



Nelson A. Ketchum

August 21, 1922 - October 17, 2015

Nelson A. and Marion D. (Kebler) Ketchum are together again, Nelson passed away on October 17, 2015 surrounded by family holding his wife's hand. Marion joined Nelson on October 20, 2015 surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

Nelson A. Ketchum was born August 21, 1922 in Laingsburg, Michigan to the late Ray and Myrtle (Whitney) Ketchum. Nelson completed the eighth grade and went to work on the farm with his dad. He was a farmer at heart and enjoyed the work so much that he raised his family doing what he loved. Nelson also worked for the John Deere Co. in Lansing. He had a hobby of collecting and restoring John Deere Tractors. He is survived by sister, Rayola Lane and was preceded in death by sister Doris Strouse and brother, Elwin. Marion D. Ketchum was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan to the late Louis and Mildred (Nostrant) Kebler. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1944 and worked for a brief time at JC Penny before her oldest son was born and then her focus was staying home to raise her boys. Marion enjoyed sewing, knitting, crafts and working in the flower garden. She also enjoyed cooking and sharing her special treats like cookies, cakes and pies with her family. Marion cherished spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren the most. She was preceded in death by siblings, Margaret Schaffer, Floyd and Kenneth Kebler.

Nelson and Marion were married on November 1, 1952 and were on life's journey together for just a few weeks shy of their sixty-third wedding

anniversary. Their commitment and love for one another is represented not only in their marriage but also in the legacy of their sons, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The love they had for one another and the value they placed on family are some of the reasons why it will be so difficult to say good bye. They are survived by sons, Mike (Debbie), David and Daniel; grandchildren, Michael (Larissa); Randi (Clint) Tollison, Travis, Heather (Kenny) Hager, Lucas (Heather) and Gavin; great grandchildren, Clint, Brandi, Logan, Khole, Levi, Sophia, Easton and Nikki.

A funeral service will be held for both Nelson and Marion Friday, October 23, 2015, 11:00 am at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with The Reverend Ameer Paparella, Officiating. Visitation Thursday 2-4:00pm and 6-8:00pm at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to Sparrow Foundation, Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, 1110 E. Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 30480, Lansing, Michigan 48909

Cemetery Details

Reed Cemetery

6770 Alward Road
Laingsburg, MI 48848

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Visitation

OCT **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We feel so privileged to have met these two remarkable people. We will cherish these memories forever. They were so proud of the family they had created....the work ethic they instilled in the boy's and the boy's accomplishments. They had such big smiles on their faces when they talked about their grandchildren and great grandchildren. There was no doubt the boys were devoted to their parents. That was even made more evident after having visited the funeral home today. That room was FULL of love. We will miss them deeply. Terry and Pat Hughson

Pat Hughson - October 22, 2015 at 05:37 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nelson A. Ketchum.



October 22, 2015 at 09:56 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Nelson A. Ketchum.



October 21, 2015 at 11:48 AM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Nelson A. Ketchum.*



October 21, 2015 at 10:51 AM



“ *Always staying active, his energy was amazing! Just this summer I saw him running the tractor doing hay and couldn't believe it. Loved his smile. Love you all! Aunt Barbie*



Barb McClung - October 20, 2015 at 06:38 PM



“ *Remember being out in the barn milking cows with Nick and he would squirt the milk into the cats mouths! It was hilarious! They would stand up on their hind legs and beg for the milk! Great memories.....*

Karla Barnes

Karla Barnes - October 20, 2015 at 10:42 AM