



Norman Paul Suydam Sr.

August 14, 1935 - May 26, 2021

BLISSFIELD – Norman “Red” Paul Suydam, Sr., 85, of Blissfield, died on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at home with his family by his side under the care of Elara Caring Hospice.

He was born on August 14, 1935 to Ivan and Dorothy (Davis) Suydam in Adrian, MI. Red graduated from Adrian High School and joined the National Guard, serving from 1954 to 1957.

On June 2, 1956, Red married Yvonne Bussing at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, in Blissfield. They celebrated 48 years together as husband and wife before her passing in 2005. Blessed with four children, they created many happy memories over the years.

Red worked at American Chain and Cable for 33 years, working on the floor and later as the supervisor of receiving inspection before retiring in 1987. Red was a member of Light of Christ Parish, St. Peter the Apostle Church, and often ran and called bingo for the church. He was previously involved with North Adrian Grange, United Auto Workers, Moose Lodge #1034 and Civitan of Lenawee. Red was a talented artist and worked with stained glass and refinished the doors at St. Peter the Apostle Church. He loved writing poetry and was most proud of the publication of his poem, “Our Little Angel”. He also enjoyed fishing as well as roller-skating in his younger years at Hilltop.

Red is survived by his children, Norman Paul (Fran) Jr. of Toledo, OH, Jeannie (Louis) LaPlante of Sebring, FL, Lisa (Bill) Gritzmaker of Blissfield and Anthony (Shelia) Suydam of Adrian; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and step-sister, Yvonne (Bob) Gilbert of Adrian. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife; his step-mother, Erma Suydam; siblings, Calvin and Ike Suydam; granddaughter, Cassandra; granddaughter-in-law, Lisa; unborn great-granddaughter, Abigail; and special friend, Lottie Swan.

Visitation for Red will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield, with a Rosary starting 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated by Father Jeff Poll on Wednesday, June 2, at 1:00 p.m. at Light of Christ Parish, St. Peter the Apostle Church. Rite of Committal will follow in Pleasant View Cemetery, Blissfield. Military Rites will be provided by the Blissfield American Legion Post #325 and VFW Post #158.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Elara Caring Hospice.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

9175 E. US 223
Blissfield, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)
301 S. Lane St.
Blissfield, MI 49228
(517) 486-2133
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Rosary

JUN 1. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUN 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Light of Christ Catholic Parish
309 South Lane Street
Blissfield, MI

Mass of Resurrection

JUN 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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309 South Lane Street
Blissfield, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Paul Suydam Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Deepest sympathies, I wish I could be there. I am not feeling well & am in U of M hospital.*
Jeff Bussing

mary bussing - June 01, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *Evelyn H. lit a candle in memory of Norman Paul Suydam Sr.*



Evelyn H. - May 29, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *Red and Yvonne were my favorite people when I worked Civitan bingo at the fairgrounds. They made it fun! Ann and I and Civitan send heartfelt condolences to the family. We are sure Red and Yvonne are volunteering in heaven together forever. --David & Ann Guldin, Civitan of Lenawee.*

David and Ann Guldin - May 29, 2021 at 12:54 PM

SB

“ Almost didn't read this obituary until the Busing name caught my eye. Hab so much fun with Red at KEY AND DOTS car hopping and Red would put on his roller skates (didn't have Rollerblades) back then. Wonderful memories. Rest in peace Red.

Sandra Wiles Brieschke Brady - May 29, 2021 at 12:04 PM

ST

“ Knew Red Suydam and Yvonne thru Civitan service Club. They were great people and good friends. They both helped Civitan with our Bingo games at the Adrian Fairgrounds. They are both in heaven volunteering and helping God.
Rest In Peace Norman

sandy Trevino - May 29, 2021 at 10:20 AM

SR

“ Stephanie Roop purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Norman Paul Suydam Sr..



Stephanie Roop - May 28, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. I feel with Red's passing like a chapter of my life is closed. I spent so much of my childhood with the family & always felt like I was part of the family. I can't tell you how much I miss the Suydam "old days" & the great times we had. So very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.
Emilie & Tony Hawken



Emilie Hawken - May 28, 2021 at 11:48 AM

MC

“ Mike Bussing, Karen Schuhmann and children. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norman Paul Suydam Sr..



Mike Bussing, Karen Schuhmann and children. - May 28, 2021 at 11:37 AM

YG

“ Norman being a half brother doesn't mean I or Eugene Lavon didn't love him any less than a brother. You and Mom and Lavon will see each other in heaven. Norm I still have my stain glass red rose you made me. I will treasure it until I see you in heaven. So sorry I miss seeing you before the Angels came. I did very much enjoy our phone conversation you will be missed by all who loves you. 💕
Yvonne! (Bonnie)



Yvonne Marie Gilbert - May 28, 2021 at 10:58 AM