



## Robert W. Halbach Jr.

May 16, 1947 - July 31, 2024

Robert Halbach Jr., a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away surrounded by loved ones on July 31, 2024, at the age of 77. Robert was born on May 16, 1947, and was a longtime resident of Rochester Hills, MI.

Robert is survived by his beloved wife, Susan Halbach, and their daughter, Amanda (Alexandros) Nipirakis, as well as his first wife, Kathleen Sloan, and three children, Kristin (David) Cieslak, Andrea Halbach, and Paul (Dayna) Halbach. He was a devoted grandfather to Ashley (Joe) Ursini, Joshua (Airica) Cieslak, Jessica Cieslak, Izzabella Halbach, Kelsea (Halston) Tucker, and Jacob Halbach. He also had the joy of being a great-grandfather to Ryan Hessel, Carter Buddie, Aurora Ursini, Noah Cieslak, and Avonna Cieslak.

Robert is further survived by his siblings Greg (Cindy) Halbach, Beth Halbach, and Sandy (Dean) Leonard, along with numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Robert was the son of the late Robert Sr. and the late Elizabeth Halbach.

Robert's life was a testament to his passions and his unwavering commitment to family and community. A devoted member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Rochester, MI, Robert joined the church choir at the age of 12 and continued to share his love for music throughout his life. His musical talents extended to singing in the Gilbert Jackson Chorale and performances as a guitarist at church and other various events.

His love for all things NASCAR and his engineering talents were evident throughout his distinguished career, which included 20 years at Chrysler and

20 years at General Motors. Robert's genius-level intellect and problem-solving skills were also apparent in his passion for building computers, helping others with anything that needed fixing, and his ability to tackle challenging puzzles with ease. He was a man of boundless curiosity.

Robert was known for his engaging conversations and his knack for making friends wherever he went. His generosity and willingness to help others were legendary, he was often seen lending a hand, whether it was fixing a fellow church member's car in the parking lot or offering his expertise to anyone in need. His legacy is one of kindness, skill, and an insatiable zest for life, but above all, his unwavering love and devotion to his cherished family.

Robert Halbach Jr. will be profoundly missed by all who knew him, but his memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

In addition to Robert's wishes to have a green burial, the family is asking that any flower arrangements be purchased in glass vases only in an effort to reduce the use of plastic and other non-recyclable waste.

A visitation will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024, from 2-8pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3blks. E. of Van Dyke) in Utica. Visitation will continue at the funeral home the following day, Tuesday, August 6, 2024, from 9am until the time of the funeral service at 10am. Additionally, the family will honor Robert's life with an additional memorial service that will be held at St. Philip's Episcopal church in Rochester at a later date, to be determined.

Please share a memory of Robert at <<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>>.

# Cemetery Details

## Clinton Grove Cemetery

Cass Ave @ Moravian  
Clinton Township, MI 48036

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 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/>

## Visitation

AUG 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Green Burial

AUG 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Clinton Grove Cemetery  
Cass Ave @ Moravian  
Clinton Township, MI 48036

# Tribute Wall

AE

“ Susan and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Susan, you and Rob were like family to me when I was at St Phillips! And I'll never forget when you came to visit in Virginia Beach. That was so special. I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to see you both when I was back in MI in 2023. With Deepest Condolences, may Rob's memory be a blessing. — Audra Evans

Audra Evans - August 06, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ Kathy Sloan lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Halbach Jr.



Kathy Sloan - August 06, 2024 at 11:47 AM

AH

“ Best Father's Day gift I bought you and you chose the Talladega, AL race track.

#nascarracingexperience Your smile said it all 🙏🙏🙏



Andrea Halbach - August 04, 2024 at 01:47 AM

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“ Thank you Dad for your loving support when I decided to explore the world at 17yo, you are forever for my Navy Dad 🏆 ⚓ 🛩️ ❤️ 😔  
Fair Winds and Following Seas



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**Andrea Halbach** - August 04, 2024 at 01:36 AM

KF

“ Karen F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Halbach Jr..

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**Karen F.** - August 03, 2024 at 06:06 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Sandy Leonard** - August 03, 2024 at 10:43 AM

KC

“ Words can't express the pain I feel. I will always miss you. You were the greatest father ever.let the force be with you.



Kristin Cieslak - August 02, 2024 at 10:58 PM

KC

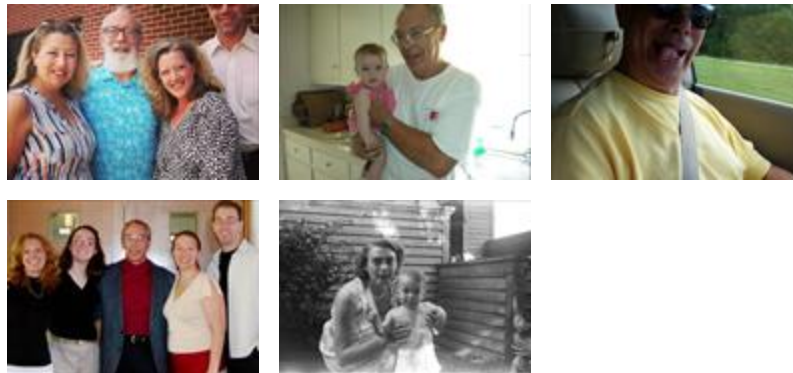
“ Kristin Cieslak lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Halbach Jr.



Kristin Cieslak - August 02, 2024 at 10:50 PM

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“ 18 files added to the album Photos of Robert W. Halbach, Jr.



Andrea Halbach - August 02, 2024 at 07:28 PM

TF

“ *The Ursini Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert W. Halbach Jr..*



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**The Ursini Family** - August 02, 2024 at 05:21 PM

PW

“ *Rob was like a brother to Bill Wagner and me. We attended St. Philip's our whole lives together and shared many common interests such as our faith, music, and downhill skiing. Rob fixed our record turn table once. Our love and prayers go out to Sue and all of the family. There is a new bass singer in heaven. Love, Pat and Bill Wagner*

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**Pat Wagner** - August 02, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert W. Halbach Jr..*



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August 02, 2024 at 01:54 PM