



Archie Leroy Freeland

February 22, 1930 - November 2, 2025

Archie Leroy Freeland, age 95, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away peacefully on November 2, 2025, with loved ones by his side. He was born on February 22, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan, to Arthur and Dorothy (Conley) Freeland.

Archie married the love of his life, Ruby Jean, in January of 1949, and the two were inseparable for 64 wonderful years until her passing in 2013.

In 1978, Archie and Ruby moved to Sugar Island, joining his parents, Arthur and Georgia Freeland, in operating Freeland's Full View Resort. There, they created countless memories and formed many lifelong friendships that became like family.

Archie loved life on Sugar Island. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, feeding the hummingbirds, and taking care of his property, often seen cutting both his and his neighbor's grass, or happily spending hours on his tractor blowing snow or mulching leaves. Above all, he treasured sharing daily coffee and conversation with his closest friends.

Archie is survived by his daughter, Carol (Pat) Topij; grandchildren, John Henry (Lattieca) Hafendorfer, Cheryn (Rodney) Sanford, and Michael (Barb) Hafendorfer; great-grandchildren, Quintin Hafendorfer, Trevor Hafendorfer,

Riley Hafendorfer, Caree Hough, Jordan Sanford, Elizabeth Hafendorfer, and Jacob Hafendorfer; and great-great grandsons, Ryan Hough and Brayden Hough.

Archie will be laid to rest with his beloved wife, Ruby, at Watertown Cemetery in Fostoria, Michigan.

A Celebration of Archie's wonderful long life will be held in the spring of 2026.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *This is a message for Cheryn Sanford: this is one of the ladies who walked with you into Petosky hospital Saturday morning through the emergency room. We had a pleasant conversation about your grandfather. I wish to express condolences on his death. His obituary painted a picture of an amazing man who lived a good life. He will be missed. Janet Hess*

Janet Hess - November 07, 2025 at 08:35 PM

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*Thank you so much Janet, it was so thoughtful of you to send this message. I hope your husband is home and all worked out well for you guys. Take Care,
~Cheryn Sanford*

Cheryn Sanford - November 12, 2025 at 01:20 PM