



# Robert J. DeVoursney

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## Robert J. DeVoursney

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Robert J. “Bob” “Pops” DeVoursney, age 85, passed away Friday morning, January 20, 2017. He was born February 17, 1931 in Jersey City, NJ to Fredrick and Anna (Fleming) DeVoursney. Bob was a graduate of St. Peter’s Prep High School in New Jersey and also graduated with a business degree from New York City College. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and served his country during the Korean War. On June 7, 1952, he married the former Bernadette Brophy in Jersey City, NJ. Prior to moving to Muskegon, he worked for Westinghouse and Studebaker. He traveled the world while working for Clarke Floor Machine for 14 years as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing and Geerpres for 13 years as the Vice President of Sales before retiring in 1996. Bob was a faithful follower of Notre Dame Sports and supporter of Muskegon Catholic Schools. He enjoyed spending time with his family, camping, and salmon fishing on his boat the “Big D”. He was also a big supporter of the Irish Festival, where he and his wife sponsored “Bob & Bernie’s Pub”. He also loved listening to the music. Bob was a member of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Catholic Church in Grand Haven, was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and one of his most cherished moments in life was his private meeting with the Pope. SURVIVORS include his wife of 64 years, Bernadette; 7 children: Robert (Ollie) DeVoursney of Fruitport, John (Eva) DeVoursney of Roosevelt Park, Diane (Jacques) LeFevre of Noblesville, IN, Tom (Debbi) DeVoursney, Nancy (Wayne) Kohley, Greg (Christine) DeVoursney all of Norton Shores, Jeff DeVoursney of Ferrysburg; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Marty and Freddie; and 3 sisters: Kathleen, Ann, and Rita. THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be 3:00 PM Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at St. Patrick – St. Anthony Catholic Church (920 Fulton St., Grand Haven, 49417) with the Rev. Fr. Charles Schwartz presiding. VISITATION with the family will be from 5-8 PM Monday, January 23, 2017 at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St.,



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(231) 798-1100, and also one hour prior to the mass at the church. Entombment will take place in St. Mary's Mausoleum. MEMORIALS to the Muskegon Catholic Central Foundation or the Harbor Hospice Foundation will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



# Events


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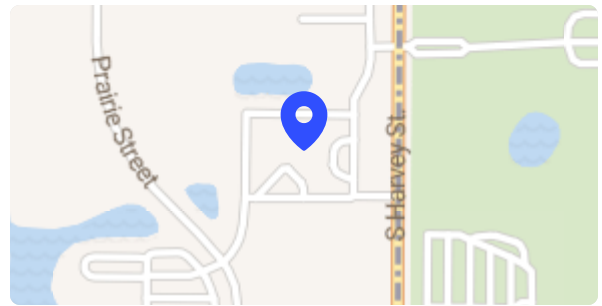
## Visitation

 **Monday**, January 23, 2017

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



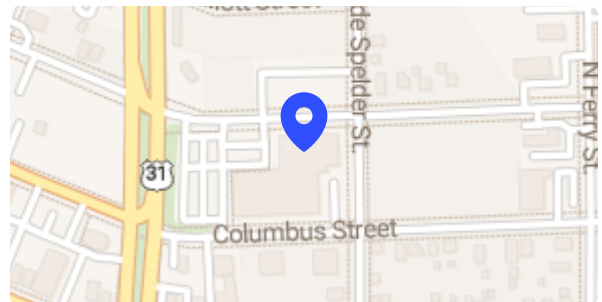
## Visitation

 **Tuesday**, January 24, 2017

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **St. Patrick Church of St. Patrick - St. Anthony Parish**

920 Fulton Street, Grand Haven MI 49417



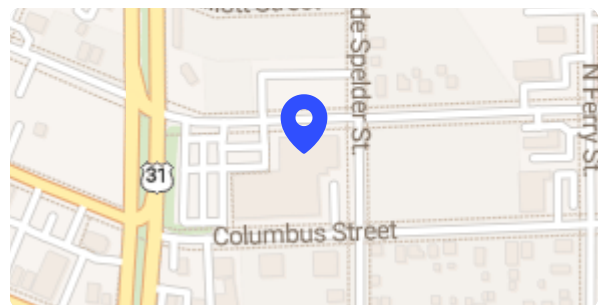
## Mass of Christian Burial

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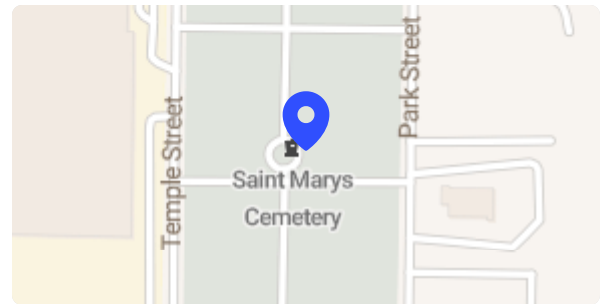
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### Cemetery Details

 **St. Mary's Cemetery**  
1915 Park St., Muskegon MI 49441





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the DeVoursney family.



January 24 at 7:48 AM



**Mary Lou Desmond** posted:

Paul and I have so many wonderful memories of "Pop" DeVoursney from numerous family events. It was obvious to all in attendance that he treasured each member of his beloved family and that feeling was lovingly reciprocated. May the memories you have shared be a comfort in this trying time and in the future. Paul and Mary Lou Desmond

January 22 at 2:15 PM



**Rita Rasp** posted:

Aunt Bernadette and my cousins, There are no words that can express how sorry I am at the loss of Uncle Bob. I am so grateful to have been able to spend time with him in August. Bob and I always enjoyed the visits we spent with both of you. He was a very special person. I remember how much my parents loved him and all the fun they shared with both of you. I am sure that Bob and my parents are so happy to have him join them in heaven. Love Rita Mafull Rasp

January 22 at 10:07 AM



**Shirley Bancroft** posted:

Dear Bernie: We were so saddened to hear of Bob's passing. We have fond memories of the great times we all had together at Clarke. I am just so sorry we were never able to make it to the annual breakfast as we would have loved seeing you both. We send our sincere sympathy and love to you. Shirley and Bob Bancroft

January 21 at 5:45 PM



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**Theresa Felzenberg** posted:

Condolences to Aunt Bernadette and all the cousins. My mother Kathleen DeVoursney Tomasello is remembered as being so PROUD of her "baby " brother for his successful business career and many accomplishments. I have fond memories of my trip to Michigan to see Uncle Bobbie with my mother many years ago as a young girl . The warmt hospitality the fun boat ride and walk down the path , through the dunes to my first site of The Great Lake. I remember Uncle Bobbies warm smile . Theresa Tomasello Felzenberg

January 20 at 6:21 PM



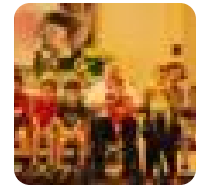
**Anonymous** sent a Serenity Wreath to the DeVoursney family.



January 20 at 12:04 PM



**Kristen Lefevre** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



On this sad day, I keep thinking of what Carson McCullers wrote in "The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter." "How can the dead be truly dead," she wrote, "when they still live in the souls of those who are left behind?" Those of us "left behind" miss you and grieve for you, Pops. But we also see the faces of the devoted family you created--your children, your grandchildren, your great grandchildren--and we take comfort in knowing that you truly live on in each of their souls. With Love and Sympathy, Joffre, Kristen, Sawyer, Wyatt, and Libby LeFevre

January 20 at 11:48 AM



# Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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