



## Ernest Louis Sheldon

December 5, 1921 - January 26, 2016

Ernest Louis Sheldon

Ernie, Louis, Rusty, The Major, and Dad

Rusty, a faithful, protective, and loving husband of Ruth Sheldon for 73 years, will be missed greatly. The love they have for each other was evident and the Christian Tenets they lived by will be the legacy for their children, grand-children and great-grandchildren. He was a great man.

Rusty Sheldon, born on December 5, 1921, went to his heavenly home to be with His Savior and Lord on January 26, 2016 at the age of 94. He will be greeted there by his precious grandchildren; Andrew, John, and Rachel Sheldon and also Jack Thomas, his parents, brothers, Jack and Dick, and sister Melba. His family, who has surrounded Dad/Grandpa with prayers of comfort and peace, now await a joyous reunion in heaven. Remembering The Major with great love and appreciation are his children, David A.(Sue) Sheldon, Carol A. Sheldon, Dr. Mark E. (Patricia) Sheldon, Rev. Barry (Kathy) Sheldon, Gregory (Terri) Sheldon, and Timothy (Janet) Sheldon. Papa, a wonderful, loving and fun grandfather, will be remembered by his grandchildren: Stephanie (Sean), Ryan (Michelle), Philip (Mikan), Jeremy (Jenny), Carie (Ben), Andrea (Aaron), Sarah, Kristin (David), Melissa (Keith), Lesley (Matt), Peter (Rachel), Paul (Heather), Erik, Evan, Kyle (Corrine), Lauren (Craig), Kerrin (Elaine), and Nolan (Alexis). The great-grandchildren: Leah, Libby, Hannah, Abby, Zach, Noah, Josie, Connor, Jaiden, Julian, Trinity, Teagan, Fiona, Dylan, Avery, Drew, Maggie, Ryan, Sophia, Stella, Mark, Paige, Jake, Henry, Samuel, Emeline, Peter, and Timothy, will continue to enjoy the many stories and lessons from their great-grandfather.

Ernest Louis was born in Johnstown, PA. to John and Melba Sheldon, the oldest of 9 children. He joined the Army at the age of 18 and began his career in the Army Air Force. After meeting at the USO in Columbus, Indiana, Rusty was determined to see Ruth again. He did, and they were married July 18, 1943. Many letters passed between them while Rusty served in the 36th division, 141st infantry division from Texas with artillery and reconnaissance expertise. He participated and, by God's grace, survived very difficult battles: which include the Rapido River crossing in Anzio, Monte Casino, and the lost battalion battle. he came home to his pretty wife, Ruthie and had a blessed life. He

decided to become a Lutheran, for most of his career. Mr. Sheldon enjoyed his job and service to the Christian church and schools. And after work, Dad would find the time to line his six kids up to keep them in line. Mom was thankful for this, Dad and Mom taught their children life lessons, often by example. R and R were a championship team. The integrity, faithfulness, trust, and love from them both were evident and all of his children appreciate the strong foundation we have been given. We all look to the future when we will be reunited through faith in Christ.

Friends may visit at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3 blks. E. of Van Dyke) Utica on Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral service Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke, Utica where he will lie in state from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. time of service. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park East. Memorials suggested to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Lexington. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Eden Memorial Park - East

19810 26 Mile Rd  
Macomb Township, MI 48042-1204

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **29**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Services

JAN **30**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
45160 Van Dyke  
Utica, MI 48317

## Burial

JAN **30**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ RIP Mr. Sheldon ☩

*I never knew you or your family but our link is we both served in the legendary 36th infantry division during different eras. Thank you for your military service to our Great nation the USA 🇺🇸. My condolences to the family of Mr. Sheldon for your loss.*

*RIP Soldier !*

*Joe DeHoyos*

*Carlsbad/Sanatorium, Texas 🇺🇸 ☩ 🏛️ 🇺🇸*

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**Joe DeHoyos** - July 10, 2020 at 03:11 AM

SG

“ Dear Pastor Sheldon and Kathy -

*I am deeply empathetic for the loss of your dear father, Rusty. We can take comfort in the assurance that your loved one is reaping the rewards of his earthly sojourn with our Gracious, Loving Heavenly Father and all of our dear loved ones who have passed on . . . .May our Loving Saviour Bless you always and keep you in His care. My deep gratitude for all you have done for my Dear Mother and family.*

*In Christ, Susan Ila Gordon*

*Ila Gordon. . . .*

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**Susan Ila Gordon** - February 01, 2016 at 02:11 PM

JD

“ We were a family of four girls, and each of us have wonderful memories of Mr. Sheldon (I can't call him anything else, either!) We were "the Recknagel Girls." Nancy was the oldest, then Susan, Karen and me, Joann. He was a wonderful teacher!! He taught all the basics, plus different subjects each year. I remember very well when he taught Karen's class some judo (well, all the martial arts were called judo back then)--and she came home and practiced on me--flipped me right into the sofa! I was sorry he didn't teach my class judo, but there were so many other wonderful things to learn from him. I'm sure he will be missed by all who knew him.

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**Joann (Recknagel) Derbyshire** - January 30, 2016 at 02:57 PM

KP

“ *Uncle Rusty was my sponsor for baptism. As one of the younger 'Steiner 7' I have many childhood memories of time spent with the Sheldon kids in Detroit. Uncle Rusty was always a kind, loving person in my mind. After our family moved we lost touch over the years. But my thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.*

*Kris (Steiner) Possehl*

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**Kristin Possehl** - January 29, 2016 at 08:23 PM

“ Tributes from Ernest (Rusty) Sheldon's 1954 Class at Bethany Lutheran Church:

*Judy (Schewe) Roberts: He was my favorite teacher. I can remember so many of the things he taught us. Do any of you remember the classroom baseball game we played? Was it for spelling?*

*Lois (Schiller) Moots: How much we girls loved and respected him! Yes, it was a spelling baseball game we enjoyed. I can't quite imagine 8th graders getting into it today, however. Jerry and I will be at the viewing and/or the funeral.*

*Richard Knee: I remember him very well. Our prayers for family and friends. He made a great impact on the world as a teacher. RIP Rusty and God Bless!*

*Art Arduin: He was a good man and an excellent role model!*

*Dick Rhode: Our prayers go out to the Sheldon family. Rusty was an exceptional role model and one that lead me to a career as a teacher.*

*Carol (Schultz) Edmunds: I remember how impressed my mother was when my brother was being bullied and Mr Sheldon worked with him after school to teach him to box. I think the caring contact with this wonderful man was as valuable as whatever techniques of self-defense he learned.*

*Dan Kunert: As a retired teacher and principal, at both the elementary and secondary school level, Mr Sheldon (I'm sorry but I was never able to call him by any other name!) was a powerful and positive influence in my life. I thank my Lord that he was there to play such a role in our lives. And I still remember him coming to be with us in church when our class (the class of 1954 and, I believe, the only class that ever had him for two straight years at Bethany) celebrated in 2004 the 50th anniversary of our graduation from Bethany. He remembered all of us.....by name!*

*Linda (Maschhoff) Clark: I read his obit in the Detroit Free Press this AM. Hard to believe he was 94, but then I can't believe that I'm 75! He was a great teacher and all the girls were infatuated with him. Blessings to all of the family. I plan to go to the funeral.*

PS

“ So many fond memories of both Ruth and Rusty. Rusty was my first principal...we became friends and family during my years at Bethany. God grant his family, especially Ruth peace as Rusty joins his Lord and Savior!  
Priscilla (Knight) Sayles  
Rapid City, SD

Priscilla (Knight) Sayles - January 28, 2016 at 07:09 PM

RS

“ I will always remember my wonderful, talented, brother Rusty who was my hero when I was growing up and remained so all my life. He contributed so much to make this world a better place to live. He will always remain "my hero"! Love from  
Brother Bob Sheldon & wife, Patricia, from Bordentown, NJ.

robert sheldon - January 28, 2016 at 02:16 PM

PF

“ Paul and the Atlantis Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Ernest Louis Sheldon .



Paul and the Atlantis Family - January 28, 2016 at 02:06 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest Louis Sheldon .



January 28, 2016 at 01:08 PM

GZ

“ Tim and Family,  
On behalf of the Brasil Team, we would like to extend our deepest sympathies to all of you. I am sure he was a great person that will be cherished by all of you in wonderful memories. `

‘Nossos mais sinceros sentimentos pela perda de um ente tão querido e amado’  
Abraços,

Gil Zanchi - January 28, 2016 at 11:50 AM

TT

“ *The CALA Regional Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ernest Louis Sheldon .*



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**The CALA Regional Team** - January 28, 2016 at 10:31 AM

BB

“ *Brothers and sisters David,Don Bob,Nancy,Carol,Sharon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ernest Louis Sheldon .*



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**Brothers and sisters David,Don Bob,Nancy,Carol,Sharon** - January 28, 2016 at 08:44 AM

JF

“ *Joe & Ella (Fry) Kuehner, and Rick Fry & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ernest Louis Sheldon .*



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**Joe & Ella (Fry) Kuehner, and Rick Fry & Family** - January 27, 2016 at 08:51 PM