



## Robert C. Burmeister

August 1, 1928 - April 2, 2026

Burmeister, Robert C. - April 2, 2026 age 97 of Westland.

Beloved husband of the late Marie (Baginski) Burmeister. Loving father of Bob (Karen) Burmeister and Mark (Patty Elka) Burmeister. Dear brother of Bill Burmeister and the late Joann Dew.

Born on August 1, 1928, in Detroit, Michigan, Bob was the son of the late Herbert and Mildred (VanAvery) Burmeister. He was raised in Detroit and attended Cooley High School. Bob proudly served in the United States Army for two years, attaining the rank of Corporal. On April 21, 1956, he married his beloved wife, Marie, and together they shared a lifetime of love and devotion until her passing. Bob was a faithful member of St. Sabina Catholic Church. He enjoyed golfing and bowling in his free time.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Friday, May 1, from 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Mass at St. Sabina Catholic Church, 25555 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St Sabina Catholic Church, 25555 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127, or to American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAY 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

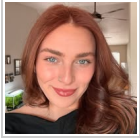
St. Sabina Catholic Church  
25555 Ann Arbor Trail  
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bob was such a special part of my time while in physical therapy. I'll always cherish the stories he shared about his childhood, his deep love for U of M, and the way his face lit up when talking about his wife. He had a way of making everyone feel seen and supported—I'll never forget how encouraging he was when I told him I was becoming a teacher. I'm honored to have met him. He will be deeply missed, but his kindness and stories will stay with me!*

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**Kendall Sampang** - April 22 at 06:25 PM

KW

“ *I always looked forward to the days that I would see Bob. We would frequently harass each other, and he frequently had to teach me his "gambling ways" :)  
Bob, you still owe Victor a teaching of how to run the numbers! :)*

*Love, your favorite (or least) PT  
-Katy Wellman*

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**Katy Wellman** - April 22 at 04:54 PM

JW

“ *A friend at work and golf league. Appreciated all his work in coordinating both the Gooseberry bowling and the Superbowl parties, for so many years.*

*He was the definition of a great guy*

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**John Wolford** - April 13 at 06:52 PM

MM

“ I guess Bob Burmeister liked me from the start. Why? I don't know, probably because I went to The University of Michigan. Bob was the ultimate Michigan fan, and yes, I would classify him as a Michigan man (one of integrity, who loved The University). He loved talking Michigan football, as did I, and in the fog of a busy schedule characterized by patient fears, needles, and the inevitability of age-related loss of function, Bob was my beacon. Bob made my job as a physician fun. He offered levity when there was darkness, and friendship that is rare with patient-physician interactions. Bob was a people person. He was charismatic: So much so that he would call me at home after a huge Michigan victory, just to talk football. Who would do such a thing? Bob would. But in retrospect, I think I may have started that. Either way, I loved Bob, as we all did. Sad that he didn't hang on to witness the basketball team win the "natty." He would have liked that. Bob will be missed by all who knew him. I was proud to call him my friend. Go Blue Bob!

*Michael Mandell, M.D.*

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**Michael Mandell** - April 12 at 01:49 PM

WB

“ I could never have had a better big brother than Bob!! Although he was 12 years older than me , he always cared for me and my recently deceased dear wife!! I will miss him deeply and look forward to seeing Bob and Nancy in heaven. Rest in Peace my dear friend and brother.

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**William Burmeister** - April 11 at 03:39 PM

JR

“ I have so many fond memories of holiday get-togethers with family. One of the best of those was one Christmas Day many years ago at the Burmeister house, when Uncle Bob unexpectedly announced that he was taking all of the kids sledding at Hines Park. That was the first time that I had ever been sledding and was beyond excited. I had so much fun. But that was Uncle Bob. A kind man who loved his family and always had a surprise or adventure to share. Over the past year, I had several telephone conversations with Uncle Bob and it was obvious that he still had that spark, in spite of his health limitations. Uncle Bob, you will be missed. RIP.

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**Jim Rutkowski** - April 10 at 12:34 PM

DD

“ Sad to hear. In 2024-25 I was dealing with a number of medical issues. About a half dozen times, I received a call from Bob asking how I was doing. A WWII Veteran calling a Vietnam Veteran to find out how I was doing. That is a priceless memory that I have passed on to several listeners. RIP soldier. Your tour of duty is over.

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**Don Dignan** - April 09 at 06:35 PM

NH

“ Oh man - this one hurts. A truer gentleman there never was. A legend in the Ford Motor Company, FCSD world. He taught me the fine art of March Madness - College Basketball! Will never forget. RIP Bob.

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**Norell Heinold** - April 09 at 02:30 PM