorials may be offered to Huron Co. Jr. Livestock, Bad Axe Lions or Our Savior Lutheran Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23.** 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Leland Warschefsky*

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January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Dear Linda, we were so sad to hear of the loss of your father. We wish we had been in town at the time to be there for you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Loving condolences to you and your family, Diane and Floyd*

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**Diane Gryzelius** - September 26, 2017 at 09:46 AM



“ *Dear Joyce and Family,  
We were so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. He demonstrated a life well lived and one which was of service to others. We became acquainted with you folks when Bob started teaching in Sebewaing 60 years ago (1957) this past summer. Those monthly Ag. Teacher meetings also attended by the Extension staff and wives have left us with some great memories. We were sorry not to be able to attend the funeral in Bad Axe but know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. In grief we can still celebrate the life that Lee now shares in the glories of heaven. May that give you comfort and peace.*

*Your old friends,  
Marie and Bob Pangman  
Okemos, MI*

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**Marie and Bob Pangman** - September 25, 2017 at 12:34 PM

DD

“ My thoughts and prayers to you Joyce and your family. Although it's been many years I remember Lee as kind, gentle man. My condolences, Debbie Decker

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**Debbie Decker** - September 25, 2017 at 11:03 AM

MH

“ I was sad to hear about Lee's passing. As a new agricultural agent in Clinton County, Lee was one of the senior agents that I enjoyed visiting with - and learning from - at regional and state meetings. I will always remember Lee for his rich, deep voice and his positive attitude.

Mark F Hansen  
MSU Extension (Ret.)

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**Mark Hansen** - September 25, 2017 at 08:19 AM

JH

“ Linda: Was sorry to hear about your father's death, sending prayers for you in this difficult time.]

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**Jeanette Hunt** - September 25, 2017 at 07:02 AM

MP

“ Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family Mrs. Warschefsky. Enjoyed the wonderful times spent with Mr. Warschefsky and family. Love you always. Nicolas and Margaret Palazzolo

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**Margaret Palazzolo** - September 24, 2017 at 05:52 AM

MF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joyce and family! We sat by guy in service that came from Europe for funeral! We remember when he was LLL representtive for Bad Axe! We remember when the agriculture teachers and their wives were together for meals often in a thumb wide group! We saw another agriculture teacher from that group!

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**Mary and Ted Falkenberg** - September 23, 2017 at 05:02 PM

GA

“ Lee, was like a father to me when we moved to Michigan to start a new life in Bad Axe and career in Extension. Over the years I always knew where to go for the answer of how to handle a producers question. The days at and the Warschefsky cabin with family and friends will always be a special memory whether we got a deer or not. Quite often the B.S. got deep, but we all survived. Never have met a model like him and do not expect to. He had a great influence on my life. Will miss you Lee but never forget you.  
George W. Atkeson

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**George W. Atkeson** - September 23, 2017 at 04:31 PM

AW

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joyce and family. We found Lee's genuine, huge smile made his joyful spirit contagious.

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**Andy and Cara Wahl** - September 23, 2017 at 08:40 AM

RE

“ Our thoughts and prayers of comfort and peace go out to you Joyce and family. My memory of Lee was he was always uplifting people with a smile that made you feel loved when you were around him.

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**Rick Etzel** - September 23, 2017 at 08:13 AM

BR

“ Sorry to hear of Lee's passing as I was just asking George Atkeson about him during his recent visit. Lee was also a mentor to me in my early career when I started in Port Huron. I can remember clearly the day I drove up to Bad Axe to see Lee and Joe Shaltry to try and figure out how I was to do this job called Extension. He was another of the great gentlemen of Extension. Thoughts and prayers to all the family. Bill Robb

Bill Robb - September 22, 2017 at 09:37 PM

JM

“ Family of Lee. At one time I called him Mr. while he was employed at the Owendale H>S. I was the office secretary and had many contacts with him. He always had such a darn cute smile. We also attended the same Lutheran church . His son Tom, one day says to his Dad, Are there 2 Mrs. McDonalds. I see one at school and 1 at church teaching S.S.

In his young mind, he couldnt get that. Long time ago, but I remember it well, I am now 82 yrs. old been retired from Post Office for 26 yrs. Still live in Owendale. and lost my hubby to Cancer just 13 yrs ago Sept. 3rd. I know how much you will miss Lee and i do understand so well. May God continue to be with you during these trying days.

Fondly Jeannette (Faust) McDonald, box 172 Owendale, Mi 48754

Jeannette M McDonald - September 22, 2017 at 08:25 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Leland Warschefsky.



September 22, 2017 at 04:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leland Warschefsky.*



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September 22, 2017 at 01:42 PM



“ *C.H. Robinson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leland Warschefsky.*



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**C.H. Robinson** - September 22, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ *Lee was a great mentor to me, beginning in 1978 when I started with MSUE in Huron Co. Bad Axe office. We shared many things in common and he reinforced that we do the right things right in both personal and professional life. Comfort to family and the many friends; God bless. Van Varner*

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**Van Varner** - September 22, 2017 at 11:35 AM



*Juan, very sincere individual in his professional and personal live. I Hope all is well the family*

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**Juan A. Marinez** - September 22, 2017 at 12:39 PM

LH

*Dear Joyce and Family - it was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Lee, what a truly class gentleman, educator, father, grandfather, and husband. My years working with Lee in MSU Extension are treasured memories. You both were great traveling companions to England and Scotland as part of the "Quest for Quality" program in the 70's.*

*He lived a full and productive life making contributions to communities wherever he lived. His spirit will live on in all those that he befriended, mentored and counseled.*

*May you find strength and peace among family and his many friends.*

*Lynn and Mary Harvey  
Hilton Head, SC*

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**Lynn Harvey** - September 22, 2017 at 02:49 PM

EN

*Dear Joyce and family - I have heard today of the passing of Lee my uncle - a great example of humanity. My uncle Lee was a great inspiration to his family and to his sister's family which I am a part.*

*Eric Nelson  
Columbus, IN*

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**Eric Nelson** - September 22, 2017 at 11:34 PM

BS

*“ Saddened to learn of Lee's passing. He was one of my favorite people in Extension even though we served in different areas of the State. Condolences to the family.*

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**Burt Stanley** - September 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM

WF

“ Wayne, Martha and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Leland Warschefsky.



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Wayne, Martha and Family - September 22, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leland Warschefsky.



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September 22, 2017 at 07:39 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Leland Warschefsky.



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September 21, 2017 at 08:24 PM