



## Richard Neil Young

July 1, 1942 - October 31, 2025

Richard Neil Young was born July 1, 1942, in Fresno, California to Chester and Madge Young. Richard passed away at his home in Shelby Township on October 31, 2025.

Richard was raised in central California, graduating from Santa Cruz High School where he played on the football team. After High School, Richard spent most of his career in public service. Richard was a building inspector for Shelby Township, the Building Director of Macomb Township and finished his career serving in the building department for the City of Rochester Hills. Through over three decades of dedication to the home building industry, he also served on several boards for the Southeast Michigan Building Officials & Inspectors Association. Richard was renowned for his vast experience and professionalism throughout his career.

When Richard was not working, he could be found on the golf course, out fishing, competing in softball and racket ball leagues or coaching youth football and baseball along with cheering on the local Detroit sports teams. Other than the Tigers, Lions, Red Wings and Pistons, Richard was a fan of both the University of Michigan Wolverines and the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Everyone that knows Richard would tell you he had a quick wit and a great sense of humor. He had a very large network of friends, colleagues and other

family, but Richard was closest to his father-in-law, Ralph Dodson and his brother-in-law Ralph Dodson Jr.. His over 50-year friendship with Barry Wyatt and his beloved wife Patricia was a greatly cherished relationship.

He is the beloved husband of over 61 years of Diane. The loving father of Kimberly (Rob) Saje and Troy (Maureen) Young. Richard was a proud grandfather of Christian (Kelly) Young, Elizabeth (Sam) Ridgell, Manuel (Shelby) Tapia, Alexander Young, Brandon Saje, Nathanael Young, Casey Tapia and Justin Saje. He was also a very proud great grandfather of Everly Ridgell and Ledger Young.

Instate Friday November 7th, 10:30 AM until 11:00AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 54045 Schoenherr Rd (N. of 24 Mile Rd.) Shelby Township, followed by the Funeral Mass. Interment will follow immediately afterwards at White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery in Troy, Michigan.

In lieu of floral tributes memorial contributions may be made in Richard's memory to The Michigan Humane Society <https://tinyurl.com/RichardYoungMemorialHumSoc> or to the Kidney Foundation <https://tinyurl.com/RichardYoungMemorial>.

# Previous Events

## Instate in church

NOV 7. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
54045 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Diane, Kim and Troy I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Dick was a good man, and he loved to have fun. We shared lots of great times out at the cottage, I loved it there. I used to go with Aunt Kay and Uncle Ralph on weekends, ( they would stop and pick me up on Fridays) we would go fishing off the pontoon boat and clean the fish right in the lake and then fry them up on the little bar-b-que. Sometimes you all would come out on Sunday, and my parents were there and Uncle Ralph would bar-b-q and I always made a Boston cream pie what great times we had. Losing a very dear loved one is a very hard pill to take my prayers and thoughts are with in your time of sorrow. My love and heartfelt sympathies are with you! .



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**Charlene** - November 05, 2025 at 04:28 PM



*Thank you, Charlene, for the kind words and memories!*

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**Troy Young** - November 06, 2025 at 08:07 AM

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*Thank you, Charlene ::Hugs::*

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**Kimberly Saje** - November 06, 2025 at 09:14 AM

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“ *Miss you, Daddy! Rest in peaceful sleep ...*

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**Kimberly Saje** - November 04, 2025 at 11:50 AM

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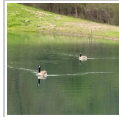
“ *Diane and Troy and family We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Dick. although we have not seen you in a while you are in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sure my dad Joe is cooking him up an Apple Pancake in heaven. God bless you all. Hugs and prayers from The Pantry Restaurant Lisa, Leslie and Mike.*

**Lisa Lauretti** - November 03, 2025 at 09:00 AM

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*Thank you. Dick loved those pancakes and we both enjoyed your friendship through the years. Your Dad was a wonderful man.*

**Diane Young** - November 04, 2025 at 08:20 AM



*Dick was a kind man and a very proud great-grandpa. So sorry for your loss.*

**Lori Laatsch** - November 04, 2025 at 10:00 AM



*Thank you, Lisa! We always have fond memories of your family and the friendships we have. Your own father holds a special place in my life as literally a surrogate grandfather to me for many years as mine had passed.*

**Troy Young** - November 06, 2025 at 08:10 AM

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*Thank you, Lisa and Lori!*

**Kimberly Saje** - November 06, 2025 at 09:31 AM