

## Okemos Class of 1945

**Rolland W. Patenge (Bud)**, age 84, of Boyne City, Michigan, formerly of East Lansing, died June 8, 2012 at his home in Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

Bud was born in Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan on April 11, 1928, the son of Walter F. Patenge (1898-1984) and Elvera Dorothea (Raby) (1905-1955) Patenge. He graduated from Michigan State College in 1949. Bud married Mary C. Leyrer of Lansing. They resided in East Lansing until moving to Boyne City after retirement. Bud operated his own dairy farm and served as a Meridian Township fireman before becoming a successful home builder. He later joined his father at Wohlert Corporation from where he retired. Besides being an avid MSU Spartan fan, he and Mary were members of the Airstream Caravan Club. They made many close friends and enjoyed years of travel after retirement.

Bud is survived by 1 daughter, Cheryl & Garry Mapes of Boyne City, two sons: Thomas & Bunny Patenge of Lansing, and James Patenge of Fremont Mi., Grandchildren: Trevor Mapes, Brent and Meghan Patenge, Leah, Chelsea, Andrew and Annaliese Patenge, Joshua and Jacob Lane, a niece, Kristi Kuntz Cupp and 2 nephews, David and Michael Bahls.

He was predeceased by his parents and a sister, Lois Kuntz.

Funeral services will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City on Tuesday June 12th at 2p.m. with Pastor Peter Elliott officiating. Visitation will take place at the Church one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, with visitation prior to burial at Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home, East Lansing, on Thursday, June 14, 2012 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.



### Mary C. Patenge

Boyne City - Mary C. Patenge, age 87, of Boyne City, Michigan, formerly of East Lansing, went to be with her Savior on March 22nd. Mary was born in Lansing, the daughter of Victor and Amelia Leyrer.

In 1954, she married **Rolland (Bud) Patenge** of East Lansing and they resided there until moving to Boyne City after retirement. Mary completed her Bachelor's Degree in Humanities at [Michigan State University](#), while raising her 3 children. She was an avid MSU Spartan fan.

One of Mary's favorite past times was painting. She enjoyed art and tried to witness her faith through her art projects. Mary was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City at the

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OKEMOS, June 2 — The senior class of 39 members was graduated at recent commencement rites with John R. Dethmers, state attorney general, as speaker. Miss Doris Cole gave the salutatory and Miss Dorothy Delamater the valedictory.

Principal Harold Smith announced the following awards: Danford Foundation award for leadership: girl, Lina Tenney; boy, Rolland Patenge. The agricultural award was given to Merlyn Swab and the athletic to Duane Everett. The Michigan branch of the National Home and Garden association gave scholarships to Michigan State college to outstanding 4-H club members, one of which was received by Joyce Stillman. She also received the alumni undergraduate scholarship to Michigan State college. Phyllis Wever received an alternate to one of the alumni scholarships.

Superintendent LeRoy Bell gave diplomas to the following: Norma Amiot, Ben Arend, Doris Cole, Dorothy Delamarter, Duane Everett, Donald Fichter, Norma Fineout, Jean Fogle, Norma Fritz, Margaret Huber, Ivan Hunt, Robert King, Norma Lamb, LeRoy Linn, Bettie Markwart, Lorna McKane, Joan McKinley, Eva Morton, Mary Lou Olin, Maurene Page, Rolland Patenge, Basil Piper, Marilyn Platz, Robert Randall, Darlene Randall, Edward Sawaya, Joy Scott, Merlyn Swab, Lina Tenny Warren, Vietzka, Lorraine Walker, Alice Weber, Phyllis Wever, Joene Willis, Jack Young, Joyce Stillman, Luella Stevens, Florence Pennell, June Root.

time of her death. Bud and Mary were members of WBCCI Airstream Caravan Club for over 50 years. They loved to travel world-wide and made many life-long friends through the club.

Mary is survived by one daughter, Cheryl (Garry) Mapes of Boyne City, 2 sons Thomas (Bunny) Patenge of Lansing, and James (Kris) Patenge of Caledonia, 7 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 2 great granddaughters, 1 sister, 2 brothers-in-law, 1 niece and 2 nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, parents and 1 sister.

Private family services have been held and public memorial service will be announced and held at a later date at Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City.

Internment took place at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lansing.

Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Christ Lutheran Church or Grandvue Medical Care Facility, East Jordan.

The family would like to thank Grandvue for the wonderful, loving care Mary received during her stay there. It truly was home to her.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefunerahomeinc.com](http://www.stonefunerahomeinc.com).

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