

Stanley Harold Knopf

born: June 11, 1929 died: March 15, 2021

Stanley H. Knopf, age 91, of Marlette left this world for a home in heaven on Monday, March 15, 2021.

Stan was born June 11, 1929 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to the late Roy and Mabel (Knapp) Knopf. As a youth he attended three different country schools. Stan gradated from Monroe High School and went on to earn both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Michigan State University.

On September 1, 1951, Stan married Carol Mae DuBois in Gardiner, NY. Three daughters were born to their marriage, Barbara (Randy) Kinnick, Branda (Steve) Nesbitt and Laura Jean. Carol went to be with Jesus on February 13, 1958.

Stan was married to Dorothy Mae Delamarter on June 27, 1959 in Okemos, MI. This marriage was blessed with three children, Kathleen (John) Simpson, David (Beth) Knopf and Nancy (Dave) Mattson. God took Dottie to her heavenly home on May 27, 2004. Stan married Rita Louise Gippert on November 27, 2004 in Marlette, MI. Rita went home to her Lord on January 29, 2017.

The greatest joys in Stan's life were his wives and his family. His best times were spent doing things as a family. One of his main interests in recent years has been to encourage his family's participation the

Owosso Tractor Parts Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing. To commemorate his ninetieth birthday, 17 family members accompanied him across the bridge on 12 of his antique tractors.

Stan taught Vocational Agriculture at Marlette Community Schools for 32 years. During that period he was the adviser to the Future Farmers of America Club and he started the Science Fair event. Stan was also a 4-H leader for many years and the superintendent of the vegetable displays at the Sanilac County Fair. Following Carol's passing, Stan was given the gift of a hunger for the New Testament. This beautiful event brought about his ability to teach Sunday School, lead small group Bible studies, and in general share his knowledge and love of God with anyone who was interested. Doing so brought him great joy.

Left to cherish Stan's memory are his five children and their spouses; 22 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren with 2 more arriving later in 2021; a sister, Janet Knopf (Jim) Lincoln; many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; numerous nieces and nephews; and Rita's children, Kathy (Tom) Ruby, Garry (Barbara) Gippert, Colleen (Dave) McLaren, Jill (Les) Latham, Jim (Laurie) Gippert and Kurt (Paula) Gippert; 13 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren with another on the way.

He was preceded in death by his 3 wives; a daughter, Laura Jean; a granddaughter, Bethany Mae Nesbitt; and a sister, Lois Knopf Davis.

A Graveside Service will be held at 1 PM Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Leek Cemetery, Alaiedon Township, MI.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to the Gideon Memorial Bible Fund, c/o Sanilac Gideons, Box 123, Sandusky, MI 48471.

Arrangements by Marsh Funeral Chapel, 2675 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453 Phone 989-635-3658.

Graveside Service Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Leek Cemetary on Dobie Road Mason, MI 48854