



## Ronald Laverne Shepler

February 6, 1933 - July 29, 2018

Ronald "Ron" Laverne Shepler, an independent and very devoted farmer, died Sunday, July 29, 2018 at his family farm surrounded by his family. Ron, age 85, was born February 6, 1933 in Lansing, MI, to Harry and Pauline (Root) Shepler. He was a graduate of Lansing Eastern High School. After graduating high school he went to serve in the United States Marine Corps. On August 2, 1952, Ron married his sweetheart Norma Wilhelm and they spent the next 65 years creating their legacy together. Despite growing up a city kid in Lansing, Ron knew that he wanted to be a farmer at the age of 5. He was a very successful and devoted dairy and cash crop farmer. Ron managed 100 head of dairy cattle, naming and remembering each and every one. Following a long day of work on the farm, Ron was welcomed with a homecooked meal by Norma.

Ron was a man who could create an experience with the simplest of things around the farm. His children and grandchildren cherish the time that they spent on the farm with dad and grandpa. He loved wintering in Florida, swimming, and walking two miles a day. Traveling was one of Ron's favorite hobbies, he and Norma traveled all across the country...they would pack up the fifth wheel and go. Ron's sense of direction was top notch, he did all of this traveling without using a map. His grandchildren cherish the numerous adventures that they spent each year with grandpa and grandma. Ron was the type of person that when he spoke you listened. He always told people to "Accomplish what you want, because you only have one shot at life."

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Norma; children, Julie (Bruce) Telfer, Betty (Darryl) Shook, and Bill Shepler; grandchildren, Amy Williams, Carla Vastine, John Shook, Dennis Shook, and Kimberly Hubbs; 5 great-grandchildren; and sister, Bonnie (Forrest) Hatch. Ron was predeceased by grandchildren, Staff Sgt. Garrett Swift and Charlotte Shook; brother, Roger Shepler, and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Ron's family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are Saturday, August 4, 2018, at 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Visitation is Friday, August 3, 2018, 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM. Friends and family are

encouraged to share memories of Ron on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery

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## Center Eaton Cemetery

2093 Narrow Lake Road  
Charlotte, MI, 48813

# Events

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**AUG** Visitation 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

**AUG** Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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**AUG** Funeral Ceremony 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Pray Funeral Home** - August 02, 2018 at 09:21 PM

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“ 27 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Pray Funeral Home** - August 02, 2018 at 08:17 PM

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“ Uncle Ron demonstrated that actions speak louder than words. His hard work ethic was remarkable and his appreciation for the bounty and beauty of land was inspiring. He combined the wit and humor of Grandma Polly with the patience and modesty of Grandpa Harry. I'll always recall the fond memories of visiting the farm, learning about the animals, seeing how food moves from farm to table, Aunt Norma's amazing pies, and fun yet competitive games of twister. Even later when Uncle Ron moved more into machinery, we had great visits during pheasant hunting season with Uncle Ron's using his combine harvester to flush the birds. I think our bird dog "Dutchess" was a bit envious. I'm thankful for the impact Uncle Ron had in my life. He will live on through the positive memories each of us have of him.

**Gregory Shepler** - August 02, 2018 at 02:06 PM

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“ I have such great memories of Uncle Ron, his wonderful sense of humor and that twinkle in his eye as he told his funny stories. My most favorite place to visit in the world was Uncle Ron's farm! He took such enthusiasm and pride in showing us how to feed the cows and ride the horses. I will always remember his kindness. Sending love and prayers to Aunt Norma, Julie, Betty, Bill and all the grandchildren. May his memory be a blessing...

**Karla Shepler McGinnis** - August 01, 2018 at 05:33 PM



“ Nancy Shepler, & Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Ronald Laverne Shepler.



**Nancy Shepler, & Family** - July 31, 2018 at 12:43 PM

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“ We will miss you Ron. I will always remember his talk honoring his younger brother, Roger, at his celebration of life. He gave everyone a good laugh when he told of the children pushing each other around in the washing machine. Ron always had a smile on his face. His eyes were as blue as the sky.

Nancy Shepler

**Nancy Shepler** - July 31, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ Ron joined our family marrying my sister. He made me part of his family also. Had a good time traveling to California with his dad. Ron always had a very carrying spirit wanting to reach out to others. He always maintained his spiritual values as well as being protective of his land which he worked so hard for. Will miss you. Thanks for carrying for my sister all these all these past 66 years. Larry Wilhelm

**Larry Wilhelm** - August 01, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ Will miss you Uncle Ron, I have fond memories of visiting the farm and tagging along has you milked the cows as the barn cats lined up for a snack of fresh milk. The numerous pheasant and deer hunting trips I will always remember. From Thanksgiving dinners at the farm to playing baseball in the front yard, thanks for the great times and memories! Love and prayers to Aunt Norma, Julie, Betty, and Bill.

**Mark Shepler** - August 11, 2018 at 10:32 AM