



## Verland W. Ward

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Verland joined his beloved first wife, Jeannette deceased, 2006. He passed away at home unexpectedly in Seminole, Florida. Otherwise he was a lifelong resident of Grand Ledge and Holt.

Among those that are left to grieve his loss is his current loving wife, Joanna Skupien Harrington, Seminole Florida.

He is survived by daughters Leslie Ward of Charlotte, Michelle Ward, Holt and Lisa Bartlett of Grand Ledge whom he had a special affection for and considered her an "honorary" daughter. Brothers, Keith (Marilyn) Ward of Grand Ledge, Richard L. Ward, Vermontville, Elvin Ward, Owosso. Grandson Aaron (Rashall) Stickle, Palmdale, CA and four great grandchildren; Granddaughter, Janis M. Stickle of Charlotte and great grandson, Dejohn B. Stickle; Stepson Franc (Michelle) Harrington, Anchorage Alaska, and four children. He had much affection for all his nieces and nephews especially, nephew Jerry (Ruth) Ward. Verland was preceded in death by siblings, Raymond Ward and Mazie Edwards, parents Russel and Treva Belle Ward.

Verland graduated from G.L.H.S in 1951, proudly served in the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Lewis in Pierce, Washington, Special Ops Unit, during the

Korean War he was also retired from Fisher Body in Lansing.

His and all his siblings grew up with an old fashioned hard working ethic and was not afraid of a hard day's work. In youth, he was an avid body builder and enjoyed fishing and was an avid reader later in life.

Verland's little blue, green and orange love bird brought so much enjoyment to him and they were very affectionate to each other, the bird is searching the house for him now.

A military graveside service will be held at Pioneer Cemetery, Oneida Township, Eaton County, Michigan on Monday, March 26, 2018, 1:00 p.m. A memorial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers please plant and nurture a tree in his memory, or donate to any American Legion, or VFW. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

# Cemetery Details

## Pioneer Cemetery

9501 Hartel Road  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Previous Events

## Military Graveside Service

MAR 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Verland was in a group of us that trained in body building. Norm Sedelmaier was the leader of the group. Verland entered a body building contest at MSC and did very well. He was an excellent poser! He always had some great quips. He was a good friend!

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**Dave Darling** - March 03 at 05:53 PM

SP

“ Joanna, I'm sorry to hear about V. Glad I got to meet him when you guys were home in Holt. Sending hugs and prayers to you plus his family. Love ya ♡



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**Sheri K Powers** - March 25, 2018 at 07:30 PM

LB

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**Lisa Bartlett** - March 22, 2018 at 01:06 PM

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**Lisa Bartlett** - March 22, 2018 at 01:02 PM

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**Lisa Bartlett** - March 22, 2018 at 12:52 PM

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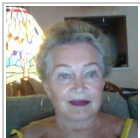
**Lisa Bartlett** - March 22, 2018 at 12:50 PM

SG

“ *Jo, I am so very sorry. I know how it feels. I'm having a very hard time with my loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Sharon*

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**Sharon Garrage** - March 20, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ *The main photo beginning this obituary is of Verland when he and I were married Oct. 18, 2011, which was also my birthday. Photo credit goes to Lisa Bartlett. It was a happy day!*

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**Joanna Harrington** - March 20, 2018 at 02:12 AM

LC

“ He will be missed. He always told me "Now remember I always know the answer to the question before i ask the question, so be careful how you answer the question". Made ya think! Condolences to the family.

Linda cornell - March 20, 2018 at 01:58 AM

Aaron  
Stickel

“ Rest well, grandpa. I'll miss our phone talks. I love you.

Aaron Stickel

Aaron Stickel - March 19, 2018 at 07:09 PM

Aaron  
Stickel

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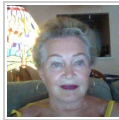


Aaron Stickel - March 19, 2018 at 06:14 PM

CP

*Rest in Peace and God Bless You*

Carolyn Berryhill Philipp - March 20, 2018 at 07:59 AM



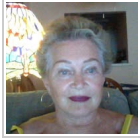
One of the photos above, did you notice his little friend he had in his hand? They were obsessed with each other and the bird sat on him most of the day and they took naps together, bird was paper trained. Let's hope that heaven has little birds.

Joanna Harrington - March 20, 2018 at 01:45 PM

KS

*A great advocate for people with disabilities. Always enjoyed our talks. He will be missed.*

Ken Slater - March 22, 2018 at 08:10 AM



*“ I miss my husband. Verland was such a decent man and always tried to the right thing. We need more people like that in this world.....Joanna*



Joanna Harrington - March 18, 2018 at 08:08 PM

PT

*We were so sorry to hear about Verland. I know this is a difficult time for you, Jo. We'll always remember Verland in our walks through Sawgrass Lake park....'Rather than mourn the absense of the flame...celebrate how brightly it glowed.'*

Pat & Tony Tara - March 24

Patricia Tara - March 24, 2018 at 08:39 AM



*“ Verland Ward you will be missed! You taught me so much and you were a great influence on my life. I appreciate your devotion and admire your advocacy! Xx thank you for teaching so many people valuable life lessons that they will take with them forever!*

Jessica Stults - March 18, 2018 at 07:47 PM

BM

*“ He was a very true friend. I will miss him dearly. Glad to have seen him in January. He didn't want us to leave. I loved him! His little birdie did too. They were besties for sure!*

Barb Miller - March 18, 2018 at 07:00 PM