



Ralph J. Markel

January 17, 1939 - November 14, 2018

LEXINGTON- Ralph J. Markel, age 79, a resident of Lexington and formerly of Fremont Township, passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at his home.

He was born on January 17, 1939 in Munger, Michigan, a son of the late Ralph J. and Delia (DuRussel) Markel. Ralph married Patricia L. Schafsnitz on August 2, 1958 in Reese, Michigan.

Ralph owned and operated his family farm, Markel Farms, in Fremont Township for many years. He was a member of the former St. Patricks Catholic Church in Croswell and was currently a member of the St. Denis Catholic Church in Lexington.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Patricia Markel of Lexington, eight children, Kelly Markel of Croswell, Holly Sanchez of Port Huron, Jamey Campbell of Croswell, Tracy (Al) Matthews of Lexington, Wendy (Bryon) Peters of Goodells, Ralph (Marena) Markel ,III, of Watertown, Scott Markel of Casco Twp., and Weaver (Nicole) Markel of Sandusky. 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren; one sister , Emma (Frank) Findlay of Reese

Ralph was preceded in death by two brothers, John Markel and Charles Markel and four sisters Ruth Clase, Alice Weiss, Bernice Perry and Julia Reder.

Visitation will be held from 1-7 P.M. on Sunday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Lexington. Rosary Devotions will be held at 4 P.M. on Sunday afternoon at

the funeral home. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 A.M. on Monday at the Ave Maria Parish-St. Denis Catholic Church in Lexington, with visiting at the church from 10-11 A.M. Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock will officiate. Inurnment will be in the Mt. Hope Catholic Cemetery in Croswell.

Pallbearers will be his three sons, Ralph, Scott and Weaver Markel and three grandsons, Nicholas Drummond, Jose Sanchez and Alex Matthews.

Memorials in memory of Ralph may be made to the American Heart Association or the Kidney Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **18**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington
5635 Main St.
Lexington, MI 48450
(810) 359-7700
pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://pomeroyfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Denis Catholic Church
5366 Main St.
Lexington, MI 48450
(810) 359-5400
<http://www.avemariaparishmi.com>

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *The family of Sherman & Charlotte Histed send our sincere sympathy. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sherman Charlotte Histed - November 25, 2018 at 08:14 PM

RW

“ *Dear Markel family,
I am sorry to hear of Ralph's passing, and pray for your comfort and peace during this difficult time. He and your family are part of many good memories, and impacted lives in our St. Patrick church and Croswell communities in many good ways. May his legacy live on through each of you, and fond memories of him bring you comfort and peace today and always.*

*Love,
Bob West and family*

Robert West - November 19, 2018 at 09:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph J. Markel.*



November 18, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ralph J. Markel.*



November 17, 2018 at 09:16 PM



“ *To all the Markel family, so sorry for the loss of your father. May God's comforting arms be around all of you at this time. Tom & Ruth Walls*

Tom & Ruth Walls - November 17, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ *Donald Campbell family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ralph J. Markel.*



Donald Campbell family - November 17, 2018 at 04:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph J. Markel.*



November 16, 2018 at 02:29 PM

FE

“ *My sympathy and prayers to the Markel Family in the loss of their loved one, Ralph. I pray and say as we have been doing now for centuries now: "Eternal rest give to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on him forever. May he rest in peace!. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

Sincerely,

*Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock, RC-Priest & Sacramental Priest of Ave Maria/St. Denis Church
Peachtree Estates, 5778 Main St., #1, Lexington, MI 48450*

Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock - November 16, 2018 at 09:59 AM

SW

“ *Holly, Al, and families, so sorry to hear the loss of your father, father-in-law. It is always sad to say goodbye even when we know it is only for awhile until we are reunited in Heaven. I know you all have wonderful memories to warm your heart and hope these will comfort you through this time. My prayers and love are with you.*

Susan Wallace

Susan Wallace - November 16, 2018 at 08:25 AM

SC

“ *My prayers and condolences go out to the family and friends during this time of loss.*

Stephen Coffelt - November 15, 2018 at 02:12 PM

CW

“ Sending prayers for comfort and peace to the family. There are countless memories of the family, sitting up front at Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church & years of stewardship, service from Pat & Ralph. May Ralph’s faith bring comfort, knowing that he, as a faithful servant, has made in Home. ❤️
Our deepest sympathies.

Colleen West-Schultz - November 15, 2018 at 01:03 PM

PR

“ My condolences to the entire family during this difficult time.

I would like to share a memory of Mr. Markel, My best memory was from when I was in high school. It was the winter of our senior year and Tracy, myself and a few others had decided to attend MSU, despite the fact that most of us had never visited the campus before. So on a very cold, snow day, Mr. Markel loaded us all up for a day trip visit. The weather continued to get worse so that by the time we reached campus, it was snowing hard, the wind was blowing, and you could hardly see. But despite that he walked the entire campus with us (crossing it several times) until he got each one of us in to see a counselor to discuss our academic plans for the next year--all without an appointment! I still marvel at his quiet strength and determination that day. He will never be forgotten.

*Love,
Paula (Francis) Robinson*

Paula L Robinson - November 15, 2018 at 12:38 PM

 Verna Meharg

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers to the family

Verna Meharg - November 15, 2018 at 11:27 AM