



## Orval Keith Lawrence

November 15, 1928 - September 14, 2023

Orval Keith Lawrence was born on November 15, 1928 to the late Orval H. and Flora (Knapp) Lawrence in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Keith passed away on September 14, 2023.

On September 1, 1950 Keith married his sweetheart Lois Jean Wilcox, and together they built a home in Grand Ledge and raised their 6 kids, they lovingly called “the six K’s”.

Keith proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1954 during the Korea Conflict. He received 2 medals during this time. The Army of Occupational Medal for his time in Germany and the National Defense Service Medal for serving honorable during a conflict.

After Keith left the Army, he worked for General Motors as a Tool Setter, for 42 years before he retired. Keith loved to run and he ran the streets of Grand Ledge for over 30 years. Keith was also active with the American Legion Post in Grand Ledge for many years.

Keith and Lois loved to take the 6 K’s camping in the upper peninsula when they were young. The favorite spots for the kids was the dump in Paradise, Michigan to feed the bears marshmallows, and Tahquamenon Falls.

Keith was a big fan of the University of Michigan sports and loved going to the

Michigan football game with his son Kurt. Keith also enjoyed going to the Michigan Football Bowl games with his wife Lois, until she passed away in 1992.

Keith is survived by his "6 K's", Kimber Lawrence (Mona), Kristen Jackson-Longworth (Judy), Kurt Lawrence (Jean), Kelli Teceno, Kara Bond and Kyle Lawrence. Many Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Great-Great Grandchildren.

Keith is preceded in death by his wife, Lois; sisters Jane Lawrence, Yvonne Webb, Marjorie Darbon and Edith Lawrence along with son-in-law, Eric Bond.

A military graveside service will be held Thursday, September 21, 2023, 1:00 pm at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge, Michigan. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Legion Cole-Briggs Post 48, 731 N. Clinton Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Previous Events

## Military Graveside Service

SEP 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was his neighbor for 30 years. You become pretty familiar with a person in that much time. I could go on with accolades of him marching in parades. Jogging into his 70's. Biking into his 80's. Loving father and grandfather. But my most heartfelt definition of, Keith, is he was a good man. A good person. And a good neighbor. I will miss his presence here on Pine St.

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**David Goodrich** - October 11, 2023 at 02:37 PM

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“ My favorite memory of Keith is going to their house for Labor Day and the bonfires Keith built. Wow. It was such a fun, family time for all. Also going through town ,it would be a surprise not to see Keith running. His work at the Legion. So many great memories. To the entire family my truest condolences. Hugs and prayers for comfort and peace. RiP Keith. You are in great company.

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**Carolyn Wood** - September 19, 2023 at 01:29 PM

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“ Deepest condolences to your family. I remember well growing up with you all and your dad running all over town. He was a pretty good dude and this world will be a little less special without him in it. Steve Graszler.

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**Stephen Graszler** - September 18, 2023 at 12:38 PM