



Norman C. Auten

November 22, 1949 - December 21, 2025

Norman C. Auten, age 76, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 21, 2025.

He was born on November 22, 1949, in Tecumseh, Michigan. Norm was a resident of Britton until attending college at Eastern Michigan University. Later, he lived in Livonia and Plymouth, though he always considered his family's cottage on Wamplers Lake his favorite place to be.

Norman was born to Raymond and Rosemary Auten. He is survived by his brother, Terry of St. Augustine, Florida, and his sister, Lois, of Manchester, Michigan.

Norman met his beloved wife, Susie, while attending Eastern Michigan University. They were married for 54 years and shared a deep commitment to one another and to their life's work in education. Norman devoted 40 years to teaching Special Education, serving students at Novi Schools, Hawthorn Center, and Lincoln Consolidated Schools. He also sponsored after-school chess and geography clubs, enriching the lives of countless students.

Two wonderful children blessed their marriage. Adrienne Anne Ceccacci of Portland, Oregon, inspired her father's love of travel and the outdoors, taking him to breathtaking places such as Yosemite National Park and Lake Tahoe. He delighted in her photographs from scenic hiking trips around the world.

Amber Leigh Grandinett of Canton, Michigan, shared an appreciation with her father for country western and blues music, often finding thoughtful ways to celebrate the interests that brought him joy. One of Norman's most cherished experiences was attending a live performance of "A Prairie Home Companion", where he had the honor of personally meeting Garrison Keillor. He enjoyed dinner with the cast, toured the dressing rooms, and joined in after-show celebrations.

Norman's four grandsons—Tyler, Angelo, Dylan, and Brody—brought him endless joy. Watching them grow, hearing their laughter, and knowing they were healthy meant everything to him. Each grandson's unique personality, warm smile, and boundless energy filled his life with purpose and happiness.

His sons-in-laws, Scott and Jeff, complemented their wives' devotion to their families. Norman deeply respected and took great pride in both men for their intelligence, hard work, and

character.

After a fall left Norman paralyzed, he faced life's challenges with remarkable strength. With the unwavering love and support of Susie, family, friends, and his strong faith in God's plan, he accepted his circumstances, developed a positive outlook, and found peace.

The Woods was chosen as Norman's final resting place—a peaceful setting near his home, where he enjoyed quiet walks through the trees with his faithful dog, Rocky. May Norman rest in the place that brought him comfort, reflection, and peace.

Private cremation services were arranged by the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home in Plymouth.

If you wish to leave a special memory or a message of condolence, please use the Share a Memory tab on this webpage.

Tribute Wall

DS

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Diane Schroeder - January 09 at 09:11 PM

DS

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Diane Schroeder - January 09 at 08:57 PM

DC

“ We have fond memories of going to the lake and talking with Norm, the rides around the lake with Norm as tour guide. As parents of a special needs child, we appreciate people like Norm who spent the time to work with them and enrich their lives.

Doug and Margie Cook

Doug cook - December 27, 2025 at 03:16 PM

DI

“ So sorry about Norm. He was a good caring person. Glad we got to spend some time a while ago with you guys, was so enjoyed that and believe he did too. Our prayers and love go out to you and your family. Here is a picture of you guys back in 2019. Love you.



Diane - December 27, 2025 at 12:28 PM

BV

“ Susie and family, sending love, hugs, and healing energy. I am so sorry for your loss.

Beth Vonck - December 24, 2025 at 08:56 AM

JB

“ I appreciated Norman as a neighbor, teammate, classmate's brother. I appreciated getting reconnected in late years and the telephone conversations. His attitude and spirit in the face of pain and disability were remarkable. God bless all of you in your family.
Jack Brown

Jack Brown - December 23, 2025 at 06:56 PM

LB

“ Dear Susie and family, I was so sorry to hear of Norm's passing. May knowing we are thinking of you and thoughts and prayers sustain you during this difficult time.

Linda Bodzin - December 23, 2025 at 05:38 PM

LB

“ Nothing I can say will ease your pain, but I am forever sorry for losing someone so special

My 1st memory of Norm was as the Dj of the club at Redford. Going to the lake was always so much fun, Norm made great hot dogs and going for rides on the pontoon was the best. I loved playing Euchre with him, he was the competition! I miss those times and I will miss Norm. Rest in peace.

Lucy Babcock - December 23, 2025 at 01:50 PM

 Martha Boron

“ My sincere condolences to the Auten family. Many fond memories of him welcoming a big gang of line dancers to Wamplers Lake every summer. May he rest in peace.
Martha Boron

Martha Boron - December 23, 2025 at 11:30 AM

GE

“ Our Condolences to Susie and Family, Norm will be missed by all. Prayers George, Barb and Family.

george - December 23, 2025 at 10:51 AM

DR

Am so sorry for your loss, sending prayers to you and your family. Norm will certainly, be missed by all.

Donna Reed - December 23, 2025 at 11:25 AM

AH

We're so sorry for your loss. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. Arlene & Dave

Arlene Holladay - December 23, 2025 at 12:57 PM

JF

Condolences to Susie and Family. May you treasure the memories and feel the support of your faith, friends and loved ones.

Janice Ford - December 23, 2025 at 04:03 PM

KW

I'm so sorry Susie for the loss of Norm. I do appreciate the hospitality that you both showed us on several occasions one at the house here and one at the lake. You are in my prayers, as well as your daughters and grandchildren as you go through this.

Kathlene Van Wasshonva - December 23, 2025 at 11:09 PM