



## Rolland J. Sturgis

November 1, 1923 - August 24, 2023

Rolland J. Sturgis, aged 99, of Kalkaska, peacefully passed away on August 24, 2023, at Kalkaska Memorial Health Center – Long Term Care. He was born on November 1, 1923, in Cohoctah, Michigan, to the late Fred and Amanda (Weichner) Sturgis. Rolland served with pride in the Army during World War II, where he primarily operated an anti-aircraft gun in Normandy and participated in the Battle of the Bulge.

Before entering the service, Rolland began his career at Simplicity Manufacturing in 1942 and continued working there after his return from the war until his retirement in 1985. On June 5, 1949, Rolland married the love of his life, Doris Timlick. Together, they raised their two children and celebrated 74 years of marriage. After initially residing in Durand, Michigan, since 1949, they moved to Kalkaska in 1988.

Rolland had a deep appreciation for the outdoors, particularly enjoying hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. He was fond of listening to country music, watching NASCAR, the Detroit Tigers, engaging in people-watching, and playing cards, especially euchre. He held a special affection for animals, and he even contemplated studying animal husbandry at Michigan State University.

Above all, Rolland cherished his family. He is survived by his beloved wife Doris; his children: Darrell (Kathie) Sturgis of Spring Lake, North Carolina, and Cheryl (Mike) Downey of Charlevoix; his grandchildren: Melissa (Lance) Quinlan of Grant, Jennifer Downey (Jesua Ramirez Mejia) of Monterrey,

Mexico, and Adam (Jennifer) Callis of Cary, North Carolina; along with three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Robert Sturgis of Lennon, Michigan, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Betty Henry, his grandparents, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In honor of Rolland's memory, memorial contributions may be made to [wwiimemorialfriends.org](http://wwiimemorialfriends.org). Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at Kalkaska Funeral Home. The funeral service will commence at 11:00 AM at Kalkaska Funeral Home, officiated by Pastor Rich VanBeek. Following the service, burial will take place at Excelsior Township Cemetery. The arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Excelsior Township Cemetery

1225 CR 571  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S. Cedar  
Kalkaska, MI 49646  
(231) 258-3346

## Funeral Service

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a wonderful man. Loved his smile and conversation. Thoughts and prayers to Doris and family. 🙏*

**Cindy Shipp** - September 04, 2023 at 09:39 PM

BS

“ *Dear Aunt Doris, Cheryl, Darrell and the family, I am saddened to hear uncle Ronnie has passed away. I always admired his tenacity, his energy and commitment to stand for what he believed in. I know I haven't seen you in many years. Regardless, you are my family, I love and miss you very much. The memories are yours to treasure forever. All my love, Brian Sleeper”*

**Brian Sleeper** - August 29, 2023 at 06:36 PM

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“ *Doris and family ~ I was so sad to hear of Rolland's passing. I had just seen him a few weeks ago, smiling and laughing like he always does. Such a sweet man - truly a privilege to know him. Lifting you all up in prayer. ~ Jan P*

**Janice L Pickford** - August 29, 2023 at 02:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rolland J. Sturgis.*



August 27, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rolland J. Sturgis.



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“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Rolland J. Sturgis.



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August 25, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Rolland J. Sturgis.



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August 25, 2023 at 06:36 PM