



## Felix A. Rotter

October 10, 1919 - October 24, 2018

Felix A. Rotter, age 99, passed away peacefully on October 24, 2018.

Beloved husband of over 70 years to Geraldine "Betty". She preceded him in death March 2012. Dear father of Carol (Albert) Sabatini, Susan (Michael) Kalis, and Fred Rotter; proud grandfather of Jeff (Kristin Bowden) Sabatini, Greg (Trudi Hebert) Sabatini, Darren (Sarah Doak) Kalis, and Ryan (Danielle) Kalis; great-grandfather of Serafina, Gabe, and Brynn; brother of George (the late Hattie) Rotter, Ernest (Anita) Rotter. Felix was preceded in death by his two brothers, Alex and Hubert, and his sister, Elfrieda DiCenzo.

The visitation will be Thursday, November 1st. between the hours of 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM with a 7:00 PM Rosary Service at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth (Between Sheldon & Beck). The Funeral Mass will be celebrated of Friday, November 2nd at 10:30 AM at Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187. Mr. Rotter will lie in state at church from 10:00 AM until the Mass. Interment along with Military Honors will follow under the auspices of the US Marine Corps at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 W. 10 Mile, Southfield, MI 48033.

In lieu of flowers, memorial envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church for Resurrection Parish Church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48170 - Plymouth Community Band, P.O. Box 700745, Plymouth, MI 48170 w

ww.plymouthcommunityband.org - The Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center,  
2101 Commonwealth Blvd., Suite D, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 <https://victors.us/felixarotter>

To share a tribute with the family, please click on the 'Share a Memory' tab on this page

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Rosary

NOV 1. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
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## In state

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Resurrection Parish  
48755 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

## Funeral Mass

NOV 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Resurrection Parish  
48755 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

# Tribute Wall



“ *Felix A. Rotter*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Felix, I have good memories working at FAR Associates for the time we worked together.  
My appreciation for the time we knew each other. God Bless...Mark Smith*

**Mark Smith** - August 09, 2021 at 02:29 AM



“ *I just learned of Felix's passing, and I am so sorry to hear this wonderful friend is gone. Felix and I were members of Plymouth Optimist Club for many years, and I enjoyed visiting him when in Michigan from Florida in the summers. He was a true gentleman and a loyal and valued friend. My condolences to his family. Rest in peace my friend*

**Dale Behler** - November 09, 2018 at 06:11 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Felix's passing. He was a friend of my father's from the Henry Ford Trade School, and he spoke of him often. I hope they are catching up...  
Wishing peace to his family.  
Denise (Whitton) Culps*

**Denise Culps** - November 05, 2018 at 10:57 AM

LM

“ *Felix was a great friend, mentor, and all around great human being. He and I shared stories from our lives and I hope that we taught each other something. I "inherited" his friendship when I married Vicki Shy, the daughter of his good friends Jack and Lillian Shy. I taught me how to build, repair and restore stained glass; many of those techniques I still use today. He was a old soul, before he was an old soul, and a real class act.*

*I cherish the time I spent with him in his home workshop as well as the occasions when I lectured on Detroit architecture for the Henry Ford Trade School Alumni Assoc and the Optimist Club.*

*Felix, thank you for your friendship, assistance, guidance, advice, and most importantly your humanity. The world is just a little bit dimmer without you in it.*

*Rest easy. Semper Fi.*

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**Lucas McGrail** - November 01, 2018 at 05:27 PM

LM

“ *Lucas McGrail lit a candle in memory of Felix A. Rotter*



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**Lucas McGrail** - November 01, 2018 at 04:19 PM

VS

“ Vicki Shy-McGrail lit a candle in memory of  
Felix A. Rotter



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**Vicki Shy-McGrail** - November 01, 2018 at 10:44 AM

VS

“ *Felix was my Dad's close friend and my husband and I became friends of Felix's after my dad's passing. Felix was generous, kind, elegant, intelligent and accomplished. As I write this tears well up in my eyes that we have lost him and his energy in this world that so lacks greatness and true leadership. That is what Felix was to me and my husband, this constant beacon of what it truly means to be a man and a human being in this world. His robustness up until the last five years of his life were something to be envied. But, it was his kindness, intelligence, generosity and his always looking on the positive side of things (while being realistic) that were his hallmarks.*

*I cried for a good while when I learned the news of his passing. But, they were selfish tears as I am happy for Felix that he is free again and in the company of his beloved wife, Betty, and all his family members and friends like my mom and dad who have preceded him. The smile of this picture says it all, he was a teacher at heart (even though he owned his own business), he was a teacher in the Marines, at the Ford Trade School, as a business owner, as a craftsman and artist and mostly as a human being.*

*It is funny but today I turned my calendar and the saying for the day was "you must do things that you think you cannot do". I think that was Felix sending me a final message as when I think of those words and the can do spirit and the whole-heartedness of embracing the unknown with gusto, it is him I will think of and look to for inspiration.*

*Lovingly,  
Vicki Shy-McGrail*

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**Vicki Shy-McGrail** - November 01, 2018 at 10:41 AM

DH

“ I truly enjoyed writing the article about Felix and the beautiful stained glass work he created for Resurrection Parish. He was a talented and generous man! Rest in peace Felix and may our Good Lord bless your entire family with the peace only He can give. With prayers and blessings,  
Diane Hanson

Diane Hanson - October 31, 2018 at 11:14 PM

GA

“ George A. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Felix A. Rotter.



George A. - October 31, 2018 at 06:14 PM

LM

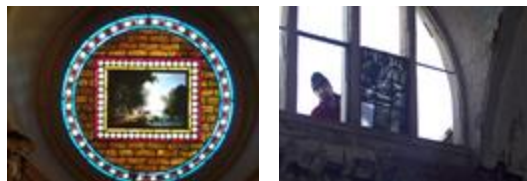
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Lucas McGrail - October 31, 2018 at 08:47 AM

LM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Lucas McGrail - October 31, 2018 at 07:58 AM

TC

“ Taylor Rotary Club purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Felix A. Rotter.



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**Taylor Rotary Club** - October 30, 2018 at 01:50 PM

JB

“ Felix had the best smile I've ever seen. When he smiled, he lit up the room. I will miss my visits with him, but am happy he is with his lovely wife. My prayers and condolences go out the entire family.

*Jennifer Beam*

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**Jennifer Beam** - October 26, 2018 at 08:39 AM

IP

“ I got to know Felix while visiting a friend at the Regency in Canton back in 2015. Felix was his roommate. We struck up an awesome friendship. It was a joy spending time with him over the years. He was always smiling, cracking a joke or two and had a lot of interesting stories to share about his life. I will miss my dear friend Felix and I feel blessed and privileged to have had the pleasure to know him. My sincere condolences to the family.

*Ingeborg von Pagels*

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**Ingeborg von Pagels** - October 25, 2018 at 01:43 PM

CR

“ *Felix enjoyed hosting the Optimist Pet Show at Plymouth's Fall Festival. He was the host for many years & enjoyed talking to the children about their pets & the pet tricks they would perform.*

*Charlie Roebuck*

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**Charlie Roebuck** - October 25, 2018 at 12:29 PM

PB

“ *Felix was a valued member of the Plymouth Optimist Club for over 34 years. Although he has not been able to participate in the club activities for some time, he made it a point to maintain his membership. His commitment made a positive difference to the youth and the Plymouth-Canton community. He will be missed.*

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**Pamela Batcho** - October 24, 2018 at 10:17 PM