



## Norman Anthony Bonaudo

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Norman Anthony Bonaudo Sr., 83, of Shelby Township, Michigan, passed away peacefully on March 16, 2026. Born in Detroit, Michigan, Norman lived a life defined by hard work and a deep devotion to his family. To his grandchildren, he was affectionately known as “Papa,” and to everyone lucky enough to know him, he was one of a kind. For 61 years, Norman was the devoted husband of Dolores (Mary) (Farchione) Bonaudo. Their marriage was a testament to patience, partnership, and a love that had been built steadily over a lifetime. Together, they raised a family that stood among the proudest achievements of his life. Norman dedicated 25 years to Ford Motor Company, retiring as an Experimental Climate Control Supervisor. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a collection of sayings his family will carry forever; perhaps none more beloved than his dinner table wisdom: “Whoever eats the fastest gets the most.” Norman was an avid camper, fisherman, and clock collector who found genuine peace in the outdoors. When he wasn’t on the water, he could be found solving fictional crimes during a CSI marathon. His love for tinkering earned him the family nickname “MacGyver”. Norman was a sponsor and coach for those fighting alcohol addiction. He was a perpetual rock to those facing a difficult journey. Norman was preceded in death by his father, Dominic Bonaudo; his mother, Caroline (Dellamora) Bonaudo; and his sister, Yvonne (Bonaudo) Lewis. He is survived by his wife, Dolores (Mary);

his children, Norman Bonaudo Jr. (Karen), Keith Bonaudo, and Belinda (Bonaudo) Hellebuyck (Matt); his grandchildren, Brandon, Kyle, Isabella, Angelina, and Isaac; his cherished fur baby, Charlie; and his grand fur babies, Jimmy, Cooper, Ren, and Tilly. Norman Anthony Bonaudo Sr. was a loving husband, devoted father, and a Papa who made life feel steadier just by being in it. He fixed what was broken, built what was needed, laughed when it was called for, and loved without condition. The clocks in his collection will keep ticking, and every one of them will mark the time he is missed.

A celebration of life mass will be held at SS. John & Paul Catholic Church for Norman, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 11:00 AM.

SS. John & Paul Catholic Church, 7777 28 Mile Road, Washington, MI 48094

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

APR 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

SS John & Paul Catholic Church  
7777 28 Mile Road  
Washington, MI 48094-1400

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ Love, Lois, Dawn & Jerry, Mark & Tammy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Norman Anthony Bonaudo.



Love, Lois, Dawn & Jerry, Mark & Tammy - April 03 at 03:43 PM

LH

“ Love, Dan, Kris, Ally and Lexy Hartwell purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Norman Anthony Bonaudo.



Love, Dan, Kris, Ally and Lexy Hartwell - April 03 at 02:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Norman Anthony Bonaudo.

March 28 at 10:32 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Anthony Bonaudo.



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CG

“ Cheryl Gillenwater purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Norman Anthony Bonaudo.



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**Cheryl Gillenwater** - March 26 at 05:30 PM

SO

“ We met Norm and family at Waldenwoods many years ago and became great friends we will always remember the fun times we had both at the camp ground at their home. we felt like part of the family. we know Norm is up there in a big lake catching fish we love and miss you. Tim and Sherry O'Brien

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**sherry O'Brien** - March 23 at 04:49 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Norman Anthony Bonaudo.



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March 22 at 02:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Norman Anthony Bonaudo.

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March 22 at 02:36 PM

AK

“ Arnold K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Anthony Bonaudo.

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Arnold K. - March 19 at 11:06 PM

AK

“ To know Norm is to love him deeply!  
To his amazing wife Mary we sent the most heartfelt condolences and prayers for strength and peace during this very difficult time.  
Though Norm's absence leaves a space that cannot be filled, his spirit lives on in every life he touched. We will remember him not only for the laughter he gave us, but for the love he shared so freely.



May we honor his life by carrying forward his kindness, his humor, and his ability to brighten the world around him.

Rest in peace Norm, you will always be remembered, always be missed, and never be forgotten.

Arnold and family !

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Arnold Kola - March 19 at 11:03 PM

JS

“ I have loved norm since I was 15 years old. He and Mary were my best friends. We played Michigan Rummy since we were newlyweds together. We also picked up Farkel later in life. He was a great part of my life. I will miss his laughter and smile. We shared vacations and our lives. Till we meet again. I deeply sympathy with his loving family.

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judy sherrill - March 19 at 04:27 PM

NA

“ We will forever cherish all the great campfires and all the good times we shared. To know Norm was to love him...that is so true! We're thinking of Mary and his wonderful family during this difficult time.

*With heartfelt sympathy,  
Bob & Nancy Adams*

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**Nancy Adams** - March 19 at 02:41 AM

GH

“ I have very fond memories of Uncle Norm....many many fun Christmas Eve gatherings and family get together. Always friendly and kind was willing to lend a hand when needed or offer wise advice. He will be missed but fondly always remembered. Gary and Carmel

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**Gary Hartwell** - March 18 at 08:19 PM