



## Clayton S. Ernst

April 10, 1926 - August 10, 2019

Clayton Stanley Ernst, age 93, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 10, 2019. He was born on April 10, 1926 in Saline Township, MI the son of the late George and Viola (Ahrens) Ernst. He graduated from Saline High School class of 1945, then completed an MSU short course in Agricultural Science. Clayton married Ruth Stollsteimer on July 6, 1947 at Ruth's childhood home, where they continued to reside for 72 years. Clayton was a lifelong farmer and worked at the Chrysler Proving Grounds for 21 years. After retiring, he remained active on the family farm. He enjoyed raising sheep and canola. Throughout his farming career, he designed and built many innovative devices used on the farm. He was a member of the National Canola Association, where he lobbied in Washington several times. His hobbies included collecting and restoring Hit and Miss Engines and Steam Tractors. He also enjoyed attending Steam Engine Shows. Clayton was a man of faith and attended St. Thomas Church for many years. Clayton and Ruth have four children, Carol (Ernst) Manny and David (Farrell) of Dexter; Gary and Teri (Boling) of Howell; Alvin and Joan (Ottoman) of Ann Arbor; and Kevin and Amy (Scherdt) of Manchester, 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, with 3 more great-grandchildren expected soon. Much to Clayton's delight, all his family resides locally. Visiting with family was the highlight of his day, as well as calls and visits from friends, neighbors, and meals on wheels volunteers. He was preceded in death in addition to his parents by 2 brothers, Kenneth and Harold, a sister, Wilma (Smith), and 2 grandchildren, Garbiel and Andrew

Manny. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, August 16, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, MI with Pastor Coleman Geraci officiating. Burial will take place in the St. Thomas Church Cemetery. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline from 2:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. and again on Friday at the church from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to St. Thomas Lutheran Church or Meals on Wheels. and envelopes will be available at the church. To sign Clayton's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Thomas Lutheran Cemetery

10001 West Ellsworth Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **15**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
10001 West Ellsworth Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
<http://stthomaslcms.org/>

## Funeral Service

AUG 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
10001 West Ellsworth Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
<http://stthomaslcms.org/>

## Graveside Service

AUG 16. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Lutheran Cemetery  
10001 West Ellsworth Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

## Luncheon

AUG 16. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Clayton S. Ernst

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ With heartfelt sympathy to all of Clayton's families.

*Eugene and Joann Luckhardt*

**Eugene & Joann Luckhardt** - August 25, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ I think Clayton and my mother, Omah Bernard Heller, went to school together. Omah graduated in 1944 and lived on North Ann Arbor Street. I also think one of her best friend was named Viola.

*Stephen Heller*

**Stephen Heller** - August 20, 2019 at 01:28 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Clayton S. Ernst.



August 14, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Clayton S. Ernst.



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August 13, 2019 at 10:35 AM