



Norman P. Brault

June 18, 1932 - August 21, 2022

Norman Phillip Brault, a resident of Royal Oak, passed away on August 21, 2022 at the age of 90. A son of Joseph and Isabelle (nee Pilette), he was born on June 18, 1932 in Barre, Vermont. Norman attended high school at the Notre Dame Institute in Maine. He went on to study at La Mennais College in Alfred, Maine; and earned his master's degree at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Norman said "I do" to Colleen Desmond on June 19, 1970 at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in Madison Heights. Norman and Colleen knew that they were meant for each other from their very first date.

Norman's teaching career in mathematics included Cathedral High School, Detroit Country Day, Schoolcraft Community College, and Macomb Community College. He proudly opened his own business, Learning Options, to tutor high school and college math students. Earlier in life, Norman was a religious teaching brother in Maine. He may have ultimately left the religious life, but religious life never left him. Norman was a man of faith and service to others. He volunteered his time with Meals on Wheels, the Knights of Columbus, and the VA Hospital. Norman was a universal donor who gave 153 pints of blood and platelets to those in need.

A talented tennis player, Norman played until he was 86. He coached many sports in his lifetime. Norman loved to play bridge as well. He was fiercely loyal to his many friends and loved his family dearly. Norman enjoyed traveling

with Colleen. Some of their favorite destinations were Alaska, France, Italy, and Ireland. He enjoyed being a father and was proud of Michelle and Mike. When grandchildren visited, it was the highlight of Norman's day. He engaged in as many activities as he could with his grandchildren, including golf, dance recitals, and baseball games.

Beloved husband of Colleen, joined in love for 52 years. Loving father of Michelle (Bill) Hoerner and Michael. Cherished grandfather of Owen, Dylan, Ryan, and Julia. Dear brother of Fr. Bernard, Leonard (Janice), the late Robert (Angela), and Roger (Patricia). Proud uncle to many nieces and nephews.

A visitation for Norman will be held on Wednesday, August 24, from 2:00 to 8:00 pm with a scripture service at 7:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Norman will lie in state on Thursday, August 25, from 9:30 am until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 am at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak, 48073.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Walsh University to support the Norman & Colleen Brault Scholarship, C/O Advancement Office, 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton, OH 44720 or to the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)
Berkley, MI 48072

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 24. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Scripture Service

AUG 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

AUG **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Burial

AUG **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roseland Park Cemetery
29001 Woodward Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Norman P. Brault*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - August 24, 2022 at 02:25 PM

DN

“ *"Brother Edward" was my counselor the second year I went to Camp Boyland, in 1959. It was a wonderful place, and I have kept fond memories of it and him down to now. Rest in Peace!*



David Nolan - October 07, 2024 at 09:03 PM

AS

“ *Mr. Brault was a GREAT geometry teacher and I'm so grateful to have crossed paths with him as a student. He was also a very good man and he wrote my college recommendations even though he no longer taught at my high school. I miss him, but I will always remember his teachings especially now that I'm a math teacher myself.*

Anup Sinha - September 30, 2023 at 07:46 PM

PF

“ Coleen...Peace and Love and Prayers!. How beautiful it was to hear the Tributes for Norman. Norman and you had a beautiful Family and so many good Friends. I wish you happy and consoling memories.

Sr. Pat Foley...(Sr. Patricia Marie...good friend to Karen Fischer.)

PATRICIA F. FOLEY - March 21, 2023 at 04:01 PM

JM

“ From 1954 to 1959, I was fortunate enough to spend seven or eight weeks each summer at Camp Boyland in Naples, Maine. The camp was operated by the Brothers of Christian Instruction. On Monday of this week, I finally had the opportunity to visit their US location in Alfred, Maine to see if any of the brothers whom I remembered were still alive. In particular I had remembered 2 brothers who were instrumental to my personal and athletic development during those years. One was Brother Raymond Fortin and the other Brother Edward. When asked about them, Brother Raymond came forward and I said to him how important he was to me in my development over those years and what a wonderful camp that the Brothers operated. As I was saying this to him and a number of the retired brothers (all in their 80's Plus), one of the brothers stepped forward and said that they had just been informed that Brother Edward had recently died.He told me Brother Edward had left the order and continued in education and gave me his lay name to find this obituary. I then went on to reinforce with Brother Raymond how he and Brother Edward had meant so much to me in my development, and it brought tears to my eyes that I, at 76, was finally able able to connect in what I felt as a spiritual moment to Brother Raymond and Brother Edward and the group of wonderful people who influenced me on Long Lake during those summers. May Brother Edward, Norman P. Brault, rest in peace and may his family know his memory is a blessing. Joe McKeigue (Boston, MA)

Joe McKeigue - August 24, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norman P. Brault.*



August 23, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *My sincere love to you Colleen, Mike and Michelle. The loss of Norman is very difficult, but he is now at peace and with his brother Robert. I enjoyed many happy times with Norman, Colleen and the family, and memories of these great times will always remain with me. May your memories of your father sustain and remain with you. Love and prayers from Aunt Angie*

Angela C. Brault - August 23, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ *One of the joys of our life was to look forward to being with Norm because there would always be an affirming, praising word to take home with us. May his passion for teaching the mysteries (to me) of mathematics find fulfillment in the mysteries of God's love for him and all of us.*
Ed and Mary Haggerty

Edward Haggerty - August 23, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Norman P. Brault.*



August 23, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Norman P. Brault.



August 22, 2022 at 10:39 PM