



Paul Michael Wilusz

February 15, 1953 - October 20, 2019

Paul Michael Wilusz, age 66, of Royal Oak, passed away October 20, 2019. Paul loved to golf and spend time on the links with all his friends. In his spare time, he was also an avid train collector and enjoyed watching sports. In particular though, he had a great love for the "cottage life" Up North where he spent much time with his wife, Kathy.

Paul was the beloved husband of Kathy (née Forgach). Loving father of Michael (Jennifer), Christopher, Jeffrey (Lauren), and Matthew (Shauna), Jennifer (Brian) Shore, and Jillian (Joseph) Violi. Dear grandfather of Henry, Ethan, Lenora, Jack, Lila, and Lindsey. Loving brother John (Sandy), Beth (Erik), Sharon (Patrick) Irla, Steven (Mary), David (Dotti), Rob (Melody). Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, October 23, from 2 - 8 p.m. (Sharing of Memories at 7 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak (4 blocks east of Woodward). Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, October 24, at 10:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. in state) at St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S. Lafayette, in Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Barbara A. Karmanos Cancer Center <https://www.karmanos.org/ways-to-give/donations>.

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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royal@sullivanfh.com
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Sharing of Memories

OCT **23**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
730 S. Lafayette Avenue
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Condolences to the Family from Robin and I. Paul enjoy the journey to a better place to a better place without sickness or pain. You will be missed!*

Chas. Gabor - October 23, 2019 at 10:51 AM

JM

“ *Paul will be remembered for his kind and thoughtful ways (and that infectious laugh!) Quite a few years ago while my family and i were up at my parent's Port Austin cottage, my son Reid (who was about 10 years old at the time) had brought his supplies and materials for his duct tape wallet business. Paul came over and spoke with Reid, asked him questions and listened intently, as Reid explained his ' technique' and showed Paul the different wallet styles. Paul then placed an order for his very own duct tape wallet for Reid to make him! His interest and kindness made an impression on Reid and will always be remembered by my family.*

Another instance of Paul (and Kathy's) kindness is when I was struggling with a new dog kennel. I had never owned a dog crate before and was not "getting" how to assemble it. Both Paul and Kathy came over and helped me with it without making me feel dumb (which is exactly how I felt!) . We had a good laugh about how sometimes the simple things aren't so simple :).

Paul- you and your positive ways will be greatly missed.

*-Janet Menchofer
(nee Novallo)*

Janet Menchofer - October 23, 2019 at 10:45 AM

CR

“ Cheryl H., Erika H., and Stacey R. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.



Cheryl H., Erika H., and Stacey R. - October 23, 2019 at 10:18 AM

SI

“ Willie and I were called upon, unfortunately, to demonstrate the finer points of boxing during our freshman gym class with Mr. Bessolo. Certainly neither one of us had ever donned a set of gloves...or is it a pair? We tapped at each other for a minute until one of us took and actually landed a punch. The looks in our classmates eyes was priceless.

When I saw Paul a year ago in Beaumont, he brought up that event. He thought I landed the punch....I am sure he did. We had a good laugh and enjoyed our milkshakes. Gonna miss you my friend....thanks for being you.

Steve Isbell

steve isbell - October 22, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.



October 22, 2019 at 07:21 PM

TH

“ Can't even guess how many times that great laugh made a good time even better. I remember Willie's dad letting six of us take the family station wagon up to N. Ontario for a camping trip in 1970. Like idiots, we tied a rowboat to the top of the car with nylon rope that stretched in the wind and rain, banging the boat up and down against the car and sending all kinds of stuff we had stored under the boat flying off onto I-75 unbeknownst to us. People were driving by waving frantically to warn us and we just waved back, thinking that drivers in the Bay City area were unusually friendly. When we finally figured it out, no one laughed harder than Willie (who could?).

The best of guys, and the best of friends, in good times and bad.

Tim Hefferon

Tim Hefferon - October 22, 2019 at 06:22 PM

 Beth
Wilusz

Bwahahah! Idiots ❤️❤️❤️

Beth Wilusz - October 23, 2019 at 09:20 AM

TA

Paul (Willy or is it Willie?) was a great lifetime friend and truly a nice person as can be attested by all who knew him. He will be deeply missed but I will always fondly remember our many golf outings, camping excursions (with and without the kids), and poker games. His friendship will be missed the most and treasured always.

Tom Addison

Tom Addison - October 23, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.



October 22, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.



October 22, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ I remember a golf weekend a few years ago at Willie’s cottage in Port Austin. It was the first weekend of November (what were we thinking?) but we had the most beautiful day on the course in 70 degree weather. Just a gorgeous weekend! It was so much fun... like every other time when we hit the links, which was often, but still not often enough. Miss you Willie! I want to hear that laugh one more time!

Paul Szurpicki - October 22, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.



October 22, 2019 at 03:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



October 22, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ *When my family moved back to RO and Shrine in 1963 after spending a couple years in New York, Paul was the first friend I made in my "new school". We kept up our friendship through the years and although we didn't see too much of each other since I moved to Atlanta I always considered him one of my old buddies. He was truly one of the nicest guys I've ever known and I always enjoyed being around him. He will be missed.*

Terry Fouchey - October 22, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



October 22, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



October 22, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



October 22, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ *The Wujkowski & Pytel families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



The Wujkowski & Pytel families - October 22, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



October 22, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *The dad camping trip at The Pinery! Smelly old leaky canvas tents. Eventually replaced with Willie's new pop-up camper. Roasting marshmallows. Midnight hikes. Hot cocoa and peppermint schnapps. Football on the beach. Priceless. We're all so lucky to have been able to share that with Willie. My children still think Willie did the best imitation of the muppet Grover this side of the Mississippi.*

Paul Szurpicki - October 22, 2019 at 09:40 AM

PS

“ One of the epic events of my lifetime was made possible by Willie having the guts to ask his Dad if he could use the family wagon (their only car) to go on a week-long camping trip in Canada, north of Sault Ste. Marie. After his junior year in high school. With 5 of his yahoo buddies (whom at this point were only mature enough to thoroughly enjoy the anticipation after hiding lady finger firecrackers in each other's cigars). And miracle of miracles, Mr. Wilusz said yes! (he had way more confidence in us than we deserved, let me tell you). What a fun trip. Thank you Willie!

Paul Szurpicki



Paul Szurpicki - October 22, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.



October 21, 2019 at 09:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.



October 21, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



October 21, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



October 21, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



October 21, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ *Love, Jerry Monarch, Gary & Renee Tedder purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



Love, Jerry Monarch, Gary & Renee Tedder - October 21, 2019 at 01:16 PM

TS

“ I remember Willie and his buddies coming over to my parents house and playing poker in there basement. They had some wild games. I also had the pleasure of coaching Willie on the Shrine Grade School baseball team. He was a very good infielder. He always had a smile on his face.He was one of the good guys!! Love and miss you Willie. Tim Sauter

tim sauter - October 21, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.



October 21, 2019 at 11:06 AM

TS

“ Enjoyed skipping classes to take in a beautiful Fall day with you on Arrowhead golf course. Your companionship and the many laughs we shared, along with a pitcher of beer, will forever be etched in my mind. I'll miss you Willie. You were the epitome of friendship.
Dugan



Tom Sauter - October 21, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



October 21, 2019 at 05:34 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Michael Wilusz.*



October 21, 2019 at 12:48 AM