



## Leo A. Lawless

December 25, 1932 - May 27, 2015

Leo A. Lawless of Grand Ledge passed away May 27, 2015. He was born December 25, 1932 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Arthur J. and Laura J. (Huhn) Lawless.

Leo retired from International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 665 as a Master Electrician, Leo was also a skilled Farmer and Real Estate Broker. Through his life, Leo mastered many “Life Trades”, including raising seven children with his wife of 60 years, Shirley. He also maintained several lifelong friendships from childhood.

Many neighborhood kids were recipients of Leo’s “Life Skills Mentoring” through 4-H, Rural Life and by just being a kid in the neighborhood.

Leo lived life not being afraid of failing at anything. Failing was just part of life. Leo always taught, “If someone fails, at least they are doing something and something is always better than doing nothing.”

Our Family became part of an extended family under the care of Royston Ridge, AFC over the past year. We, thank you for taking care of our whole family through this journey.

A private memorial is being held for immediate family.

He is survived by his wife of almost sixty years, Shirley A. (Miller); children Michael (Christine) Lawless, Teresa Lawless, Kathryn (Ron Harris) Lawless, Mark (Vickie) Lawless, Margaret Lawless, James (Dawn) Lawless and John (Ann) Lawless; 13 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and brother, Don (Mary) Lawless. Leo was preceded in death by sister, Carol Edwards.

In Lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Eaton County Palliative Care,  
2675 S. Cochran Road, Charlotte, Michigan 48813.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have just learned of Leo's passing and hope that the family of my mother, Vera Lawless get this message. Since her passing, and that of the parents of Leo, my aunt and uncle, distance and time has taken its course.

*Leo and Shirley were so very kind to my mother and us when my father, Newton Hartwig, died when we were kids.*

*I would have gladly traveled to Grand Ledge, as we did so many times as kids, so many memories.....they fade now as my parents and older brother Fr. Larry have passed. Love to reconnect but the purpose of this note is to honor Leo. I remember him well.*

*God Bless Shirley.....and all of your families.....Please forward this to Don or any family members that may be of interest.*

*Dr. Tom Hartwig  
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*This is an invitation for any family to reconnect.*

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**Tom Hartwig** - October 11, 2016 at 09:39 PM



“ I was lucky to have had the Lawless family for neighbors in my early childhood. They lived right across the road and since their hearts were as big as their family, we were always welcome there. I have many fond memories of playing in that huge barn, in the driveway puddles after a good rain, on the swings, on our bikes. Leo was always a patient, kind, gentle man. My heart goes out to the whole family, especially Shirley, they were definitely a match made in heaven.

*Big hugs to all of you. Love, Patty (Cross) Braithwaite*

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**Patty Braithwaite** - May 31, 2015 at 02:59 PM

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“ Dear Shirley and family of Leo Lawless, I have so many memories of Leo especially from High School when his locker next to mine meant we met frequently en route to our various classes. He has been a dear friend and memory for many years always keeping me up to date with his large family and their activities...especially with the daughter in Alaska who came to Ketchikan after we moved north to Juneau and Anchorage. I have always appreciated his devotion to his family and his ability to acknowledge each and every one of their life-mistakes and their life-adventures...over the years since our 50th high school reunion during which we worked together to produce a book about our classmates, we have tried to stay in touch via e-mail vs our long distance adventures. Always we were reminded of our high school years and how us country kids adjusted to the town kids who were also our many friends. I remember his heartbreak when Bruce passed away and his feeling at that time that he could well be next. Our main discussion though was which of us was the youngest in the class since Elgeva passed. My argument was always that I was now the youngest not he and I see from his birth date in the obit that I was correct. Now it is left to me to pray that my own angels will wrap their wings around him and gently and kindly ascend him to heaven...when I get there I will remind him that it is I his fellow country-girl who really was the youngest of the two of us. Sending my love with those angels as well as my prayers for Shirley and the family. Shirley Crandall Woodrow

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**Shirley Crandall Woodrow** - May 30, 2015 at 05:51 PM

JH

“ *The Clarence and Rosemary Huhn family express our deepest sympathy in your loss of Leo. We as kids will always remember the many times the families visited each other on the farms. Many fun times as well as grieving over other losses.....Leo and Shirley created a legacy that will go on forever with loving memories of a good man.*

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**Joan High Hosey** - May 30, 2015 at 01:03 PM

SM

“ *Eric and I were saddened to read of Uncle Leo's passing. Our prayers are with all of you.*



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**Stacey Miller** - May 30, 2015 at 09:17 AM

VW

“ *We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Leo's family. He was a quality person. It may make your loss easier to bare knowing that others care. Sincerely, Verland Ward and wife, Joanna Harrington*



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**Verland Ward** - May 30, 2015 at 08:47 AM