



## Robert Carl VanMeter, Sr.

January 29, 1938 - January 11, 2026

VANMETER, Robert Carl Sr. January 11, 2026. Age 87. Beloved husband of Nicki for 43 wonderful years. Loving father of Robert Jr. (the late Dianna), the late Phil (Emma), Kevin (Rebecca Ann), Jody (Tamara) and step-father of Renee Marie Calado and the late Paul M. Ketelhut. Proud and adored grandfather of Rebecca Amber (Jeremiah) VanMeter-Brown, Rachel Lynn (Anthony) McClellan, Alana Selma Edgington, Isabella R. Calado, Brianna Paige Calado, Julian Austin Calado, Hannah Jane VanMeter, Lincoln Ellis (Peyten) VanMeter, Audrey Frances (Luke) Weihe, Lucas Allan VanMeter. Cherished great-grandfather of 13 great-grandkids: Adelynn, Avery Kate, Anderson, Allie Grace, Trevor Joseph, Lyla Belle, Lorelei Marie Charlotte, Ronald Salvatore Randolph, Sophia Lee, Trenton, Bailey, Reese, and Reagan.

Visitation Sunday 2-9pm with a Eulogy at 6pm. Visitation Monday 10am until time of the 11am Funeral Service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling  
36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Eulogy

JAN 18. 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bob was my grandfather. He's the man that taught me how to ride a bike. He also was the first one to take me on a motorcycle ride. Grandpa made me stilts one day just because I wanted them and to learn a new skill. Not only did he teach me to ride a bike but he taught me how to use tools so I can be an independent woman. Grandpa has done a lot for me, but my favorite thing was loving my Grandma. He was so proud of her cooking it made the food taste better than it already did.*

*You wont be forgotten Grandpa. We miss you already and love you.*

*Belle*

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**Isabella Calado** - January 19 at 04:32 PM

JO

“ John (Johnny) Marginean, longtime neighbor. I got to know Bob as I grew up in my early teens into my twenties. He always treated me like a young man and genuinely listened to what I had to say and would give me a truthful opinion. I respected him for that.

*In 1995, I got married in Saginaw. My Mother, Grandmother, and Aunt were coming from downstate the day of the wedding and got lost. After 45 minutes of waiting, I was starting to get a lot of pressure from the Pastor (who had another event) as well as friends and family, to go ahead with the wedding. As I was sitting alone in my prep room confused and leaning toward going ahead with the wedding, Bob came into the room. Bob looked me in the eye and told me that the decision was mine but, if I went ahead with the wedding, it would be one of the biggest regrets of my life. I listened to Bob and decided to wait. Mom showed up 15 minutes later and everything went as planned. As I reflect back to that time, Bob was right. I would have regretted that decision the rest of my life.*

*I have received a lot of advice throughout the course of my lifetime, almost all of which I don't remember. The advice that Bob gave me was truly the best I have ever gotten and, never forgotten.*

*RIP Bob*

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**John** - January 18 at 02:19 PM

JF

“ James H. Pershing (Nephew) & his family. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Carl VanMeter, Sr..



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**James H. Pershing (Nephew) & his family.** - January 16 at 04:33 PM

JP

“ Bob was My Uncle and Big Brother to my deceased Mother, Patricia L. Pershing, Bob was always a kind and supportive Uncle to my sister, Jana, and I, and a very good brother to his little sister (my Mother). He always supported my decision to join the military and remained in contact during my military career that began in the Navy and is ending with the Coast Guard. He even joined my Father and I on a Navy Tiger Cruise aboard the USS Ingraham in 1997, while I was serving as a pilot aboard the Guided Missile Frigate returning from a deployment to the Middle East. My father and Bob joined the ship in Hawaii and rode with us on our return voyage to Washington State. He always had a inquisitive mind and was very interested in the mechanics of both the ship and aircraft. My Father and Bob beat all the sailors onboard onboard the ship in multi-day card tournament. He loved his wife Nicki very much and was very proud of all his children, grand-children and great-grand-children. He was very loved and will be missed by many. - James H. Pershing (Nephew Jim) and my family: my wife Natalie, son James, and daughter Dara.

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**James H. Pershing** - January 16 at 04:27 PM

JP

“ Bob was a wonderful and supportive 'Big Brother' to my wife Patricia. He was a very good Brother-In-Law and friend to me. Bob and I never had disagreements or words. In good and difficult times Bob was always supportive and helpful. We had scores of in depth discussions about family matters as well as social and cultural issues in general. I will miss him greatly and always cherish his ideas and his friendship. I wished you the best in life and now the best beyond!

*Jim Pershing*

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**James A. Pershing** - January 16 at 03:50 PM

BP

“ *Brother-In-Law and Friend Jim Pershing purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert Carl VanMeter, Sr..*



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**Brother-In-Law and Friend Jim Pershing** - January 16 at 03:33 PM

YA

“ *Your family at ADM/ARTCo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Carl VanMeter, Sr..*



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**Your family at ADM/ARTCo** - January 16 at 09:50 AM

YA

“ *Your family at ADM/ARTCo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Carl VanMeter, Sr..*

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**Your family at ADM/ARTCo** - January 16 at 09:50 AM

DF

“ *Dave, Jeff, and Brian Wawrzynski and fam purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Carl VanMeter, Sr..*



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**Dave, Jeff, and Brian Wawrzynski and fam** - January 16 at 08:41 AM

DF

“ Dave, Jeff, and Brian Wawrzynski and fam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Carl VanMeter, Sr..

Dave, Jeff, and Brian Wawrzynski and fam - January 16 at 08:41 AM

LK

“ linda ketelhut purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Robert Carl VanMeter, Sr..



linda ketelhut - January 16 at 05:20 AM

KM

“ I always admired the love shared between Nicki and Bob. They shared a one-of-kind bond that could never be broken. He was her night in shining armour. Bob was a good man, and I was fortunate to have been his neighbor. May he rest in peace.

Karen Morris - January 16 at 12:57 AM