



## Norman Jay Milbourn

July 24, 1941 - May 23, 2024

Norman J Milbourn, a good-natured go getter, died suddenly May 23, 2024 in Lansing. Norman, 82 of Charlotte, MI was born July 24, 1941 in Watertown, NY, the son of Lawrence and Marjorie (Perry) Milbourn. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1959.

"Stormin Norman," as his friends referred to him, was a laid-back, easygoing person who blended in with any group of friends. Known as a hard worker, Norman had a talent of being able to fix anything and everything. His family recalls that he could "MacGyver" anything as long as he could find a nut and a bolt.

Norman was an excellent auto body craftsman. His early years in the field were spent at Diamond Reo in Lansing. After Reo closed he worked a Keehne's Autobody in Charlotte until starting at Spartan Motors in 1992, where he worked until his retirement in 2007. On the job he shared his skills teaching his coworkers some of the many things he had learned over the years.

Norman will always be remembered as a great friend with a great laugh. He always found some way to laugh in nearly every situation. He loved to share time on the golf course with his friends who would enjoy his stories much more than the game. On weekends you could often find him either perusing

garage sales looking for that "special thing," or at a local car show admiring the work that others had put into their cherished machines.

Above all, Norman was most proud of his family and cherished recent trips to Arizona by train to visit his son Tim, and another road trip to visit relatives in North Carolina. A family custom was dinner at their home with his son and daughter every Wednesday evening.

Norman is survived by his wife of 62 years, Elaine; children, Debbie (Al) Jeffers and Tim Milbourn (Jim); sister, Sandy Southern; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ken (Patricia) Marple, Pat Marple, and Joyce (Bill) Scott; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers-in-law, Phil Southern, Bob Marple, and Don Marple.

Friends are encouraged to support Norman's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Wednesday, May 29, from 3-5:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Thursday, May 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Charles Jenson 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 Norman'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 a charity of your choice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 29. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

MAY 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral

MAY 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Norman Jay Milbourn



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 30, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Norman Jay Milbourn



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 28, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Norman Jay Milbourn.



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May 29, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 28, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Norman Jay Milbourn.



May 27, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ *Irene, Bill, and Deanna* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Norman Jay Milbourn.



**Irene, Bill, and Deanna** - May 26, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers.* ❤️ *Adam and Angie*

**Angie Stiver** - May 25, 2024 at 06:59 PM



Thank you! ❤️

Debra Jeffers - May 26, 2024 at 06:07 PM

AS

“ Adam, Angie, Tara, and Kierstin Stiver purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Norman Jay Milbourn.



Adam, Angie, Tara, and Kierstin Stiver - May 25, 2024 at 06:55 PM

JS

“ Deb, So very sorry to hear of Norm's passing he really was a "Quiet leader" at Spartan for years. Always enjoyed chatting with Norm at work. Lots of hugs coming girl.

Jeff Smith - May 25, 2024 at 02:28 PM



Thank you, Jeff. Tough times 😞

Debra Jeffers - May 25, 2024 at 04:21 PM

WP

“ Norm was a good friend and colleague.  
I learn a lot from him over the years I worked with him, golfed with  
and just shot the breeze.  
He will be missed.  
Wallypeters



wally peters - May 25, 2024 at 09:19 AM



Thank you, Wally.  
Your friendship meant a lot to my Dad.  
Your golf outings together with the Spartan gang were the highlight of  
his summers.

Debra Jeffers - May 25, 2024 at 04:25 PM

KB

“ I am so saddened of this loss and all our thoughts go out to Elaine  
and family. Our neighborhood will never be the same as they have  
been our great neighbors for over 40 years(I also have memories  
when I was a kid coming out with my Dad and Gunner to see his  
new Triumph motorcycle so we go way back). I just can't imagine  
the future without Norm out doing yard work anymore and  
sometimes taking a few minutes to talk, what a very sad time.

Kevin Bowen - May 25, 2024 at 07:19 AM



Thank you so much for the kind words, Kevin.  
You're right, yard work won't be the same, as this was his pride and joy  
😞 He loved to putter around with his outdoor projects.

Debra Jeffers - May 25, 2024 at 04:34 PM

DD

“ *My condolences to Elaine and family  
Thinking of you all ❤️  
Donna from Dr Zinks / Family Care Specialist in Charlotte*

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**Donna Davidson** - May 24, 2024 at 08:14 PM



*Thank you so much, Donna. 🙏*

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**Debra Jeffers** - May 25, 2024 at 04:35 PM