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Russell M. Burkhart, 88, of LaGrange, formerly Shipshewana, died at 1:00 pm on Sunday, April 15, at Millers Merry Manor- LaGrange. He had been in declining health the past month. He was born on September 15, 1923 in Saline, MI, to Charles R. and Vera F. (Mast) Burkhart. On June 8, 1946 in Manchester he married Maxine Burmeister; she survives. Survivors in addition to his wife are twin daughters, Jean R. (Jeff) Farmwald of Half Moon Bay, CA, Joan K. (Ray) Bontrager of Shipshewana; a son, Mark E. (Denise) Burkhart of Boise, ID; 8 grandchildren, Jacquelynn, Megan, Brandon, Summer, Autumn, Eden, Jada, and Avery; three great-grandchildren, T.J., Izabella and Brooklyn; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Richard R. Burkhart, brother, Charles R. Burkhart. He served 20 years at Saline, MI Community Schools before moving to Shipshewana in 1972 where he worked for Shipshewana Community Schools. He was a WWII Army Veteran, a livestock hauler and taxi driver for the Amish and attended Shipshewana Methodist church. Visitation will be from 2:00 - 4:00 pm and 6:00- 8:00 pm Wednesday April 18, at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 South Main Street Middlebury and from 12:00 -2:00 pm Thursday, April 19, at Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, MI with a funeral service following at 2:00 pm. Services will be conducted by Pastor John Wolf of

Shipshewana Methodist Church. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Saline, MI. Memorials may be given to the American Disabled Veterans or the Arthritis Foundation. Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Russell M. Burkhart*

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“ *Russ was wonderful. He could be gruff and cranky, but in all the years I spent endless hours at the Burkhart house growing up (and I'm sure I was more than a pest), he was always kind and generous. Special thoughts for the entire family--but especially Joan and Jean as this is so close to their birthday. Love and best wishes to Maxine who has been so devoted to Russ.*

*Love,
Maureen*

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“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Russell M. Burkhart.*



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