



## Norma Tracy Bauer

July 30, 1945 - October 4, 2025

Norma Tracy Bauer, a lifelong advocate for the underdog and a tireless champion of social justice, passed peacefully into the arms of her Creator on Saturday, October 4, 2025. She was 80 years old.

Born on July 30, 1945, in Rochester, New York, Norma was the daughter of Norman and Anna Margeurite (Fuerher) Tracy. In 1968, she married James Bauer, and together they built a life full of laughter, love, and meaningful memories until his passing in 1999.

In 1988, Norma proudly earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology from Nazareth University, a reflection of her lifelong belief in the power of education and social change. Throughout her life, she was deeply involved in the communities where she lived-advocating for disability rights, social justice, and employment opportunities for others. Her dedication earned her numerous awards and the admiration of many whose lives she touched.

Norma was also a gifted writer and the author of *The Housewife's Dilemma*, but her greatest pride and joy was always her family.

She is survived by her children, Annette (Jon) Sobocinski and Dan (Miranda) Bauer; grandchildren, Tae-eun Hartley, Naomi, Abigail, Sarah, and Hayden Bauer, and Cecilia and Sophia Sobocinski; brother, Mark Tracy; sister, Terry

Correa; sisters-in-law, Judi Trumbley and Mary (Bill) Robb; and brother-in-law, Robert (Kathy) Bauer. She was predeceased by her husband, James; her brother, Fr. Lawrence Tracy; her brother, Paul Tracy; her sister, Eileen Tracy; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Norma's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). A graveside service will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery in Escanaba, Michigan. A Celebration of Norma's life will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St. Lansing, Michigan 48912. A visitation will be held just prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Norma's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Fledge or the Women's Center of Greater Lansing. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

OCT 8. 1:00 AM.

Holy Cross Cemetery  
Escanaba, MI

## Visitation

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The Fledge  
1300 Eureka St.  
Lansing, MI 48912

## Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Lansing, MI 48912

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Norma Tracy Bauer*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 07, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Norma Tracy Bauer*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 06, 2025 at 02:04 PM

DB

*Beautiful job with the video. Thank you.*

Daniel Bauer - November 07, 2025 at 05:05 PM

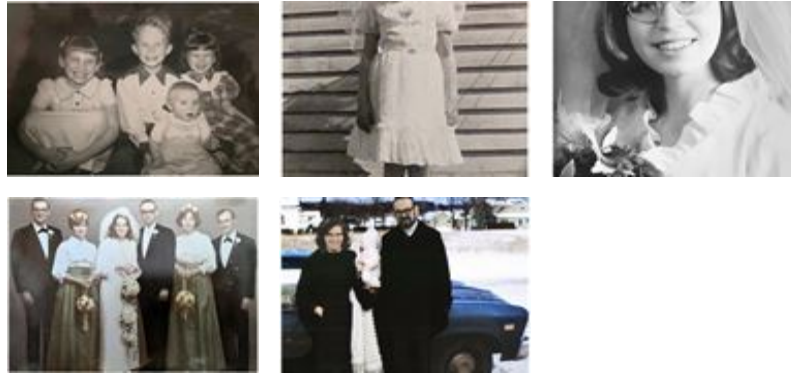
JU

*This pictures are wonderful! They tell a beautiful story!*

Judith - November 08, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 06, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *Norma Tracy Bauer*.



November 05, 2025 at 09:07 AM



“ *Janice and Chuck McLaughlin* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Norma Tracy Bauer*.

**Janice and Chuck McLaughlin** - November 05, 2025 at 09:07 AM

AS

“ 49 files added to the album *Norma Bauer Pictures*



**Annette Sobocinski** - October 19, 2025 at 06:32 PM

MS

“ *Norma was fierce and feisty, and unconditionally devoted to social justice. We met while volunteering for the Lansing People's Assembly of One Love Global. My husband, Peter, and I feel honored to have known her.*

**Merry Stanford** - October 14, 2025 at 12:52 PM

BS

“ *Norma, I recall when you came to our home to discuss philosophy with our son Mani. Whether it was French or philosophy, what I remember most about you is your heart warming smile, easy demeanor, and kind spirit.  
Rest in peace. Betty J Sanford*

**Betty J Sanford** - October 11, 2025 at 11:00 AM

BR

“ One of my favorite memories of Norma was sharing time with her at the Potterville Benton Township District Library. We saw each other there often while she was taking care of Hayden, when he was younger. Norma helped to foster his love of reading and desire for knowledge. But what impressed me were the little things that are big things. I loved the way he taught him to be independent and self-sufficient. While I lifted up my 4 year old daughter to buckle her in to the seat, Norma patiently waited for Hayden to crawl up, and learn to get into his seat by himself and buckle it. I appreciated her as she demonstrated patience and love. I admired how she loved her grandchildren and helped foster their growth and development

Bridget - October 06, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norma Tracy Bauer.



October 06, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Norma Tracy Bauer.

October 06, 2025 at 01:45 PM

PS

“ Thank you God for Norma and for her support and encouraging words at the 8th street coffee house

Paul I. Strom - October 06, 2025 at 04:54 AM