



## Lorne Ruesink

May 12, 1948 - January 17, 2011

TIPTON – Lorne L. Ruesink, 62, of Tipton, passed away unexpectedly at his home Monday, January 17, 2011.

Lorne was born May 12, 1948 in Adrian, the son of Lewis and Erma (Gust) Ruesink. He graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1966. In 1970, he received a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry from Michigan State University.

As a dairy farmer, Lorne was actively involved in many organizations including the Red & White Dairy Cattle Association (RWDCA), Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and the Lenawee County Holstein Association. He was a genetic specialist, and enjoyed working with the neighboring farms.

Lorne was a member of the West Adrian United Church of Christ. In his younger years, he played church league soft ball and city league for the Cutler Dickerson's team, bowled with the farmer's league, and was a legend in the potato barn basketball league. He loved spending time at the Ruesink family cabin up north, and talking about cows with anyone who would listen.

Lorne is survived by his daughter, Beverly Ruesink of Tipton; former wife, Mary Ann Ruesink of Battle Creek; brother, William (Cindy) Ruesink of Springfield, IL; two sisters, Janet (Lou) Kolb of Palmetto Bay, FL; and Kay

(Curt) Svare of Fergus Falls, MN; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral service for Lorne will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at the West Adrian United Church of Christ with Rev. John Kottke and Dr. Rev. David Bucholtz officiating. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park. Visitation will be held at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian on Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. You may also send condolences to [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com). Contributions in memory of Lorne may be made to the RWDCA, for a scholarship, or the West Adrian United Church of Christ. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

West Adrian United Church of Christ  
4545 Wof Creek Highway  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lorne Ruesink*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *May god bless in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Randy & Wendy Muck##imported-end##*

February 06, 2011 at 08:42 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear of the death of Lorne. I remeber him so well as such a kind person. I remeber his rides on the tractor when I was younger and of course his softball days at the field at West Adrian. So many wonderful memories of 4=H Club activites, dances, fair activities, roller skating and knowing that we had skills being taught to us that would be life-long. I know that he will be missed by many who had the priveledge of meeting him.*

*God Bless you all and may your tears be light!*

*Ruth Ann##imported-begin##Ruth Ann Fielder-Keys##imported-end##*

January 22, 2011 at 09:27 PM



“ *A good Man and sorry .I remember Tim worked a lot of years for Lorne milking cows and farming. God Speed##imported-begin##Jeanne and Andy Waid##imported-end##*

January 21, 2011 at 03:01 PM



“ Sorry of the passing of my friend, and from my farming days, my Mentor! Jan and I are in California visiting my sister. I will always cherish my memory of the Legend of the potato barn! W###imported-begin###John & Jan Francoeur###imported-end##

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January 21, 2011 at 01:49 PM



“ Although I only knew Loren for a short time, his friendship and memory will be lasting. He had an infectious demure which many knew to belong in a class of its own--"ONE OF A KIND". Loren's visits to the cabin up north was his special treat, much enjoyed with family and friends. His canting nature to lull camp to sleep with humorous stores about his life, and his livelihood, working to continue good gene line in cattle, were most interesting, and brought thunderous laughter to a once silent forest. May he rest in peace among the white cloud pasture in the sky. God Bless, Jerry Gruber###imported-begin###Jerry Gruber###imported-end##

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January 20, 2011 at 05:58 PM



“ Dear Bev, John, Mary-Ann and other family members: The shocking news has reached the other side of the pond.. Just a few weeks ago we were goofing about at the Whelan's, how could this be? Unbelievable. My thoughts are with you all... With a warm, comforting hug, Faye.###imported-begin###Faye VanderHoff###imported-end##

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January 20, 2011 at 04:32 PM



“ Sending prayers to Lorne's family. I remember going to Free Soil with our farm families and being teased by the "older" boys, this included Lorne...also spending hours reading comic books at their home and watching the BB games in the potato barn. Lots of fond memories with the Ruesinks growing up.. Our sympathies, Melissa (Mitchell) and Jack Orr##imported-begin##Melissa Orr##imported-end##

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January 20, 2011 at 02:54 PM



“ Bev, I am so sorry to hear about Lorne's death. We graduated from AHS in '66 and my memories of him are of a young man who was compassionate, treated everyone with respect, and always had a grin on his face. So years later, when I had you as a student, it was clear you carried these same traits, right down to his grin. I won't be able to attend the funeral because I am in Texas, but I will be there with you in spirit. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Olga Vargas##imported-begin##Olga Vargas##imported-end##

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January 20, 2011 at 01:21 PM



“ We had many good times at Charlie's cabin telling wild stories and hunting the tohity point buck. WE will miss you Loren, go and rest in peace.  
Dick Allen##imported-begin##Dick Allen##imported-end##

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January 20, 2011 at 06:41 AM



“ Our condolences and prayers go out to the Ruesink family. Lorne will certainly be missed by his family and friends.##imported-begin##Mike and Linda Zenk##imported-end##

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January 20, 2011 at 06:16 AM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of Lorne. I remember him well from our younger days.##imported-begin##Chris (Rausch) Fox##imported-end##

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January 19, 2011 at 10:00 PM



“ I graduated with Lorne in '70 from MSU. He was a good friend, a person of character and easy-going nature. It's been many years since we've visited, but I will always have fond memories of good times and lots of laughs with Loren. My wife Sharon and I extend our sympathy to you, Beverly, and the rest of the family.##imported-begin##Ken Adema##imported-end##

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January 19, 2011 at 09:04 PM



“ To the Ruesink Family:

*May these days be filled with wonderful memories of Lorne. On behalf of the entire Red & White membership, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this period.*

*Tim Baumgartner, President  
Red & White Dairy Cattle Association##imported-begin##Tim Baumgartner##imported-end##*

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January 19, 2011 at 08:56 PM



“ I knew Lorne thru doing business with him for Northstar Cooperative and we became friends. I will truly miss this cowman. What a Red & White enthusisits! He truly loved the Reds.He did make a differance in that breed.May he be with the Lord forever.##imported-begin##Douglas W. Thompson##imported-end##

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January 19, 2011 at 05:21 PM



“ Beverly, I am so sorry to learn of your dads passing. He was an interesting man who marched to his own drummer. I won't be able to attend services but I'll keep you in my prayers. Son Owen is serving in Kuwait and was fond of him as well, so I'll pass on this sad news. Allison##imported-begin##Allison MacArthur-Ruesink##imported-end##

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January 19, 2011 at 02:59 PM



“ Some of my fondest recollections of Lorne are based around his "cabin" in what was then Katie Warner's (now Centennial) woods. He seemed comfortable and at peace there. We'd talk and laugh till we couldn't stay awake any longer. Life was good then.

*Lorne also taught me how to throw a better than average knuckleball.*

*Cousin Bruce##imported-begin##Bruce and Leilani Ruesink##imported-end##*

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January 19, 2011 at 01:32 PM



“ *Bev (and Mary Ann)*  
*So sorry for your loss.*  
*There's nothing like losing your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Janet Moeller##imported-end##*

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January 18, 2011 at 10:33 PM



“ *I was deeply saddened to read of Lorne's passing. He was a wonderful human being. My sincere condolences to his family and his friends.##imported-begin##Jeff Yielding##imported-end##*

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January 18, 2011 at 10:53 AM