

## Richard A. Hensler

August 4, 1931 - May 14, 2017

Richard Anthony Hensler, Age 85 of Sterling Heights, passed away peacefully at home, May 14, 2017.

Beloved husband of Teresa, dearest father of Brian (Pam) Hensler, Carol (Roger) Hensler-Smith, Diane (Mike) Phillips, Lisa (Frank) Hensler-Williams and the late Thomas Hensler. Proud grandfather of Tom (Gretchen) Hensler, Elise (Gabriel) Sivaja, Colleen, Ross Zwierzchowski, Ryan Smith, Spencer Phillips, Evan Phillips, Gabriel Williams and Zane Williams. He was a loving brother to his sisters, Irene McNamara and the late Joan Lyons.

Richard is the son of Anthony Dennis and Cecelia Josephine (Tobalske) Hensler. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on August 4, 1931. Richard Attended Sacred Heart Catholic School and graduated from Roseville High School In 1950.

Mr. Hensler reported for military service in 1952 and served in the army until 1954. Afterwards he enrolled in the Radio Electronic Television Schools in Detroit and became a Radio Engineer. Richard was hired by General Motors and went to school to achieve a Journeyman Die Maker status. He continued working for GM for 46 years until his retirement.

While bowling one evening with friends, Richard met Teresa Garrisi, they married the following year and had a double wedding at Sacred Heart Church

in Roseville. The second groom in the large wedding party was David Mattingly, Richard's friend since childhood and David's bride was Maria Garrisi, Teresa's sister.

Both happy couples settled in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Richard and Teresa joined the St. Clair Shores yacht club and enjoyed dancing and socializing with the friends that they made there.

Richard was a Boy Scout leader while his son was in elementary school until they moved to Utica. Mr. Hensler lived in Utica with his wife Teresa for 44 years.

During his retirement, he was member of the Rambling Roses social club at St. Therese of Lisieux Church in Shelby Township. He and Teresa also traveled with St. Lawrence Church and friends to the Vatican in Rome.

Richard was a devoted family man and loved attending his children's and grandchildren's school, music and sporting events. He had a sense of humor and enjoyed entertaining his grandchildren with stories and silly songs.

He was very attentive to his late mother who was a widow for more than 20 years and was a caring older brother to his sisters.

Richard will be missed by his family, the many friends he made throughout his life and the care staff at his Town Village residence.

Visitation at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd. (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica Sunday 2-8pm with a Rosary at 7pm. Instate Monday 9:30 am at St. Lawrence Church 44633 Utica Rd (Btwn Van Dyke and M-59) Utica until time of mass 10am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

Family request donations to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital or VVA  
Chapter 154 18025 E. 15 Mile Rd. Clinton Township, Michigan

Share memories with the family at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 21.** 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/>

## Rosary

**MAY 21.** 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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Utica, MI 48317  
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## Instate At Church

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MAY **22**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
44633 Utica Road  
Utica, MI 48317

## Funeral Mass

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MAY **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
44633 Utica Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ Dear Hensler Family, I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Hensler. He was an amazing man! My thoughts and prayers are always with you.  
With deep sympathy,  
Kathy Celletti and family

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**Kathy Celletti** - May 20, 2017 at 09:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard A. Hensler .



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May 19, 2017 at 06:16 PM

KM

“ I remember the times when the Henslers came out to the Lyons farm and it seemed to be close to July 4th. There is video of Uncle Dick helping to light fireworks using a 2 liter bottle of soda! Of course, the the holiday visits were so much fun when we had either Chinese food or pizza and played 21! Kristy

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**Kristy Mattingly** - May 19, 2017 at 06:13 PM

KC

“ *Katie, Stephanie, Mike, Vince, Josie & our children purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard A. Hensler .*

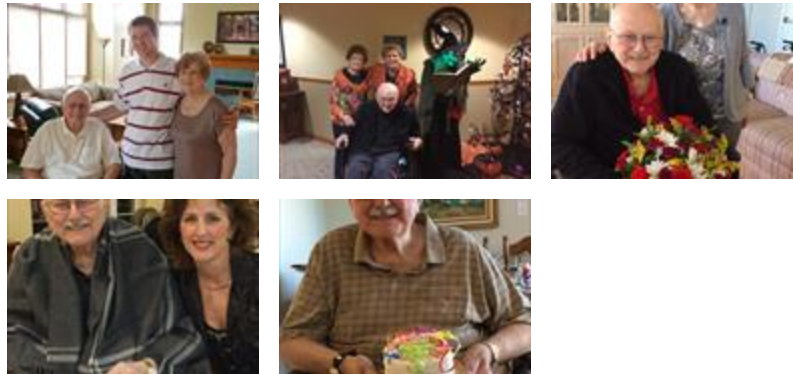


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**Katie, Stephanie, Mike, Vince, Josie & our children** - May 18, 2017 at 05:29 PM

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“ *15 files added to the album Richard Hensler's Life*

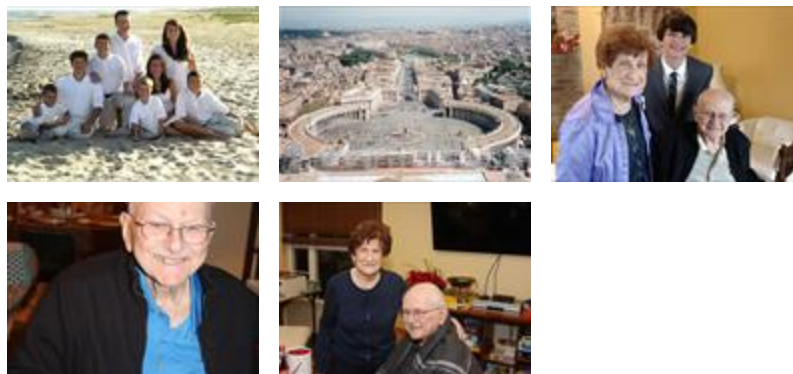


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**Carol** - May 17, 2017 at 05:25 AM

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“ *123 files added to the album Richard Hensler's Life*



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**Carol** - May 16, 2017 at 03:17 PM