



## Claude Kane Norton

October 6, 1924 - May 13, 2020

Claude Kane Norton of Wacousta passed away May 13, 2020. Claude was born October 6, 1924 in Grand Rapids to the late Claude and Julia (Kane) Norton. He graduated from Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School in 1942, proudly served his country in the United States Navy during WW II in Panama and then went on to receive his Bachelor's of Science Degree from Michigan State. Claude retired as a Bacteriologist from the State of Michigan Department of Public Health. As a young man, Claude was a high achiever and worked diligently to achieve Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout and continued to serve as Scout Leader for several years. His love of woodworking and working with his hands was evident when in his youth he built and flew model planes and a little later in life a pelican sail boat that was seaworthy. Claude also repaired and refurbished antique furniture for his family and friends. He enjoyed playing tennis, high diving, was an avid reader, taught and called round dancing and listened to classical music on WKAR. Claude had a "green thumb" and grew orchids, roses and African violets. He is survived by children, Joyce (John) Malene and Frederick (Marjorie) Norton; grandchildren, Frederick (Julie) Norton Jr. and Janet Norton; 2 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren along with nephews, Paul (Dena) Norton and Harvey Norton. Claude was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Shirley on March 8, 2017 and his brothers Richard and Basil Norton. A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by Father James Eisele. You may watch the

funeral mass for Claude at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 18, 2020 on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0cHJ0g9uMkkSu5m0qpg2OA>

(Scroll down until you see May 18, 2020 - Funeral Mass) Rite of Committal will take place at Rosedale Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Rapids. A public memorial service will be scheduled and announced when the current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Memorial contributions in Claude's name may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand Rive Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906 (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=cahsad&id=23>). Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

# Cemetery Details

## **Rosdedale Memorial Park Cemetery**

50 Lake Michigan Drive  
Grand Rapids, MI 49544

# Tribute Wall



“ Claude was a nice man to work for at the Public Health labs. My wife and I met there making media. Claude would playfully hide his crocheting behind a box while working on it at lunch. Rest in peace!

Rod Gregg - May 17, 2020 at 11:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Claude Kane Norton.



May 16, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ Claude. Was a true gentleman and a friend. It was an honor to be of service to both Claude and Shirley. They will be remembered as truly remarkable people and I am so honored to have known them.

Ren Vande Guchte - May 14, 2020 at 09:13 PM