



Wayne Andrew Shooltz

December 29, 1938 - April 1, 2026

Wayne Andrew Shooltz, age 87, of Paradise, Michigan, died on April 1, 2026, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 29, 1938, in Lansing, Michigan, to Alwin Francis and Ruby Mae (Aldridge) Shooltz.

Wayne was raised in Lansing, where he spent his early years and formed the foundation of the life he would go on to build. It was there that he met the love of his life, Marilyn “Merl” Monk. Following Wayne’s honorable discharge from the military, the two were united in marriage in February of 1960. Together, they shared a lifetime of love and partnership, raising three daughters and creating a home filled with care, laughter, and lasting memories.

After many visits to the Upper Peninsula, Wayne and his family fell in love with the natural beauty and peacefulness of Paradise. In the 1990s, they made the decision to make it their permanent home, where Wayne would spend many happy years enjoying the outdoors and the quiet life he cherished.

Wayne found great joy in the simple pleasures of life. He loved fishing and hunting, spending time on the trails, and taking pride in keeping his lawn just right. He especially enjoyed sharing meals of venison with friends and family. Above all, Wayne treasured the time he spent with his loved ones, particularly his granddaughter Emma, with whom he shared many special moments.

Wayne will be remembered for his love of family, his appreciation for nature, and the steady, kind presence he brought to those around him.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughters, Deborah Brown, and Patricia Schutt; grandchildren, Jessica (Erin) Thorton, Dustin Schutt, Claire Kearns, and Emma (Kevin) Nichols; great-grandchild, Annabella Thorton; and brother, LaVern Shooltz.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sharon Shooltz; parents, Alwin and Ruby; sisters; June Madden and Elaine Wallace; and brothers, William Shooltz and Douglas Shooltz.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Wayne's final resting place will be at Our Lady of Victory Cemetery in Paradise, Michigan.

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

Obituary as submitted by family.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Victory Cemetery

Paradise, MI 49768

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will remember Wayne as a gentle soul and a all around good guy. He taught me the fine art of cooking Whitefish at the legion "When it floats it's done" My heart goes out to Sis and his daughters. I have always thought of Wayne as family, rest in peace my friend.

Truman Mc Lean - April 13 at 02:00 PM

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“ Wayne and Marilyn became our family when we moved to Lansing and lived across the street from them. We shared many fish dinners with them, played lots of cards, and shared many many laughs together. I remember Wayne taking our oldest son when he was young to the store most nights in his “fruck” to get milk. He was Wayne’s buddy! We have so many fond memories of Wayne and his family. Our deepest sympathy to Marilyn and family.

Sharon and Bruce Baulch - April 09 at 05:05 PM