

## Merl and Diana Elder

Merl and Diana met in 1968 at the Rainbow Grill on a blind date and have been together ever since. They are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year and looking forward to serving as a ROAM couple for many years. Merl served in the Army artillery for 2 years and then worked at several manufacturing jobs while going to school at night to become a master Electrician where he worked at Life Savers Candy Co. For 22 years.



Diana graduated from Grand Rapids Junior College in their LPN nursing program and worked for 10 years in nursing homes. She worked several jobs as their children grew. Diana worked in a Doctor's office many years and then retired to help with the grandchildren. Diana is a Stephan's Minister since 2015 and is currently active in our church's shut-in program.

The Elders joined the Grand Haven Church of the Nazarene in 1980 and have been members since. They have served the Church in many ways, Sunday School Teachers, various boards, the Church Board, Treasurer, Missions, Sunday School Board and many other positions serving our Lord.

Merl and Diana say, "This past year we started with ROAM, what a blessing this has been for us. We can't wait to go again and serve other projects and to meet others who serve and love the Lord as we do."