

Leland Warschefsky, age 94, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

Leland was born on the family farm in Palms on August 26, 1923, to the late Albert and Amelia (Kaufman) Warschefsky. He married Joyce Ann Rumble on September 1, 1949 in Carsonville, MI.

Leland is survived by his wife, Joyce, the love of his life for the past 68 years; sons Tom (Barb) Warschefsky of Williamston, MI and Jim (Barb) Warschefsky of Stanton, MI; two daughters Linda (Ken) Linenger of Clarkston, MI and Mary (Mike) Frey of Caledonia, MI. His thirteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren brought great joy to his life. Kristina, Jenny (Kyle), Jordan, Brooklyn, Charlie; Dan(Megan); Katie (Richard); Tom (Angela), Liam; Emily (Jason); Jennie (JP), Brynn, Mason; Carrie (Dan), Sydney, Luke; Kendra (Jake), Nora, Connor; Kyle (April), Darrin, Adalynn; Christine, Elizabeth and James; one sister, Marion Nelson of Rochester Hills, MI.

Leland was preceded in death by his step-father Edward Warczinski, brother Willard and grandson T.J. Warschefsky.

He graduated from Deckerville High School in 1939. Lee attended Pt. Huron Junior College prior to graduating from Michigan State Agricultural College in 1950. He received his Master's Degree from MSU in 1955 and taught vocational agriculture in Owendale and Ithaca. Lee then joined MSU Cooperatvie Extension Service where he served the tri-county farming community for the next 30 years. Lee also was involved in Lions Club, Michigan Cattlemen's Association, Michigan Corn Growers and various other community organizations.

He and Joyce were active members of Our Savior Lutheran Church and enjoyed traveling with friends to various other destinations throughout the world. Lee loved to spend to time hunting and playing Stosh at the family cabin, enjoyed their cottage in Harbor Beach, and was a great Bocce player when they spent winters in Estero, Florida.

Lee's folksy humor and sonorous voice made him a joy to be around. He often borrowed Tom Bodet's famous line from the Motel 6 ads reminding all of his visiting kids "We'll leave the light on for you." We know that where he is now, he's still saying "We'll leave the light on for you." A life well lived, Daddy.

Services will be held Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 11:30 am at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Friends may call at the funeral home from 9:30 until the service time at 11:30. A private burial service will be in Washington Cemetery in Carsonville.

Memorials may be offered to Huron Co. Jr. Livestock, Bad Axe Lions or Our Savior Lutheran Church.