



## Paul "Randy" Wells

May 10, 1954 - March 6, 2025

Paul Randall "Randy" Wells, 70 of Royal Oak, Michigan beloved husband, brother, uncle and friend, died in a motor vehicle accident March 6, 2025 while visiting Fort Myers, Florida.

Born on May 10, 1954 in Schenectady, New York, Randy was the son of Paul and Violet (Philebaum) Wells. His parents modeled a loving family, teaching their children to love God, to love each other, and to love and serve others. Most of his growing up was in Quincy, Massachusetts. Later, he attended St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin, graduated from Highland High School in Marengo, Ohio, and attended Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Mount Vernon, Ohio. His first management job was at Big N Department Store in Mt. Vernon, Ohio while he was in college.

As a senior retail manager throughout his career, Randy mentored many young people in their first jobs and taught them to take pride in their work. He settled into a long career with Radio Shack, which was a magnet for electronic enthusiasts and nerds of all kinds. He loved solving everyday problems for moms, dads, kids, computer geeks, inventors and anyone in need of batteries. He cared about ethics and quality in his professional life.

When Randy found the love of his life, Cindi Welk, he also found his church community, where they were married in 1999, for 25 years. Our Lady of La

Salette Catholic Church provided them with a loving church family. Randy enjoyed giving of his time, talent and treasure to many projects such as the annual festival and served as a eucharistic minister and usher for many years. Over the years, he and Cindi loved traveling whenever they could. He also enjoyed the fellowship and service opportunities with the Knights of Columbus and the Royal Oak Police Auxiliary, where his leadership was appreciated.

Randy was a fun-loving guy and he made sure his family and friends enjoyed good times together. As a kid, he enjoyed helping his mom with the cooking for parties, holidays and especially loved making the turkey at Thanksgiving. With Cindi, they carried on the traditions of both families, with fantastic Italian dishes served side by side with turkey and all the fixings. Celebrating being with those they loved was important to them both and they created many memorable happy meals together.

Randy loved being outside in nature. His favorite places were on the water or on the golf course. Fishing on the lake in his boat was his idea of paradise. Taking off by himself or heading out for an expedition with his nature loving brothers, either way he was content. Although he was known to have caught a big fish here and there, he mostly enjoyed the peace and quiet and time to commune with wind, waves and wild things. He was also known for saving the beautiful trees in his neighborhood

A loving provider for his family throughout his life, Randy spoke with kindness, caring and gentle humor. He loved to tell you a story and make you smile. He encouraged others with his positive spirit and was always willing to help and serve his family, friends, church and community. All that knew him can say that he definitely "Ran with perseverance the race marked out for him." (Hebrews 12:1) One friend said of him, "Randy was always on the high road giving way beyond expectations." All the while, He loved God with his whole heart and his neighbor as himself.

Randy is survived by his wife, Cindi, his sisters Carol Cracraft (Don) and Joy Wells (Elizabeth Downs) and his nephews Andrew Parrott and Justin Parrott and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Violet Wells. Besides his immediate family, Randy was blessed with deep friendships, some whose children called him Uncle Randy. He will be missed by many.

Services:

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors  
705 W. 11 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Visitation 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Rosary 6:00 pm Vigil/Sharing 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Our Lady of La Salette Church  
2600 Harvard Road  
Berkley, MI 48072

Visitation 10:00 am (before mass)  
Mass 11:00 am

Friday, July 11, 2025

Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery  
25800 W. 10 Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

Internment of Ashes 11:00 am  
(Meet at the Cemetery Office)

Donations in Randy's memory may be sent to:

Knights of Columbus - Council 3830  
Jim Fritch  
1825 Dorothea  
Berkley, MI 48072

Camp Sancta Maria  
P.O. Box 613  
Washington, MI 48094

Our Lady of La Salette Church  
2600 Harvard Road  
Berkley, MI 48072

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

## K of C Rosary

JUL 9. 6:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

## Vigil Service and Sharing of Memories

JUL 9. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

## Memorial Mass

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church  
2600 Harvard Road  
Berkley, MI 48072

## Inurnment

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JUL 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery  
25800 W. 10 Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Randy's Scripture Service Livestream in memory of Paul "Randy" Wells*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - July 03, 2025 at 04:10 PM

SL

“ *Randy was a very special man. We at Camp Sancta Maria Workcamp are blessed to have known him. He is greatly missed. We will be praying for the repose of his soul and for all those who mourn him. Marina and Steve LaRocca the*



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**Steve and Marina LaRocca** - July 10, 2025 at 10:08 AM

RM

“ *I will always remember Randy riding his bike up and down Davis Street. We would run everywhere all over the campus of ENC. We never seemed to run out of energy. It was a wonderful childhood with my best buddy. I hope his wife and family can find comfort in his sudden passing. God bless him.*

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**Richard Meredith** - July 09, 2025 at 07:32 PM

DJ

“ Dave, Shelly, Allyson and Jacob purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul "Randy" Wells.



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**Dave, Shelly, Allyson and Jacob** - July 09, 2025 at 03:38 PM

AT

“ Allan Watson and Terry Turner purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Paul "Randy" Wells.



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**Allan Watson and Terry Turner** - July 08, 2025 at 07:57 PM

AT

“ Allan Watson and Terry Turner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul "Randy" Wells.

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**Allan Watson and Terry Turner** - July 08, 2025 at 07:57 PM

TD

“ The Royal Oak Police Department purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Paul "Randy" Wells.



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**The Royal Oak Police Department** - July 08, 2025 at 07:54 AM

MD

“ Michael DuLong purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Paul "Randy" Wells.



Michael DuLong - July 07, 2025 at 09:02 PM

DH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dianne Hawley - July 06, 2025 at 04:25 PM

DH

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Dianne Hawley - July 06, 2025 at 04:16 PM

CM

“ Cliff and Mary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul "Randy" Wells.

Cliff and Mary - July 05, 2025 at 04:04 PM

CM

“ Cliff and Mary purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Paul "Randy" Wells.



Cliff and Mary - July 05, 2025 at 04:04 PM

JW

“ 6 files added to the album Family



Joy Wells - June 28, 2025 at 01:26 PM

CC

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Carol Cracraft - June 27, 2025 at 02:00 PM

CC

*We really, really, really ioved our wonderful brother, Randy...and miss him so much!*

Carol Cracraft - June 27, 2025 at 02:02 PM

JW

“ 5 files added to the album Family



Joy Wells - June 24, 2025 at 02:53 PM

CB

“ Carol & Don, Joy & Beth purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Paul "Randy" Wells.



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**Carol & Don, Joy & Beth** - June 24, 2025 at 02:46 PM