



## Norma Elaine Salisbury

May 31, 1933 - August 26, 2021

Norma Elaine Salisbury, a kind and gentle woman of God, died peacefully in her home on Thursday, August 26, 2021 surrounded by many people who loved her dearly. Born Norma Elaine Houghtaling on May 31, 1933 in Lum, MI to Joseph and Marion (Goodrich) Houghtaling, she grew up in a family filled with Christian values, hard-work, and love. On August 11, 1951 she married Rev. Arthur R. Salisbury, and filled the world around them with kindness and compassion. Their two children carry on these beautiful traditions.

A kind smile, always present, compassionate, patient, and humble, Norma also had a wonderful laugh that would bring a smile to your face in an instant. Some of her many generous talents include making wedding cakes, making candy for all kinds of special occasion and taking plates of these delicious goodies to everyone she knew, and sewing (she sewed every single stitch of her daughter's wedding). In addition, Norma was a homemaker extraordinaire: cooked wonderful meals, sewed, and cared for not only her children but the neighborhood children, and did everything with kindness and a loving attitude. Norma was also known as a wonderful pianist at their churches for many years.

Norma gained many lifelong friends in her neighborhood by fostering a neighborhood event every Tuesday, which became neighborhood pizza night. All the neighbors gathered together for pizza, salad, and dessert. Norma's

salads were always very deliberately and artistically put together (her salads were never just a tossed salad, everything in them was placed in a way that made the salads beautiful and delicious looking). A kind and fair woman, she was an example of a servant for others and a follower of Jesus.

Norma is survived by her husband of 70 years, Rev. Arthur Salisbury; son, Arvid (Katie) Salisbury; daughter, Arla (Lee) Barnhill; 5 grandchildren, Jenica Lawrence, Astin Salisbury, Brock Salisbury, Cody Barnhill and MaLeesha Wilmoth; 11 great-grandchildren; and sister, Isabel Rauh. She was preceded in death by siblings, Elva Ostrander, Francis (Nadine) Houghtaling, George (Louise) Houghtaling; brother-in-law, Chris Rauh; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support the Salisbury family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Monday, August 30, 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Tuesday, August 31, 2:00 PM at the Waverly Nazarene Church in Lansing with Pastors Russell Marklund and Duane Royston officiating. 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 Sparrow Home Care Hospice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral Ceremony

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Waverly Church of the Nazarene  
5701 S Waverly Rd  
Lansing, MI 48911

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Norma Elaine Salisbury



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 31, 2021 at 10:18 AM

AF

*The service was beautiful. Thank you to everyone who took part, and to the technicians who made it available to those of us who could not be in attendance.*

Aaron Frederick - August 31, 2021 at 03:15 PM

PG

*Very great service. Wonderful tributes and memories.*

Pam Guernsey - August 31, 2021 at 09:02 PM

MI

*The tribute was beautiful for a beautiful woman. Rev. and Mrs. Salisbury was the second pastoral couple I remember at Corey Church of the Nazarene. Norma encouraged me so many ways in my Christian life from those 5 years they were at Corey. And I can remember a couple of illustrations that Rev. Salisbury gave in his sermons. Love and Prayers to Art, Arvid, and Arla and your families.*

Maxine Norton Isaac - August 31, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Norma Elaine Salisbury



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 28, 2021 at 11:26 PM

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“ Norma was a wonderful friend. She was always available to help out with VBS, Children’s quizzing, Women’s Ministries, you name it she was there. I looked forward to board meetings as Norma always had a wonderful treat for afterwards. She always had a Pepsi ready for me and if it was your birthday you had a candle stuck in your treat to blow out. I remember the fun we had putting together the pictures for their retirement party. So many stories from each of the pictures she picked out to use. I am praising God today as Norma is in heaven looking down and rejoicing with Jesus. I look forward to seeing her again some day.

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**Pam Guernsey** - August 31, 2021 at 04:53 PM

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“ Norma was the kindest person I have ever met. She loved everyone and made you feel special. She truly lived for the Lord and I looked to her as a role model. I will cherish the time I spent with Norma and will always remember her warm smile and warm words.

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**Deb Woodman** - August 30, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norma Elaine Salisbury.



August 30, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norma Elaine Salisbury.



August 30, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ Such a beautiful smile and a kind soul. I am so sorry for your loss.

Laura Cooper - August 29, 2021 at 10:50 PM



What a joy to have known Norma! Neil and I always enjoyed being in their home and eating her delicious pies. They were such tremendous “team players”.

Neil and I dearly loved both of them!

Ina (C. Neil) Strait

Ina Strait - August 30, 2021 at 10:32 AM



What a joy to have known Norma! We loved being in their home and eating with them, what a tremendous cook!

Neil and I have many special memories of them and I thank God for the friendship we had!

Ina Strait - August 30, 2021 at 10:39 AM

KR

“ Mrs Salisbury showed me how to accept Christ as my Savior 57 years ago at the age of 13, at Charlotte Nazarene church. Forever grateful !!! Karen Tyler Reid

Karen Tyler Reid - August 29, 2021 at 03:03 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brock - August 29, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ 62 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 28, 2021 at 11:22 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Aaron Frederick** - August 28, 2021 at 07:16 PM

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*Norma loved to visit the neighbors, and even joined them for Christmas celebrations for several years, as shown in this picture from 2017. The house could be a bit cold in the wintertime, so the family would always make sure she stayed warm with a blanket and a cup of coffee. She enjoyed watching the family exchange gifts, even as the children of the family grew into adults. There was always something under the tree for Art and Norma too.*

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**Aaron Frederick** - August 28, 2021 at 07:20 PM

JS

“ *Jeff Smith lit a candle in memory of Norma Elaine Salisbury*



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**Jeff Smith** - August 28, 2021 at 05:20 PM