



Norm Thom

April 3, 1929 - November 25, 2022

Theodore Norman Thom, age 93, of Royal Oak, passed away on November 25, 2022.

Beloved husband of the late Helen Grace Thom. Loving father of Mark (Ann), Norma (John) Teerman, Karrie (Dave McGill) Mahrle, and Dennis. Proud grandfather of Zachary Thom, Bridgette (Ryan Haney) Thom, Monica (David) Konschnik, Jenna (Chris) Turner, Jeff Jackson, Jeremy Mahrle, Steven Mahrle, and Daniel (Nicole) Mahrle; and great-grandfather of Mabel, Teddy, Anna, Lucy, Leslie, Justin, Nolan, and Carter. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and close friends. Predeceased by his parents, John and Adena Thom, and his siblings: Pauline, Kathleen, Wilfred ("Bill"), and Carl.

Norm was persistently happy, loved to have fun, and easily got along with anyone he met. He served as class president of his graduating Class of 1948 at Hazel Park High School, and he stayed close with many of his classmates throughout the years, organizing yearly reunions up until just recently. He retired from Hostess Cakes.

Blessed with a keen wit, Norm loved to share jokes and bring about smiles daily, and he enjoyed serving as a longtime usher at Shrine of the Little Flower Church. He was also a devoted Tigers fan ("since 1929," he used to say), and he faithfully rooted for his home team-and of course anyone who played

against the Yankees. Beyond closely following the Tigers, Norm also loved to garden and took great pride in tending to his yard, as well as his annual Dickens Christmas Village that contained over 100 structures and was featured several times in local papers. He will be dearly missed.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, November 29, from 4 - 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m. (visitation 9:30) at the funeral home. The service will also be livestreamed at the following: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY2OTY3MDMyOTIyMTUzMSZvbmVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

If you wish to make a memorial contribution in Norm's honor, please consider either The Salvation Army Outdoor Toy Drive (checks can be mailed to the Salvation Army, 3015 N. Main St., Royal Oak, MI 48073; place "Christmas Assistance in memory of Norm Thom" in the memo line) or the Royal Oak Historical Society (www.royaloakhistoricalsociety.com).

Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 4:00 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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Visitation

NOV **30**. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *What a beautiful ceremony and a fitting tribute to one of the very best! I wish I could have been there to celebrate him in person and give you all a big hug. I will remember Great Uncle Norm with the tremendous fondness - he was a genuine source of positivity and had the best sense of humor.*

Jennifer Collins - December 05, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *Norm was a good person, always. Condolences to my friend Mark and the Thom family in there time of remembrance of a very good man, Norm.*

Mike Heiss - November 29, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ *He was so much fun and so kind to my sister and I during your wedding festivities. I will always remember him for it.*
Joan Balsler

Joan Balsler - November 29, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Norm Thom.*



November 29, 2022 at 07:13 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Norm Thom.*



November 28, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Norm Thom.*



November 28, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *Will miss sitting on the balcony with Norm watching the sun set at OHS. Norm was one of the sweetest and most thoughtful persons I had the pleasure to know. He is now with Grace and the other members of his family and friends and they can once again enjoy one another's company.*

Mary Olufsen - November 28, 2022 at 02:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Norm Thom.*



November 28, 2022 at 10:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Norm Thom.



November 28, 2022 at 07:36 AM



“ *Mike and Tom Sharpe* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Norm Thom.



Mike and Tom Sharpe - November 27, 2022 at 04:10 PM