



Clarence Norman Vogel

October 5, 1924 - June 18, 2019

Clarence Norman Vogel passed away on June 18 in Novi, Michigan after 94 years of life.

The son of Clarence Norman Vogel, Sr. and Margaret Esther Vogel, he was born in 1924 in Cleveland. He grew up on the west side of Detroit and attended Mackenzie High School.

His life was defined by his service to his country, family, the Catholic Church and Ford Motor Company. A graduate of University of Detroit, he served for nearly 40 years as a chemical engineer for Ford Motor Company and helped establish the company's emission control program.

Clarence served in the Army for three years during WWII, including 11 months in the Central Pacific Theater, where he received two battle stars.

He married the love of his life, Elaine Doran Vogel in 1954 -- she passed in 1991. Their love for one another was palpable to anyone lucky enough to be in their lives.

Faith was central to his identity. Clarence converted to Catholicism in the ninth grade and served the Church faithfully for the rest of his life as an eucharistic minister, lector and member of the parish council.

Clarence was an avid reader, jazz enthusiast, fisherman, golfer and wine lover. He had a great respect for the environment and supported several causes including the Great Lakes initiative to restore the natural fisheries and the Nature Conservancy.

He is survived by 11 children: Chuck (Lori), Curt (Jan), Paul (Cindy), Mary Wagner (Tim), Vincent, Robert (Linda), Patricia Valli (Jack), Jean Dietz(Paul), Janet, Elizabeth Blaesser (John) and Margaret Hunter (Jeff), and the late Chris, in addition to 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

His retirement was punctuated by games of golf, vodka tonics, a vicious Scrabble habit and a daily crossword puzzle.

Visitation at the O'Brien/ Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Novi 248-348-1800
Sunday, 2-8 pm.

Instate at St. James Church, 46325 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374 , Monday 10:00 am
until the funeral Liturgy at 10:30 am.

Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy www.nature.org

Cemetery

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W 10 Mile Rd
Southfield, MI,

Events

JUN 23 **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home
41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI, US, 48375

JUN 24 **Liturgy** 10:30AM

St James Catholic Church
46325 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI, US, 48374

Comments



“ Uncle Clare will be greatly missed by the Cichock's. It was always a fun time with the Vogel's and although he could be at times gruff to us, he was always funny. I cherish the memories of our visits to Detroit and spending time at the Vogel house. Clare was a good man and he was good to us and my Mom & Dad. I will be saying prayers of thanksgiving & hope!

Love, Joe

joe - June 24 at 05:35 PM



“ Clarence was wonderful man and dedicated parishioner at St. James. Our 4 young kids loved seeing him at Mass and shaking his hand during the "peace". He will be greatly missed and we pray he receives his eternal reward. Love - The Gerwins (Eric, Sandi, Hans, Ellie, James, and Max).

Eric Gerwin - June 23 at 11:01 PM



“ Odessa:
To the Vogel family, for the half of year I've had with Mr. Vogel no matter what I was going thru he always made me smile. And I've learned from him was integrity & self-respect.

Odessa Smiley - June 23 at 06:19 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence Norman Vogel.



June 23 at 06:08 PM



“ Cheers to Mr. Vogel from Peggy DeBeliso & Dave Meier. We have many fond memories of joking around with Mr. & Mrs. Vogel at Christmas parties (love the ham sandwiches and potato salad at midnight), St. Patrick's day (pit stops from Dooley's), card parties, and just hanging around the Vogel home drinking coffee (and other

stuff). We will always remember the warm welcome, the wonderful family, the sharp wit, and the fresh vegetables and baked goods at the Vogel home, all thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Vogel. Rest in peace, dear friends, and our condolences to all the Vogel "kids." We'll be there with you in spirit on Tuesday, and send our love from San Diego. XOX from Peggy & Dave

Peggy & Dave - June 23 at 12:22 PM



“ Nancy Julien Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Clarence Norman Vogel



Nancy Julien Mitchell - June 20 at 10:41 PM



“ Hey there most awesome Vogels! Just read your dad's obit and see further why I just loved him so much. It's been years since I had the enjoyment of your wonderful families company yet I have a storehouse of memories that God has blessed me with. Your mom and dad made such a loving impact on my life. Your short, warm and funny dad helped me through my very tall gangling teen years. He always saw the beauty in people and he wasn't afraid to encourage and appreciate the good he saw in others. I am so thankful for having been a part of their and your lives. We are saying prayers, with thanksgiving, for you and for your dad's repose. I loved him and am sorry I cannot be there for his funeral. With sympathy and much fondness, Jody Carpenter (Gerianne Coats)

Gerianne Coats - June 20 at 11:38 AM



“ Janey, Lyndsey, Patti, Adrienne, Andrew and Neal purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Clarence Norman Vogel.



Janey, Lyndsey, Patti, Adrienne, Andrew and Neal - June 20 at 06:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clarence Norman Vogel.



June 19 at 07:02 PM



“ At home now with his Pinky!!! Love you All!! Laurie carpenter Gregory.

Laurie Gregory - June 19 at 06:51 PM



“ Dear Chuck, Kurt, Mary, Paul, Bob, Vince, Jean, Janet, Patti, Beth, and Margaret I am so sad to hear this news. I have nothing but wonderful memories of love, laughter and the example of a true friendship our parents shared. I am also very sad that I cannot be there as I will be out of town at a conference in Atlanta. Please know that I am crying tears of sadness but happy that he lived a good long life, and always made me smile. We loved him very much
xox Betsy and Patrick Clancy

Betsy Clancy - June 19 at 05:11 PM