



## Victor Robert Grathwohl

July 28, 1931 - July 26, 2025

Victor Robert Grathwohl, 93, of Salisbury, North Carolina, passed away on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at the North Carolina State Veterans Home surrounded by family. He was born July 28, 1931, in Niles, Michigan, to the late Marshall Grathwohl and the late Eva Rayfuse Grathwohl.

Victor, the youngest of six children, grew up in Niles, graduated from Loras Academy in Dubuque, Iowa and attended Michigan State University. He was a veteran United States Navy Pipefitter serving in the Korean War on the USS Ajax and USS Dixie warships.

On June 18, 1960, in Niles, MI., Victor married Bette L. Warnke, recently celebrating their 65th anniversary. They were members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salisbury and former members of St. Basil Catholic Church in South Haven, Michigan.

Victor was a mechanical engineer in the paper manufacturing industry. He worked for Simplicity Pattern Company in Niles and Massena, New York, and James River Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was a master craftsman, a remarkably good tennis player, and a legendary apple pie connoisseur.

Most notably, Victor was a wonderful and kind person. His impish grin and quick wit drew people in. His love for family never wavered.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Bette Grathwohl, son; David Grathwohl (Susan) of Salisbury, daughters; Kimberly Grathwohl of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Susan (Zach) Park of Tampa, Florida, granddaughters; Maggie Grathwohl of Wilmington, North Carolina, Abby (Chandler) Inions, of

Salisbury.

Victor was preceded in death by his sisters; Mary Ann (Richard) Drury, Betty (William) Vanderbeck, Margaret Bohner, and brothers; Joseph (Mary Lou) Grathwohl, and Father John Grathwohl.

Services will be held on October 1st at St. Basil Catholic Church, 513 Monroe Blvd. South Haven, Michigan, with Father Bob Flickinger officiating. Visitation 10:00am and Mass 11:00am.

The burial will be held on October 2nd at Calvary Cemetery in Niles at 1:00pm.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to: St. Basil Catholic Church [www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/giving](http://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/giving)

Online condolences may be left at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Grathwohl family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Basil Catholic Church  
513 Monroe Blvd.  
South Haven, MI

## Funeral Mass

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Basil Catholic Church  
513 Monroe Blvd.  
South Haven, MI

## Burial

OCT 2. 1:00 PM.

Calvary Cemetery  
Niles, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Victor Robert Grathwohl.*



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August 30, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Victor Robert Grathwohl.

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“ *With love, Lora Miller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Victor Robert Grathwohl.*



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**With love, Lora Miller** - August 02, 2025 at 07:23 AM