



## Norman Grifka

October 14, 1931 - July 22, 2020

Norman Richard Grifka, of Washington Township, passed away on July 22, 2020 at the age of 88. Norman is the cherished husband of the late Wanda, who preceded him in death in January. Norman is the beloved father of Paula (Christopher) Steiger, Janet (Philip) Smith, John (Alicia) Grifka, Don (Jeanine) Grifka; the loving grandfather of Dirk Steiger, Maria Smith, Maranda Smith, Thomas Grifka, Mackenzie Grifka, and Parker Grifka; and the dear brother of Lilian Baginski. Norman proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He was an active member of St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus. During his career, he worked for Chrysler Defense and General Dynamics. Family and friends always came first to Norman, and he always loved a good party. "Nostrovia."

Norman's family will receive friends for visitation on Sunday, July 26, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a K of C Rosary service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. Due to Covid-19, and in accordance with CDC recommendations and the Governor's Executive Orders, please be advised that the funeral home is limited to 10 people in the visitation room at any given time. Also, masks are required to enter the building. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, July 27, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 54045 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, with mass at 10:00 a.m. Due to Covid-19, there will not be any instate time at the church. Masks are required at the church. A memorial luncheon will be held at a later point once the gathering

restrictions have been lifted. Memorials are appreciated to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI, 48207 or at [www.thecapuchins.org](http://www.thecapuchins.org). Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly Township, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **26**. 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/>

## K of C Rosary

JUL **26**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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JUL 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
54045 Schoenherr Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of my Uncle Norm. He was always kind, helpful, and generous with his time. Over the years I enjoyed spending time with him and his family. Our sincere condolences.

*Ken Grifka and family*

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**Kenneth Grifka** - July 25, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norman Grifka.



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July 25, 2020 at 03:49 PM

MW

“ I worked with Norm for several years when he was the bookkeeper for Bieber & Czechowski. He was a warm, caring person and shared many stories of his wife, his children and grandchildren, and his former job at the defense plant. He spoke of his times at his summer home on the lake, his trips to the casino with Wanda and his church group, and the wonderful holiday parties. He was a giving person, always had a smile on his face, and never had a bad thing to say about anyone. I was sad to hear of his death. It does help to know he is now with his wife who he missed dearly.

*Our sympathies to the family.*

*Marsha and Dan Wells*

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**Marsha Wells** - July 24, 2020 at 08:47 PM

BL

*Our deepest sympathy to Norman's family. Norm was such a wonderful guy. He will be sadly missed. We loved visiting with your parents. We never ran out of things to talk about.*

**Barbara LaGrou** - July 27, 2020 at 04:11 PM

MJ

*“ Marty, Stachu, Linda and John purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Norman Grifka.*



**Marty, Stachu, Linda and John** - July 24, 2020 at 11:20 AM



*“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Grifka.*



July 24, 2020 at 11:14 AM



*“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Grifka.*



July 24, 2020 at 10:27 AM