



# Mr Vern A. Hosko

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**M**r. Vern Hosko, age 75, passed away Thursday evening, October 17, 2013 at his home surrounded by his family. Vern was born June 24, 1938 in Muskegon to Julius Sr. and Julia Leona (Guimond) Hosko. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. Vern was a Police Officer for the Norton Shores Police Department for 32 ½ years, retiring as a Sergeant in 1996. On August 17, 1996, he married the former Joni Lynn Halterman in Muskegon, and she survives him. Vern was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus where he was a past Grand Knight. He was also a member of Marine Corps Reserve, American Legion Post #9, a past commander of Marine Corps League Post #703, F.O.P. #99 past president, Devil Dog Society, and Viking Linne' Lodge #57. Vern also was past president of the Churchill Athletic Association. He enjoyed golfing, yard work, winters spent in Florida, but most of all, he treasured fellowship with and service to his fellow man. In addition to his wife, Vern is survived by his children, Joel (Jenny) Hosko of Twin Lake, Theodore "Ted" Hosko of Muskegon, Cheri (George) Hotchkiss of Grand Rapids, Lori Smith of Muskegon, Kenny (Tammy) Schrader and Brian Schrader, all of Muskegon; 10 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; brothers, Julius (Gertrude) Hosko Jr. of Muskegon and Allen (Sue) Hosko of Muskegon Heights; and several nieces and nephews. Vern was preceded in death by his parents. THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be 10:00 AM Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (150 E. Summit Ave.) with Rev. Fr. Antony Britto as celebrant. VISITATION will be Monday evening from 5-8 PM at The Lee Chapel 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100 INTERMENT will be made in Norton Cemetery with Full Military Rites afforded under the auspices of American Legion Post #9 and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to the Marine Corps League #703, Muskegon, MI.




## Events

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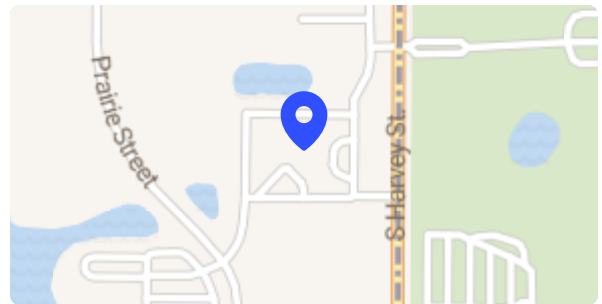
### Visitation

 **Monday**, October 21, 2013


 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



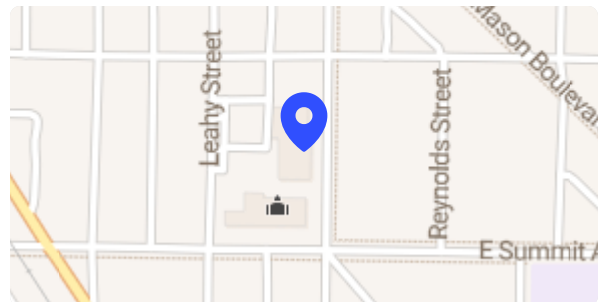
### Mass of Christian Burial

 **Tuesday**, October 22, 2013

 10:00 AM ET

 **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

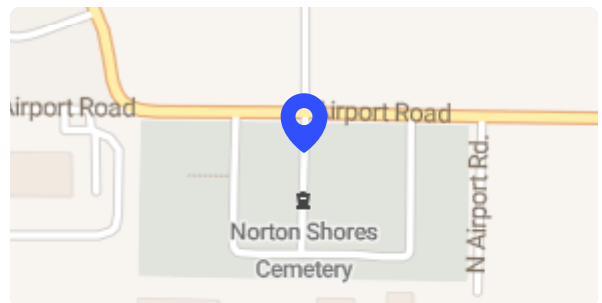
150 E. Summit Ave, Muskegon Heights MI 49444



### Cemetery Details

 **Norton Cemetery**

743-761 Airport Rd., Norton Shores MI 49441





## Tribute Wall

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JR

**Jerry Rathsburgg** posted:

Vern10/42 my friend your tour has endedbe at peaceYour family and friends will miss you, but will always remember your being part of our lives and that will not be forgottenGod BlessJerry & Bonny Rathsburg

October 22 at 11:01 AM

DB

**Dr. David Burlingame** posted:

Vern was my friend and mentor for our entire time together at NSPD. As a patrol officer Vern taught me there was more to being a cop than enforcing the law. He taught me to see people as people who had done something wrong, not to see them as what they had done. As a Sergeant he taught me leadership skills and not to forget that I was once a patrol officer. After I was promoted to Lt. I always sought out Vern's advise in those all to often sticky situations. The only thing he could not teach me, through no lack of effort on his part, was how to play a decent game of golf. We spent many hours at the Fruitport Country club after 3rd shift enjoying the game. The world is a better place because of Vern, and a little less because he is gone. Semper Fi my friend. Dr. David Burlingame (Lt. Ret, NSPD).

October 22 at 5:29 AM

JT

**Joe Tackx** posted:

I'm sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.Joe TackxKnights of Columbus

October 22 at 4:52 AM

MK

**Mary Bowen Kalisz** posted:

Joni,I am so sorry for your loss.My prayers are with you and your family.Mary Kalisz

October 21 at 5:38 AM



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RB

**Ray Baker** posted:

First meeting Vern at NSPD as a rookie, it was hard to judge this small statured guy with a gruff voice, but as the time went on, it was evident this was a person who had a big heart and a friend forever. It was an honor and pleasure to work with Vern and under his command. A lot of good times, some not so good, a lot of laughs, but always someone you could count on backing you up and being at your side when the times were tough. A lot of great memories that will be forever. My thoughts and prayers to Joni and the family. God speed Vern. Ray Baker

October 21 at 1:47 AM

CH

**Chuck And Joann Hagen** posted:

Vern was always the "Cop's-Cop". Gruff maybe, but you knew you could depend on him to come through, when you needed help. Good guy, on and off duty. Semper Fi/Semper Paratus. Joni, our deepest sympathies. Lt. Chuck Hagen (Ret/MUPD ) and Joann ("Grandma").

October 20 at 4:26 PM

TL

**Tim Lavigne** posted:

Sgt. Vern Hosko was my mentor and I will never forget him! Too many stories to write about here, but everyone should know that under that gruff exterior was a man with a gentle soul! RIP Sarge!!!! Tim LaVigne

October 20 at 12:47 PM

JB

**Joann Boguth** lit a candle in honor of Vern.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family

October 20 at 7:44 AM





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JW

**Julie Wiebenga** posted:

I will always remember Vern's gruff demeanor on the radio. The first time I met Vern was on the 2300-0300 shift at Central Dispatch. I was brand new and had made the mistake of sending 422 on a call in 421's area, without the blessing of the shift Sgt. A rather agitated voice came on the radio and made it clear to me, and anyone listening in Muskegon County, that I had made a major mistake. I was mortified. A short time later that same voice was heard behind me in the dispatch center, and I was sure I would soon be getting my walking papers. Instead, this gruff little man came over to me, and seeing the tears in my eyes, gave me a big hug and told me never make a decision like that without his permission again. I never did. I will treasure always my memories of Vern, and the friendship we had. We have lost one of the greats, and he will be deeply missed. God speed 429. 10-42.

October 20 at 6:49 AM

AG

**Andy Golghtly** posted:

Vern you will be greatly missed at the Marine Corps League Semper Fi my friend

October 19 at 11:21 PM



**Sue Prieto** posted:

My prayers for strength go out to the Hosko family. Vern was my dad "Tuffy"'s cousin and both very much Marines at heart. Vern was a wonderful friend and one heck of a great Hungarian. He took so much pride in the Marine Corp League and did a super job at the Legion. He will definitely be missed by many, many people.

October 19 at 2:23 PM

DG

**Diane Gardner** posted:

Such a great loss to all who knew him. We will miss him. He has come to my rescue many a time, doing things like driving me home from the bar or stopping me from putting on the fisticuffs. I've seen him take control of situations before they get out of hand. But most of all I've watched him sit and reminisce about the Marine Corps. with sincere passion and heard stories about his police officer days. A truly genuine person who did so much for anyone who needed something. Our condolences to the family. Diane and Max Gardner

October 19 at 11:16 AM



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DS

**Deb Strandberg** lit a candle in honor of Vern.

I was lucky enough to work with Vern for many, many years. When he worked third shift and I worked evenings, we would often just sit and chat quite awhile after my log out time. I always enjoyed and remembered those conversations. Once we were on days together I always knew "he was there". Vern could handle anything! Some would think he was a grumpy bear until they knew the huge heart inside that bear. I'll hold him in my heart for always. Prayers for all the family,



October 19 at 10:02 AM

GS

**G. Eleanor Schlee** October 21 at 4:45 AM

So sorry to read about Vern. I think he & his little brothers were my playmates when we lived years ago on Glade St. in Muskegon Hts! God be with you all! G.Eleanor (Brimmer) Schlee

RE

**Reed** October 20 at 6:05 AM

We were so glad to have spent time with Vern when we were out there. Vern was able to be with Bill on his birthday and it made Bill so happy



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Vern by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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