



# Leona Delphene Chapin

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## **Leona Delphene Chapin**

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**L**eona Delphene (Kempton) Chapin, 87, of Remus, passed away on Friday, October 12, 2018. Leona was born February 19, 1931, in Tustin, Michigan to Harold David Kempton and Gladys Elva (Smith) Kempton. In the spring of 1932, they moved to the family farm in Sylvester, Michigan. Leona graduated valedictorian from Lakeview High School in 1949. On January 1, 1950 she married the love of her life, Joel Calvin Chapin. They settled on Joel's family farm near Remus and Leona continued working at the Bank of Lakeview until starting her family. She then spent many years as a hard-working partner on the farm-milking cows, feeding calves, helping in the fields, and keeping the books. Leona and Joel were faithful and active members of Halls Corners United Methodist Church, and, later, charter members of New Hope United Methodist Church. She served many years as pianist, Sunday School teacher, lay leader, United Methodist Women's leader and other leadership roles too numerous to mention. Other activities included county and state Farm Bureau positions, 4-H leadership, the Community Mental Health Board and volunteering for Hospice. Leona was also a talented seamstress who made all of her children's clothes for many years, later becoming an accomplished quilter. She was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Joel, in March of 1988. She married C.G. Chapin in 1993 and they spent many happy years traveling, wintering in Florida, and spending time with family. They continued to live at the farm and enjoyed driving around in their Kawasaki Mule looking for wildlife and watching the farm activities. C.G. also preceded her in death in August of 2014. Also preceding her in death were brother, Lewis Kempton, daughter, Sally Jo, granddaughter Beth Geelhoed, and son-in-law, Donald Kohl. Leona will forever be remembered for her humble spirit, her generous heart, her unique laugh and genuine smile. Surviving Leona are: Son, Douglas (Cheri) Chapin, daughters Deborah (Bruce) Geelhoed, Janet (Lyle) Ball, Charlene Kohl (Ron Ranshaw), Susan (Gary) Cone, Joellen (James)



## Obituary

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Anderson, Sandra (Brian) Hatchew. Grandchildren: Marc Geelhoed, Steven Geelhoed, Joel (Pam) Ball, Jerry (Tammy) Ball, John (Brooke) Ball, Jenn (Andy) Marfio, Rachel Kohl (Jim Elie), Ryan (Jill) Kohl, Shawn (Shannon) Cone, Jason (Carolynn) Cone, Elizabeth (Jeff) Kauffman, Ben (Alicia) Chapin, Sam (Micah) Chapin, Will Chapin, Zachary (Kacey) Anderson, Taylor (Emily) Anderson, Eli Anderson, Abram Anderson, Amanda (Brandon) Goodfellow, Zane Carey. Also, 34 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren, and sister Leora Flynn, sister Juanita (David) Lewis, and brother Arnold (Isabel) Kempton. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, October 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 6:00 to 8:00. Her funeral will be held Wednesday, October 17 at 11:00, followed by interment at Lakeview Cemetery. A luncheon will follow, with all held at New Hope United Methodist Church, 7296 9 Mile Road, Mecosta. Pastor Greg Buchner and Pastor Lyle Ball will be officiating. Memorial donations may be made to New Hope United Methodist Church.

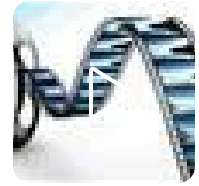


## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** shared a **Video**.



August 31 at 2:25 PM



**Irene Chapin Wise** posted:

Irene Chapin Wise lit a candle wish I could be there with all of you. I love you.

October 16 at 8:00 PM



**Donald Fenrich** posted:

Donald Fenrich purchased flowers

October 15 at 8:00 PM



**Bob And Jean Krieger** posted:

Bob and Jean Krieger posted a condolenceWhat a precious lady who taught us how to love life no matter what!The girls said she will live on every time they cook from her recipe book which continues to be their favorite. Our prayers are with you!

October 15 at 8:00 PM



**David And Barbara Holmes** posted:

David and Barbara Holmes posted a condolenceOur condolences to Doug and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

October 14 at 8:00 PM



**Frank & Edie Sharp** posted:

Frank & Edie Sharp posted a condolenceDoug So sorry for your loss

October 14 at 8:00 PM



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KK

**Karmen Kortez** posted:

Karmen Kortez purchased flowers

October 14 at 8:00 PM

SW

**Steve Wheeler** posted:

Steve Wheeler posted a condolenceMy regret is that my professional life took me to other parts of the world. I wish I could have spent more time with my Michigan family. I know Leona would have been part of that experience. Prayers for the entire family.

October 14 at 8:00 PM

DA

**Douglas Anderson** posted:

Douglas Anderson purchased flowers

October 14 at 8:00 PM

AS

**Abby Sackett** posted:

Abby Sackett purchased flowers

October 14 at 8:00 PM

LO

**Lori** posted:

Lori lit a candle

October 14 at 8:00 PM

DC

**Diane Philion-Cooper** posted:

Diane Philion-Cooper posted a condolenceSo, so sorry for your loss. Janet and Lyle my prayers and thoughts are with you. She lived a full and rewarding life. Rejoice in her new home. Hugs coming your way.

October 14 at 8:00 PM



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DB

**Danna Lucas (Baumann)** posted:

Danna Lucas (Baumann) posted a condolence I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories of Leona and family. Such a sweet lady that taught me in 4H from sewing to knitting which I'll always be grateful. I had rode the bus with her children and was good childhood friends with Joellen. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

October 13 at 8:00 PM

GH

**Gary And Mary Holmes** posted:

Gary and Mary Holmes lit a candle God has her wrapped tight in His arms. RIP.

October 13 at 8:00 PM

EI

**Eric & Lynne Ingraham** posted:

Eric & Lynne Ingraham posted a condolence Are Prayers are with you all GOD Bless.

October 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

The family of Leona Delphene Chapin uploaded a photo

October 13 at 8:00 PM

JZ

**Jonathan Zieman** posted:

Jonathan Zieman purchased flowers

October 13 at 8:00 PM

CH

**Charlene** posted:

Charlene lit a candle It's a beautiful world. Happy faces and no fighting. Love all of you so very much.

October 12 at 8:00 PM



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Leona by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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