



## Norbert Conrad Ostrowski

May 19, 1938 - December 9, 2018

Norbert Conrad Ostrowski, born May 29, 1938 and returned to God December 9, 2018. He is survived by his wife Marian (Sposato) of 54 loving years. Norbert was the father of Melissa (Dennis) Belevender, Kevin (Lisa) Ostrowski and Nolan (Kathy) Ostrowski. Grandfather to Claire and Jenna Belevender, Steven, Matthew, August and Tullio Ostrowski, and Nolan, Janelle and Domenic Ostrowski. Norbert was the eldest of seven children of Conrad and Jean (Brukwinski) Ostrowski. His siblings were Larry (Donna) Ostrowski, Raymond (Marion) Ostrowski, Jeanette (Bill) Brown, Loretta (Mike) Perrera, Tom (Sherry) Ostrowski and Mary Ann (Ted) Gieraltowski. Brother-in-law to Diane (Joe) Hayes.

Norbert retired from a long career as an automotive stylist and clay modeler. His work at American Motors included the design for the Pacer, Gremlin and Javelin. He attended St. Thomas the Apostle Grade School in Detroit, where he served as an altar boy. During his youth he participated in Soap Box Derby racing. In 1958 he won the General Motors Fisher Body Craftsman Guild "Styling" award, which provided him a scholarship to Art Center College in Pasadena, California. Norbert loved boating and operated Inflatable Boat Specialist, selling and repairing inflatables for many years.

Norbert was dedicated to sharing his Christian beliefs through his painting in later life. He won two gold medals for his art from the Scarab Club in Detroit

and designed the logo and crosses for the Sisters, Home Visitors of Mary in Detroit. He was proud of his Polish heritage and was a member of Friends of Polish Art in Orchard Lake. He enjoyed meeting his retired car designer friends for coffee. He spent hours caring for his grandchildren and mother-in-law, Felicia Sposato, in her last years. He was a model of a father and of "family first" that will be forever remembered and emulated.

The family will receive friends Monday, December 17, 2018 from 9:30 am until the time of the memorial Mass 10:00 am at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 W 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073. Interment will be at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery mausoleum in Southfield.

Memorials in Norbert's name may be made to the Sisters, Home Visitors of Mary, Capuchin Soup Kitchen or the donor's choice of charity.

Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road  
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

# Tribute Wall

BN

“*Sad to find this out today...having recently moved back to Metro Detroit, over the years I have often wondered what Norbert was up to. Was a bit taken back to see the name card and seeing that he had passed.*

*I met him at the start of my career as a clay modeler and for those first few years he was my mentor. Enjoyed hearing his stories of Art Center, his career, his practical jokes, and his art. - a few times I had the privilege of accompanying him to drawing sessions at the Scarab Club. Loved his stories!*

*Come to think about it his best advice was “...this is the most exciting industry in the world, but the moment it loses its luster and feels like work, get out and do something different for a change...”*

*I remember he always had a smile and even in his 60's when I knew him his eyes were still bright and full of life. He'd laugh sometimes when I'd call him Norbie.*

*My condolences to his wife.*



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**Brian Neu** - November 24, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“*Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Norbert Conrad Ostrowski.*



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December 13, 2018 at 08:44 PM

GC

“ Dear Marion: We are so very sorry to hear of Norbert's passing. I will miss him dearly as he was always such a loyal friend and co-worker. We had many wonderful times sharing breakfast and talking design philosophy. Please accept our sincere sympathy. We will keep the family in our prayers. Love, Gary & Jane (Clark)

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**Gary Clark** - December 12, 2018 at 07:34 PM

KM

“ Marian, we were so sad to here of Norberts passing! Our love and deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. I am saddened that we won't see you again. Norberts suffering is over. We will keep you in our prayers.



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**Kate Mahoney mcalister** - December 12, 2018 at 11:20 AM

MB

“ Goodbye Uncle Norb. So sorry to hear, our thoughts and prayers are with the family. I remember seeing your beautiful paintings, you were very talented. I remember your stories of your boat store that you had. I will miss you.

*Mark Britz*

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**Mark Britz** - December 11, 2018 at 11:35 AM