



Michael Start

March 9, 1942 - June 20, 2025

Michael M. Start, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on June 20, 2025, at the age of 83. Michael shared 55 beautiful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Jackie. Their love was enduring and true—a bond best captured by the phrase they so often shared with one another: "All my love, all my life, for forever." Their marriage was a living testament to loyalty, compassion, and unwavering devotion. A deeply selfless man, Michael was the proud and loving father of Michelle (Brian) VanGilder and Dan (Samantha) Start. He was also a doting grandfather to Miranda, Brady, Landyn, Brooklynn, and Kennedy, who brought him endless joy and pride. Michael dedicated 35 years of his life to Ford Motor Company, where he worked as a skilled and innovative engineer. His career was marked by several patents—evidence of his sharp mind, creative spirit, and relentless work ethic. A man of deep faith and conviction, Michael was a devoted Christian. He was also a gun enthusiast with a passion for American history and politics, always eager to learn, discuss, and reflect. He found peace and happiness in the simple pleasures—reading a good book, engaging in thoughtful conversation, and spending cherished time at the family cottage in Au Gres. Michael's legacy is one of quiet strength, generosity, and deep love for his family. He will be missed dearly but remembered always with admiration and affection by those fortunate enough to have known him. A visitation will take place on Tuesday (June 24th) at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd. (3Blks E. of Van Dyke) from 2pm - 8pm and continue on

Wednesday (June 25th) from 10am until the time of service at 12:30pm.

Cemetery Details

Utica Cemetery

46325 Shelby Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Visitation

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN **25**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Your friends at F2onsite. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael Start.



Your friends at F2onsite. - June 24, 2025 at 08:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Start.

June 23, 2025 at 10:00 PM

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“ Kenneth S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Start.

Kenneth S. - June 23, 2025 at 04:44 PM

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“ I started dating Brady 7 years ago, and from the very beginning, his Papa welcomed me with open arms. He had a way of making everyone feel seen and cared for—he always asked about my family and how they were doing, which meant so much to me.

Some of my favorite memories are from the cottage in Au Gres, where we spent time playing endless rounds of cards, shared so many laughs, and created memories I'll always hold close. Papa will be deeply missed.

Gabrielle Roy - June 23, 2025 at 12:06 PM