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Mr. Douglas R. Norton, age 21, passed away Tuesday, August 28, 2012. He was born on January 4, 1991 to Brian and Collette (Durand) Norton in Grand Haven. Doug graduated from Fruitport High School in 2010. He enjoyed music, playing guitar and skateboarding. SURVIVORS include his mother, Collette Norton; father, Brian (Cynthia) Norton; sister, Nicole; brother, Robbie; grandmother, Eileen Stalec; grandfather, Robert Norton; great-great-grandfather, Milton Mockerman; 2 step-brothers; 1 step-sister and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Doug was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Stalec and grandmother, Karen Durand. A MEMORIAL GATHERING will be held with Doug's family from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Friday, August 31, 2012 at The Lee Chapel 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100 In remembrance of our beloved Doug memorial contributions can be directed to the family for a sibling's trust fund.




Events

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Memorial Gathering

 **Friday**, August 31, 2012

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





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KP

Kayla Pierson posted:

I miss you everyday.It's still so hard to wake up knowing you're not there holding me I wish I could have done more to help you. I know you're at peace but I hate the feeling I have in my heart. It's empty. I don't feel any happiness and I just wish I could be with you.We promised each other forever and I'll never forget any of the things we talked about or told each other. You'll always be in my heart and you'll always be my one true love.Rest In Paradise. I'll love you till the day I die and forever more.

August 23 at 6:29 PM

CN

Collette Norton shared an album called **memories**.



September 20 at 6:51 PM

CN

Collette Norton shared an album called **memories**.



September 20 at 6:50 PM

CN

Collette Norton posted:

Doug - I am so sorry my love wasn't enough for your troubled soul. I wish I could have made all your pain go away. I keep hoping this is a nightmare and I will wake up and be able to hold you in my arms forever. If I could take back time and pause this summer, I wouldn't have let it end that way. Never again will I feel whole, a part of me went with you and a gaping hole exists where your presence once filled. How can I get through this pain of losing you and go on without you? It hurts more than words can say. You are always in my heart each and every day until I can be with you. I hope your soul is set free and you are with papa Bob enjoying every minute of every day. I will continue for all of eternity forever loving you. - Mom

September 20 at 6:16 PM



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Julian Barnes lit a candle in honor of Douglas .

September 10 at 9:26 AM



Julian Barnes posted:

Put up a cross off Pontaluna Exit for Doug may he rest in peace. God bless.

September 10 at 9:26 AM



Lovers12 lit a candle in honor of Douglas .

September 3 at 10:39 PM



Tracy Boeve lit a candle in honor of Douglas .

September 2 at 9:35 PM



William Gust lit a candle in honor of Douglas .

September 1 at 7:22 PM



Melissa Coonrod lit a candle in honor of Douglas .

September 1 at 7:13 PM





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William Gust posted:

Doug....remember when we made the waffles over the fire in your shed....or the time that we climbed up on the roof of the factory and you spray painted that peace sign on the water tower...or when I bet you my left pocket that Clayton Josh and Miales wouldnt show back up...needless to say I lost that bet..and you left Bowens class to claim your bounty..or when you fixed up your old board and gave it to me so you could teach me how to skate...hell you even taught me how to sew with a needle and thread...you opened my eyes to alot of things...you were pretty much my best friend...you would listen when I talked..you would give me insight when i needed it, and when I ever i needed anything...if you had it you gave it or lent it..you led me to a Place where I had never been before....Live fast....do what you want...and dont give a ___ bout what anybody thinks of you...and I thank you for that Doug...Its tearing me up that I cant be up there, its killing me....I have done nothing but cry and go to work since I heard..just wish...and hope I could have....one day...thats all I ask...One ___ day to do what we used to do...have fun, and ___ up!!!! I miss you Doug...always will...your my brother from another Mother..lol...I love you bud..

September 1 at 11:04 AM



Sherri Dutterer & Family lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



September 1 at 6:24 AM



Sherri Dutterer & Family September 1 at 6:31 AM

Collette The Dutterer family send our sympathy's in the loss of your son,I did not have the pleasure in knowing him,but I did know his sweet grandmother Karen Durand,I know she has him in her arms. Love & Prayers Sherri Dutterer



Jessica Hamilton lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 31 at 7:36 PM



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DA

Dad posted:

Just for today I will try to live through the next 24 hours and not expect to get over my child's death, but instead learn to live with it, just one day at a time. Just for today I will remember my child's life, not just his death, and bask in the comfort of all those treasured days and moments we shared. Just for today I will forgive all the family and friends who didn't help or comfort me the way I needed them to. They truly did not know how. Just for today I will smile no matter how much I hurt on the inside, for maybe if I smile a little, my heart will soften and I will begin to heal. Just for today I will reach out to comfort a relative or friend of my child, for they are hurting too, and perhaps we can help each other. Just for today I will free myself from my self-inflicted burden of guilt, for deep in my heart I know if there was anything in this world I could of done to save my child from death, I would of done it. Just for today I will honor my child's memory by doing something with another child because I know that would make my own child proud. Just for today I will offer my hand in friendship to another bereaved parent for I do know how they feel. Just for today when my heart feels like breaking, I will stop and remember that grief is the price we pay for loving and the only reason I hurt is because I had the privilege of loving so much. Just for today I will not compare myself with others. I am fortunate to be who I am and have had my child for as long as I did. Just for today I will allow myself to be happy, for I know that I am not deserting him by living on. Just for today I will accept that I did not die when my child did, my life did go on, and I am the only one who can make that life worthwhile once more.

August 31 at 5:30 PM

LN

Lelania Underwood (Norton) posted:

I thought for several hours about what I wanted to say...but I don't think that there are any words that say how I feel. Therefore I decided to share a memory. Not long after you were born (you were about 18mos old) I took you on a trip to Allendale to show you off to my friends. I was so proud to be your Aunt. However as I drove down M45, I suddenly felt terrified, for I had never taken care of a baby (or changed a diaper). I was later relieved to find it was not difficult, I even survived the dirty diaper. I only wish that I was personally telling this story to you instead of typing it here. I'm so sorry I was not there when you needed me most... Love, Aunt Laina

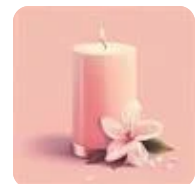
August 31 at 11:22 AM

KH

Kim Hayes lit a candle in honor of Douglas .

I'm very sorry for your loss. Doug was a fun guy and a good friend. We'll all miss him.

August 31 at 7:32 AM





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Anonymous sent a Written in the Stars to the Norton family.



August 31 at 6:31 AM



Bob Norton posted:

Dear Doug. Although you are of my blood, I never knew you very well. Too many thousands of miles and too many re-marriages separated us. We all have our inner demons and I am sad that yours got the best of you. It's a shame. I pray that you are in a better place, free from your demons, rest in peace. And my condolences to the rest of the family that was close, especially you, Brian. Time will heal the pain and I hope the scars that remain are minor. Love, Bob.

August 31 at 5:55 AM



Bob Norton August 31 at 7:53 AM

sorry for the double-ish post. I didn't think the first one made it here so I tried again, then in a few minutes they both appeared.



Kmazur sent a virtual gift in honor of Douglas .

My heartfelt sympathy to family and friends. Doug was a student of mine in a program through high school and I was touched by his ambition and politeness. He brought his shy smile to every meeting and was always respectful. These things I remember most about a young man trying to make his way... Rest in peace. ~ Ms. K. Mazur



August 31 at 5:52 AM



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Bob Norton lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 30 at 3:13 PM



Bob Norton August 30 at 3:17 PM

Doug, I didn't know you well even though you share some of my genes. Too many miles between us and too many re-marriages kept us apart. We all have our demons inside, and I feel badly that yours got the better of you. But the demons are gone now. Rest in peace. I pray you have gone to a better place where you can be free. And my sincere condolences to the entire family, and especially to you, Brian. Time will heal the pain, and in time all that will be left is the care. I pray for your peace too. Love, Bob.



Tina M Gust lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 30 at 10:47 AM



Cynthia Norton sent a virtual gift in honor of Douglas .



August 30 at 10:22 AM



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Grandma Stalec sent a virtual gift in honor of Douglas .



August 30 at 9:45 AM



Lori Bolema September 4 at 9:47 AM

Eileen, we just heard about your grandson and we are so sorry for your loss. Rest knowing that he is in a better place and is with Bob!Mike & Lori Bolema



Grandma Stalec August 30 at 10:37 AM

Doug, I have soooo many wonderful memories of you. The day you were born and your Grandpa Stalec nicknamed you "primetime" because we were watching the Detroit Lions lose (again), your Great-Grandmother Bybee loving to babysit you, the many weekends we took you to Wabasis Lake, the Detroit Lions games we attended, and how you loved to ride on the back of Grandpa Bob's Harley wearing your little authentic Harley-Davidson leather jacket we bought for you. I could go on and on.....these are but a few of the good times. My only consolation is knowing that Grandpa Bob was there to welcome you and many other family and friends. I WILL MISS YOU PRIMETIME!!!



Patricia Norton (Great Aunt) sent a virtual gift in honor of Douglas .



August 30 at 9:17 AM



Aunt Patty lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 30 at 9:14 AM



Shaelyn Fann lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 30 at 7:13 AM



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AL

Aunt Lainy lit a candle in honor of Douglas .

August 30 at 7:09 AM



EA

Elaine Norton (Great Aunt) sent a virtual gift in honor of Douglas .

August 30 at 7:07 AM



PJ

Paula Johnson lit a candle in honor of Douglas .

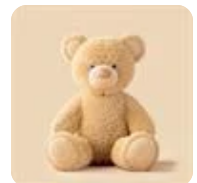
August 30 at 6:11 AM



SC

Shane Underwood (Cousin) sent a virtual gift in honor of Douglas .

August 30 at 4:58 AM



MS

Maryeva Smith lit a candle in honor of Douglas .

August 30 at 4:56 AM



SC

Shyene Underwood (Cousin) lit a candle in honor of Douglas .

August 30 at 4:22 AM





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Lauren Hopwood posted:

Doug, i will never forget the day i met you. you were the sweetest guy i ever met before we hit the teenage years then you became distant from life for awhile. i miss going tubing and camping with you and your family as well as mine. funny we use to play truth or dare and we acted all shy when we had to hug one another.. wish i had though. if i could right now i would love to. you understood my pain and suffering when i was down about being handicapt.. you had faith in me i could do anything you could, miss our conversations and wish i would have been not so shy and gave you a chance before i ruined it completely. love you douglas ray norton. i even had everyone calling you dougie-poo, remember? haha it was funny and i still laugh about the good times we had together. may you rest now and forever. my son jayden would of loved you, your a great person wether if you had problems or not we all have them. we love you so much. love lauren

August 29 at 9:08 PM



Lauren Ashlee Hopwood August 31 at 6:44 PM

welcome brian, i loved your son so much and i never got to tell him because i was too shy to say anything to him.



Brian Norton (Dad) August 30 at 4:05 PM

thank you for the wonderful post brought tears to my eyes



Lauren Hopwood lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 29 at 8:59 PM



Julie Garcia lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 29 at 5:58 PM



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Cynthia Norton shared an album called **Doug and Grandpa Stalec**.



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Eileen Stalec September 24 at 5:40 PM

doug....you were EVERYTHING to Bob.....wish he havn't passed before you.....or your passing would never have happeded,,,,He loved you unconditionally and would have done anything for you



Amy Whipple lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 29 at 4:46 PM



Grandma Stalec lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 29 at 3:06 PM



Amy Whipple posted:

Love you Doug.

August 29 at 2:23 PM



Alexis Blawat lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 29 at 1:34 PM



Stacey Collison August 29 at 2:52 PM

my prayers are with you and your family

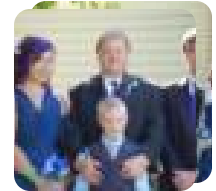


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Cynthia Norton shared 2 photos to the **September 2011** album.



August 29 at 12:29 PM



Dad lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 29 at 9:50 AM



Cynthia Norton shared an album called **September 2011**.



August 29 at 9:40 AM



Tina M Gust August 30 at 10:40 AM
What a great pic of Brian & Doug!



Cynthia Norton lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 29 at 9:35 AM



Katie Morrow lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 29 at 9:28 AM



Katie Morrow lit a candle in honor of Douglas .



August 29 at 9:27 AM



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Katie Morrow posted:

Hey bud!! I will miss ya very much!! Love ya very much!!! Give grandma a big hug!!! Love ya always and forever Doug!!!REST IN PEACE DOUG

August 29 at 9:09 AM



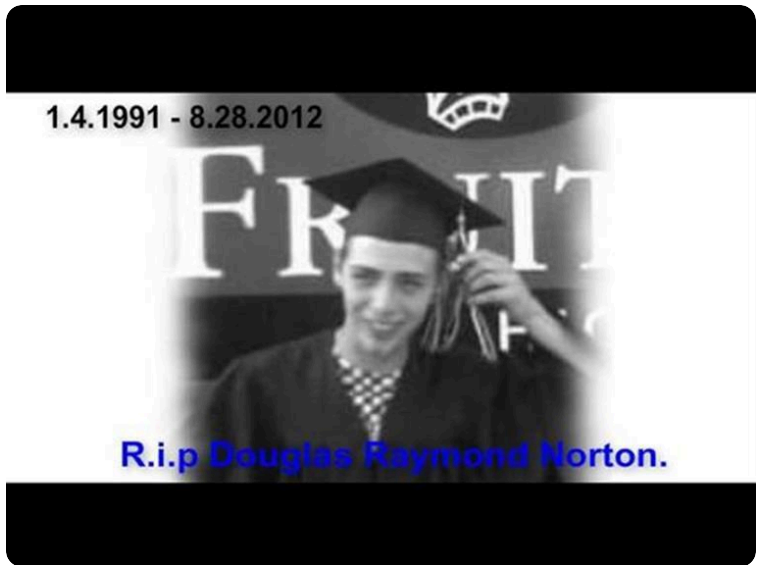
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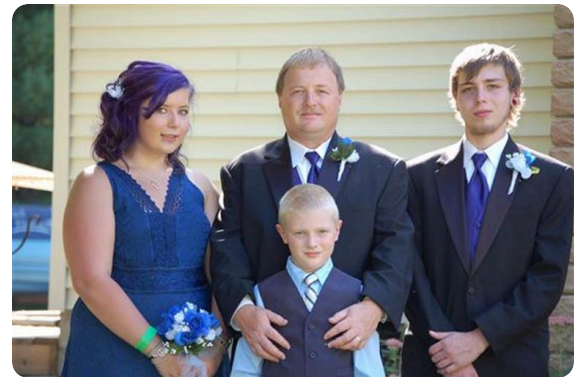
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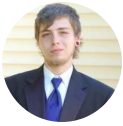


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Cynthia Norton shared a photo to the **September 2011** album.

August 29 at 9:40 AM



Father & Son



Tina M Gust August 30 at 10:40 AM

What a great pic of Brian & Doug!



Memories only last if you share them

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



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