



## Merle Henry Loch

April 29, 1934 - November 18, 2025

Loch, Merle H.

Was welcomed by his Lord & Savior into Heaven on November 18, 2025, at the age of 91 years old.

Merle was the beloved husband of Janet Loch for over 70 years. He was also the loving father of three (3) sons, Thomas (Glenna), Robert (Patricia), and Jeffrey (Carol). In addition, he was the proud grandfather (aka, "Pop Pop") to Dane and Kayla Loch as well as Jarrod, Jordan, Jason, Justin, and Jonah Loch. He was preceded into heaven by his parents, Reverend Howard F., and Esther (King) Loch, as well as his older brother Charles, and younger sisters, Iona, and Carolyn. Merle was also the cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews, who each grew up learning a variety of card games from "Uncle Merle."

Merle was known for his vibrant spirit and positive soul and was truly the life of the party at most every family gathering. He was musically gifted and was often the soloist in various church choirs - which he was a member for seventy of his 91 years. Merle was also a gifted musician - playing the piano, trumpet, in addition to his singing talents. Merle's singing began as a member of the Four Tenors, while attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) State Teachers College, where he met and married Janet. He was also a proud member of the TKE fraternity.

After completing his undergraduate degree, Merle honorably served as a Captain/Sharpshooter in the United States Army. In addition, he earned his Master of Education (MEd) degree at the University of Michigan, while pursuing his professional career in Education. Merle went on to devote many years to Warren Consolidated Schools (WCS), ultimately serving as the Principal of Warren High School, as well as Sterling Heights High School, prior to his retirement.

Merle's commitment to service extended well beyond his various leadership roles with WCS. Merle was active in the local community as longtime Rotarian and served as its Paul Harris Fellow District Governor for two years. After completing this role, Merle was a regular "Guest Speaker" to various Rotary organizations across southeastern Michigan. Merle also maintained "perfect attendance" with his Rotary commitment -- for over 35 years!

Visitation will take place on Sunday, November 23, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 Blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica with a memorial service to take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions are appreciated to the Wounded Warrior Project or the Alzheimer's Association. Please share a memory at [SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall

EV

“ For many years and Merle and I were friends as assistant principals at Sterling Height High School. He was promoted and went to Warren High School . We remained friends and I want him and Jan living on my street when Alice Faye and I get to Heaven. He was a very wide smiling intelligent, soft-spoken and friendly man and in some manner people who knew him felt better when he was around. His illness and death broke my heart and coated my cheeks with tears. I send my prayers and condolences to his family members and a hug and a kiss on the cheek to Jan. Love, Eddie Varney

Eddie Varney - November 24, 2025 at 03:02 PM

SH

“ For many years we camped near the Lochs beach front high rise condo where we were invited to many meals, party get-togethers, and euchre games as well as working puzzles, and just a tremendous fun □ and laughter! Merle was one of Dick’s best choir buddies for 20 + years. He gladly consented to join as baritone in the quartet Dick formed, “The Good News Notes“ the last 6 or 8 years of Dick’s life. We had such wonderful times together!

Sylvia Holmes - November 23, 2025 at 09:52 AM

R!

“ Ron & Liz ! purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Merle Henry Loch.



Ron & Liz ! - November 22, 2025 at 06:52 PM

FM

“ Merle was a man for all seasons. He was an amazing Rotarian that never missed a meeting for sixty years. Merle was always willing to chair meetings, do backup master of ceremony work if asked and was never looking for any sort of special recognition for doing the right thing. I never heard Merle speak evil about anyone. Merle and his wife Jan were an outstanding and creative couple in so many wonderful ways. The world will truly miss this giant of a warrior. Thank you Merle for being a true friend and mentor to me and to so many others. May the Good Lord place you at the head of the giant campfire in the sky.

*frank mallon  
novi rotary*

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**frank mallon** - November 22, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Merle Henry Loch.



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November 22, 2025 at 08:46 AM

RS

“ R&B&T Siegel H&B Vaughan A&L Sutton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merle Henry Loch.

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**R&B&T Siegel H&B Vaughan A&L Sutton** - November 22, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Merle Henry Loch.



November 21, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ KC Georgia Pacific Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merle Henry Loch.

KC Georgia Pacific Family - November 21, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ Janet S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merle Henry Loch.

Janet S. - November 21, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ What a great couple. Have great memories with them in Panama City Beach. Condolences to the family.

Georgia Cutler - November 21, 2025 at 10:10 AM



He was a wonderful man and a great administrator. He will be remembered forever!! Decided to contribute to his two mission  
Kathy Hefley

Kathy Hefley - November 22, 2025 at 06:31 PM

VD

“ *The Lochs were like an extension of my family. Together with my parents we spent many years making beautiful memories with them. In later years that included the friendship continuing to Panama City Beach Fla. and beyond. My mother even worked with Merle at Sterling. As I write this there are so many memories going through my head, too many to list. My heart goes out to my extended family and may Merle sing with the angels as he did at my wedding many years ago ! Thanks for all memories and love* ❤️🙏❤️

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**Vicki Dorff-Payne** - November 21, 2025 at 08:08 AM

MK

“ *Our condolences to Jan and the famikt. Great memorie# of the fun times at Edgewater Beach Resort.* ❤️🙏🙏🙏  
*Margo & Jim Knott*

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**Margo Knott** - November 21, 2025 at 07:21 AM

JW

“ *Rest In Peace fellow Stallion!*

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**John Willette** - November 20, 2025 at 10:25 PM

SC

“ *I was a teacher at SHHS when Merle was an assistant principal. I absolutely loved him! Best memories ever!*

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**Suzanne Cassidy** - November 20, 2025 at 06:36 PM

MC

“ We were fortunate to have The Loch’s as our next door neighbors from 1965-1990 — Great Family and Friends ... Playing basketball with Mr Loch and the boys, going on Safari bike rides during the Summer, with Mr Loch as our Guide — Swimming in the pools and they always returned our various types of balls hit in the yard —My Mom and the Caldwell boys sends prayers to Janet and the boys — Mark ❤️ 100

Mark Caldwell - November 20, 2025 at 05:19 PM

MW

“ Merle & Janet have always been so very dear to my heart!! They helped me to get my dad situated in an Alzheimer’s room back in 1989. They were great family friends as I was growing up. Love them both! Mary Hanover Walters

Mary Walters - November 20, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ He was such a great Principal. Even when he yelled at me for smoking cigarettes, I couldn’t be mad at him. He always had a smile for me regardless. RIP sir.... 🙏🥹

Laurie Koester - November 20, 2025 at 01:32 PM

JC

“ my favorite high school principal that I worked with in Warren Consolidated

jeff Cutter - November 20, 2025 at 01:29 PM

TC

“ *The Cook Family, Dave, Tom, and Chrissy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Merle Henry Loch.*



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**The Cook Family, Dave, Tom, and Chrissy** - November 20, 2025 at 12:52 PM

TC

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**The Cook Family, Dave, Tom, and Chrissy** - November 20, 2025 at 12:52 PM