



# Edward Thomas Van Overbeke

March 9, 1939 - December 9, 2020

Van Overbeke, Edward Thomas December 9, 2020, age 81.

Ed passed away surrounded by the love and prayers of his family while in the care of Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

Beloved husband of Joann (nee: Juip.) Loving father of Cheryl (Timothy) Corcoran, Joyce (Robert) Sackleh, Ann (Richard) Stislicki, Christine (Terry) Dawes and Millie (Christopher) Paliewicz. Proud and loving grandfather of Matthew (Nicole), Jacob (Kimberly), Emily (Joshua), Holly, James, Joshua, Mason, Jillian, Nathan, Amelia, Elizabeth, Grace and Tara. Great-grandfather of Arwen and Abigail. He is survived by his brother, Larry. He is predeceased by his parents; his siblings, Cyril (Frank), Margaret, Charles, Rosanne DeRaedt, James and Arthur; and his granddaughter, Danielle.

Ed was born on March 9, 1939 in Detroit to Cyril and Rose (nee Gietzen) Van Overbeke. He had a keen mind and loved to do things with his hands. As a young man, working under the tutelage of Gene Gruse at his service station, Ed developed a lifelong understanding and passion for cars and mechanics. In 1963, he began a 38 year career with Chrysler, where he brought meticulous excellence to all of his work. Over the years, Ed also became proficient in many hobbies, most notably woodworking. Many family members and friends are the fortunate recipients of Ed's treasured craftsmanship. He also was handy in other areas, such as plumbing, electrical and home maintenance. As such, he was a source of knowledge and advice for many friends and family, most notably, his sons-in-law. He enjoyed the simple things in life -- working on projects, helping others, and spending time with his family. Ed's quiet and giving nature made him much loved by many. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In keeping with Ed's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Memorial Visitation is scheduled at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons for Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 2:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:00pm - 8:00pm. A Sharing of Memories will be at 7:00pm on Sunday. A Memorial Mass is scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2021 from 9:30am - 10:00am at St

Kieran Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider doing a quiet act of kindness, like Ed has done so many times; or send donations to the Springfield Dominican Sisters, to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan or to a charity of your choice.

Springfield Dominican Sisters  
1237 W Monroe  
Springfield IL 62704

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan  
43097 Woodward Ave, Suite 102  
Bloomfield Hills MI 48302

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Sharing of Memories

OCT **10**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Memorial Mass

OCT **11**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran  
53600 Mound  
Shelby Twp., MI 48316

# Tribute Wall

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**Edward Poplawski** - December 29, 2020 at 04:18 PM

CF

“ Claudia V F. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Edward Thomas Van Overbeke.



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**Claudia V F.** - December 18, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JL

“ Ed was truly a gentle giant. Will always remember what a nice person he was all the way back to when we both went to high school with him. Condolences to JoAnn and the family. Peace.

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**Joan & Chuck Lybeer** - December 16, 2020 at 02:12 PM

LP

“ I have very happy memories of Uncle Ed. The first memory of him was when I was only three years old when he and my dad finished the attic of our home in East Detroit, called East Pointe now, They built walls and installed dresser drawers in the walls, which for a kid, i thought that was so cool!!! It was a beautiful bedroom for us 3 girls at the time. I remember visiting Uncle Ed and Aunt JoAnn and their 5 girls, 5 girls I wondered" no boys?" Ha,,, until my husband and I also were blessed with 5 girls as well!! And what a blessing these dads have found in their girls!!!! I am the proud owner of one of his hand crafted desks which our family received so, so many years ago. I used to do my homework on it. It is perfect!! He knew the perfect dimensions of the drawers and cupboard space and also shelf space. that was important for a person who needs to study. He was ever so generous to plan with his family the Gietzen, VanOverbeke family re-union picnics. It was an opportunity to reconnect with family. I really appreciated them. Thanks, Uncle Ed and Aunt JoAnn and family!!!! I will miss your husband and dad and our wonderful kind and gentle Uncle Ed!! God is merciful,,, may he rest in PEACE!!! Laurie (VanOverbeke) Poirier

Laura Poirier - December 16, 2020 at 08:05 AM

SO

“ Dear Joann and family, my condolences on the loss of your dearest Ed. I have such fond memories of the brief times I spent with you when I lived nearby in Frazier. The joy and hospitality I experienced in your home will be with me forever. My conversations with Ed about the Belgian immigrants in Detroit metro will be something I will treasure. Please know you are held in my prayers during this difficult time.

Sister Beth Murphy, OP - December 14, 2020 at 01:01 PM

DG

“ I have great memories of the Gietzen VanOverbeke Family reunions and of Ed and Joann coming in together back when worked at Troy Beaumont Outpatient Lab and their great smiles. I'm sure he's up with Dad Gietzen have good times

dawn gietzen - December 13, 2020 at 06:46 PM

PD

“ Ed was a great person, husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather and also a dear friend to my husband and myself. He and my husband usually met for lunch when JoAnn and I were doing bible study or retreat work. Now they are both in heaven having lunch together and enjoying the peace only Jesus can give. May he rest in the Lord.

Pamela DeClercq - December 13, 2020 at 01:53 PM

LB

“ my Brother Ed was a kind and generous person and will be missed and always ready to help someone and Joann and the rest of his Family will be in my Prayers. May his soul rest in PEACE ,along with the rest of his Family .

Brother Larry.

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**Lawrence VanOverbeke, Brother** - December 13, 2020 at 01:17 PM

VP

“ I met Ed at Servite High school in 1954. The nuns always put the bigger kids in the back of the room. So, Ed and I were always sitting around each other. Always good to talk to Ed.

After graduation we went our separate ways. 1969 I moved to San Diego. June 2000 I

sold my business and moved back to Michigan and lived in Clarkston. I phoned Ed about having lunch and getting together. We had a great time ! We continued meeting for breakfast and lunch and talk on the phone until the pandemic. We would say to each other.

We have to get together to solve the world's problems. The world will miss him. I will miss him.

See you later Ed. Your friend Vince

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**Vince Peraino** - December 13, 2020 at 09:53 AM

KO

I met Ed in 1983 as a new engineer when I started at Chrysler in Highland Park. He did some good fabrication work for the crankcase oil separation system on the 2.2L engine. Ed was a pleasure to work with and I am blessed to have known him. I also had the privilege of talking with him at the end of November. Thank you Lord for Ed's impact on me and many others.

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**Kevin Ohlrogge** - April 27, 2021 at 07:51 AM