



## Enoch T. Carlton

April 9, 1973 - November 26, 2022

Enoch Theodore Carlton, a resident of Clinton Township, passed away on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at the age of 49. A son of Kenneth and Carla Carlton, he was born on April 9, 1973 in Southfield. Enoch married the love of his life, Deborah Bokano, on April 16, 1999 in Madison Heights. He made his career as a youth minister and later a presiding pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in New Baltimore.

Enoch was a man of fairness and compassion. He appreciated a good dad joke and had a loving nature. In addition to leading his congregation in faith, Enoch also spent his time as a leader in the Boy Scouts. Enoch loved to fish, he even carried fishing supplies in the trunk, just in case he was near water, he would always be prepared. Spending time near or on the water gave him peace. He taught Tang Soo Do and Arnis for nearly 30 years to children and adults of all ages. Enoch was committed to lifelong learning and received his bachelor's degree at 47 years old. Enoch firmly believed that you could never own too many crosses or pocket knives. He was one of the most humble men a person could meet, and will be missed dearly.

Beloved husband of Deborah. Loving father of Justice and Faith. Dear brother of Ken (Tina) Carlton. Adored and cherished brother-in-law and Godfather. Proud uncle to many nieces and nephews.

A visitation for Enoch will be held on Wednesday, November 30, from 2:00 to 8:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 8459 Hall Rd. (3 blks. E. of Van Dyke), Utica, 48317. Family and friends will gather on Thursday, December 1, from 10:00 am until time of funeral service at 11:00 am at the funeral home.

Donations in Enoch's memory may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 51161 Maria Street, New Baltimore, MI 48047 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

### Funeral Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LD

“ I had the privilege of training at tnt martial arts. God placed mr Enoch in my life path. I emerged a better person. This man impacted this humble planet with nothing short of goodness. His spirit will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

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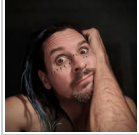
**larry bob davis** - April 16, 2023 at 07:53 PM

TH

“ I remember asking both Debb and Enoch for both their thoughts and permission to marry my beautiful wife Gabrielle. Due to the tragic loss of another man by the name of Michael Jarosz, whom I consider to be one of the best men I've ever known, and who would have been my father-in-law, I became uncertain if the timing was right and if he would have approved of me asking for his daughters hand in marriage. Once I sat down with Enoch and Debb all of my doubts about that question I had been asking myself had been erased. Enoch is another one of few men that I am not blood related to whom I look up to very much and the fact that he looked at me in the eye and told me he thought I was a good man and a good match for Gabby and that Mike would have agreed, meant the world to me. Enoch had inspired me to emulate the good things he stood for, and he also gave me the encouragement necessary to believe it was possible.

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**Tyler Harrison** - December 02, 2022 at 01:40 AM



“ Mr. Carlton, whose Black Belt name was “Seigi” in our school, was so named because it means “righteous heart” in Japanese. It was my honor to train him and to train alongside him for many years. He was humble and kind, which was a perfect balance to his mighty speed and power. I knew him as an excellent martial artist, a patient and perseverant instructor to his students, and a friend to everyone in our Dojo world. Rest in peace, Seigi-san.



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**Tim March** - December 01, 2022 at 12:49 PM

CT

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Cindy (Carlton) Trombino** - December 01, 2022 at 11:40 AM

MA

“ I am sorry for your loss I'm gonna be thinking of you and

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**Marlena** - December 01, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*

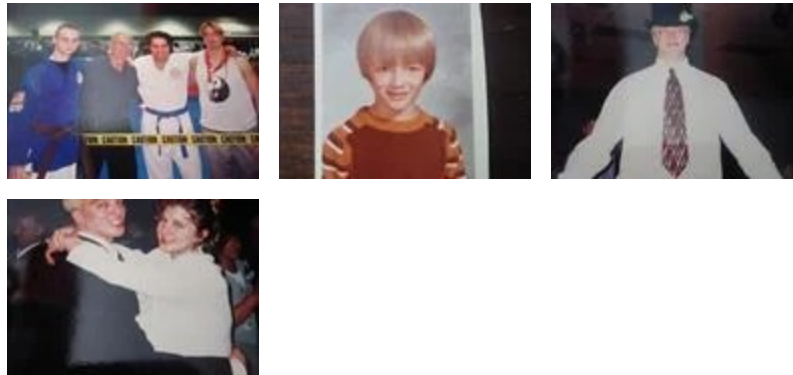


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December 01, 2022 at 01:45 AM



“ *R.I.P. Sensei Carlton.*



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**B. Behrens** - November 30, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *Dear Guri Enoch,  
Thank you for being such an enlightening person, teacher, and leader in the study of life and the martial arts family.  
The lessons you shared were always presented with the student in mind, and serve to me as an example of what a relaxed learning atmosphere can be. No matter the number of muscle tweaks a wrist lock can be bring, I always understood it was to see the limit before oain was achieved. A great analogy for life. To engage and participate in any activity, and realize where to pull back before danger was experienced. Wishing you continued joy in your new spiritual journey.*

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**Gerry Bawol** - November 30, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



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November 29, 2022 at 11:25 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*

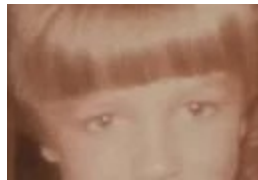


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November 29, 2022 at 11:09 PM



“ *My Dearest Cousin Enoch, I love you so dearly & am honored & grateful to have known your gentle & wise heart. It's so beautiful to see how your compassion, wisdom & grace has touched so many lives & how you continue to shine out in all of us. Thank you for bringing so much light & love into the world. I honor & celebrate you with all of my heart. Until we meet again dear cuz...xo, Lori*



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**Lori Johnson** - November 29, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



November 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



November 29, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *So many great memories we have to look back on. God bless you Deb, we are heart broken. Xxoo*



**kathy bianchini** - November 29, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



November 29, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



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November 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



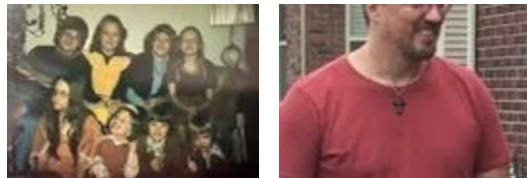
“ *Enoch, you were truly a beacon of light and love amongst us. Rest in peace and in the arms of our Lord my Friend.*

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**Brian Zawilinski** - November 28, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ *Remembering you as my younger cousin with your blonde hair and sweet smile seeing that smile evolve into a man and light up a room with its gentle sincerity. You were always kind and compassionate and set an example of how to be a good person and I will always think of you as a beacon of light in this world. In my heart I'll imagine you in heaven fishing with our grandfather and smiling . Rest In Peace sweet cousin*



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**Tina Johnson** - November 28, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



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November 28, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ *Benjamin Disraeli once wrote,*

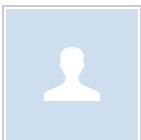
*"The legacy of a hero is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example."*

*I love this quote because the example that Uncle Enoch set factors so heavily into the man I am today as well as the man I want to become tomorrow and for that reason amongst so many others, Uncle E has been and forever will be my hero.*



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**Steven Jarosz** - November 28, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



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November 28, 2022 at 05:51 PM

TD

“ *The Wayne State Philosophy Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



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**The Wayne State Philosophy Department** - November 28, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



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November 28, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



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November 28, 2022 at 04:59 PM

AL

“ *One of the best person I will have ever known.*

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**adam lux** - November 28, 2022 at 04:31 PM

AM

“ Aunt Karen & Uncle Mike lit a candle in memory of Enoch T. Carlton



Aunt Karen & Uncle Mike - November 28, 2022 at 03:08 PM

AM

“ My Dear Nephew,  
I will always cherish being Auntie Nanut!  
I'm not sure how you came up with that though.  
😊 You were quiet yet so funny. Your heart of gold will shine on with all of us. I'm proud and so impressed by all of your accomplishments.  
Such a loving Family man. Miss you.  
Much Love From Auntie Nanut & Uncle Mike 💙

Aunt Karen & Uncle Mike - November 28, 2022 at 02:56 PM

EC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Emily Carlton - November 28, 2022 at 01:59 PM

PA

“ *Progressive Tactics Martial Arts purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



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**Progressive Tactics Martial Arts** - November 28, 2022 at 01:58 PM

BI

“ *Guro Carlton was my Arnis instructor and my friend. We spent much time together training, eating, sharing. His lessons on and off the mat were the same. He Showed how to live as he showed how to do. He was an inspiration to many of us on how we should live our lives and an example for us all to follow and remember.*

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**bill** - November 28, 2022 at 01:54 PM

MT

“ *Enoch, you were one of those people who made others feel better off just knowing you. Your kindness, compassion and non-judgmental attitude spoke volumes to who you were. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to know you. You will never be forgotten. Rest in peace my friend. Until we meet again...Mary Pat*

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**mary teschler** - November 28, 2022 at 01:52 PM

MS

“ Enoch was the definition of a "Gentle Giant" and was an amazing person. My son and I are so honored, blessed and humbled to have spent every Tuesday night for many years at his home learning Modern Arnis. While we were there for Martial Arts, what we walked away with was so much more. Enoch was bigger than life, he's the toughest guy I've ever met, but the kindest person I've ever known. He kicked my butt into oblivion, but also let me shed tears on his shoulder when I was having problems in life. He beat me down when I comically "tried" to resist his joint locks, then picked me back up (usually off the ground), patted me on the back and told me how well I did.

*He made me a better person, my goal for many years was and will always be, to be as good as a person as he is. I will strive to do just that and he will live on through all of that knew him....*

*God Bless you Enoch, R.I.P. my friend.*

*Mike Sharon*

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**Mike Sharon** - November 28, 2022 at 01:44 PM

FB

“ Enoch,

*I have always looked up to you and can only hope I'm half as cool as you are one day. I will miss your hugs, your comforting words in time of need, the leading of prayer for our holiday traditions that would always bring tears to my eyes. I will miss your dad jokes, laughter, and a friendly face to see. I will miss your kindness, your motivational words.*

*There are so many things I will miss.*

*You shared a text with me a bit ago that said as follows :*

*Hey fefe,*

*I heard about your course. I'm sorry, but please know that you will succeed. I failed out of my first major and had to choose a new one to graduate. I know that your an intelligent young person who will achieve her dreams .*

*I'm here if you need to talk. Love Enoch*

*I will forever hold this with me and you probably didn't even know the significance of this text but thank you for always believing in me, as I believed in you.*

*I love you E*

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**Felecia Bokano** - November 28, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Enoch T. Carlton.*



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November 28, 2022 at 12:45 PM

EC

“ My Uncle Enoch was the most loving, caring, and funny guy you could know. I will forever cherish the time I had with him especially our trips to Disney and the outter banks. I’ll always remember the fun we had at holidays whether it be destroying your basement on thanksgiving with my cousins or making a fun Christmas craft.

On our trip to Disney we decided to ride the T-Rex ride which is very scary. No one wanted to ride with me because of how loud I scream. My uncle Enoch said “well it can’t be that bad”. Needless to say I screamed so loud I don’t think he could hear out of the ear for the rest of the trip.

We will always love you uncle E

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**Emily Carlton** - November 28, 2022 at 12:18 PM

AM

My Dear Nephew,  
I loved your name for me. Auntie Nanut. Not sure how you came up with that. Lol! Your heart of gold was amazing. You would seem so quiet but you had an awesome funny side. Such a loving family man. I couldn't be more proud of all of your accomplishments. I will remember that smile and love forever. Rest in Peace E! Much Love from Auntie Nanut and Uncle Mike ❤️

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**Auntie Nanut and Uncle Mike** - November 28, 2022 at 02:46 PM

LW

Dear Enoch,

*I just found out that you passed away. My heart is completely broken for your beautiful wife, gorgeous children, and wonderful family. I really don't know how to put into words the things I want to say to you. Let me first start by Thanking You. Thank You for being so kind to be me when we were in High School, I know it has been almost 35 years since then but I remember a lot. I remember everyday I would say Hi to you and you would always,always, smile and say Hi back. There were days you would open the classroom door for me if I had my hands full, not once did I EVER HEAR you say one mean thing about me or do one mean thing to me. If I would talk to you, you always were kind never did you ignore me!! You were that way with everyone!! I know you got teased by all your guy friends,because I was not liked in school ,I didn't have many friends. I didn't let many people get close to me! But the days you and I would talk or you would open a door for me it would just make me feel good about myself. So Thank You for being such a kind person I seen you do that with everyone, not just me. I'm very happy that you accomplished everything that you did in your life I wish you could have stayed here , my Husband and I and my Sons would have loved to have visited your church and heard you a sermon from you !! I never knew you were a pastor either also I would have put my sons in your classes too, I had my oldest son Bryan in Karate for 3 years . But I think he and my son Blake would have Loved your classes more !! I know that it was your time to go, God wanted his next special Angel 🙏😊 I know your in Heaven , I will always remember your beautiful smile 😊, and that caring and kindness in your eyes!! REST IN PEACE ENOCH !! You Are Truly Missed 🙏❤️😭😊*

*smile 😊 and that*

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Louann Whitsitt - July 10, 2025 at 08:19 AM