



## Robert "Bob" Gawlas

September 30, 1932 - October 7, 2020

Robert "Bob" Gawlas, age 88, of Bourbonnais, formerly a longtime resident of Northville, MI, passed away Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at his home. He was born September 30, 1932 in Detroit, MI, the son of Charles P. & Gertrude (Ribolin) Gawlas. He married Rita Passanise on June 27, 1964. She preceded him in death on March 28, 2018.

Bob was a master Electrician. He retired from Kroger Dairy Company. Bob was the founder and Commandant of the Marine Corps League 1253. He was also a member of the St. George American Legion. Bob was a talented musician and played many instruments. Those instruments included tuba playing for the Marine Corps League and string bass and bass guitar for Polka bands.

Bob was a veteran of the Marine Corps, where he served in Korea. He was a rifleman first and a musician second for the 1st Marine Airwing.

He was a parishioner of St. George Catholic Church.

Surviving are one son, Bryan Gawlas of North Branch, MI; one daughter and son-in-law, Angela & Jim Anders of Bourbonnais; many grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his wife, Rita Gawlas, Bob is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Garron Gawlas; and three brothers, Charles Gawlas, Fred Gawlas, and Ralph Gawlas.

Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, October 15, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1

p.m. Friday, October 16, 2020 at St. George Catholic Church. Due to COVID restrictions, a face mask and social distancing will be required. There will be limited seating in the church due to social distancing requirements, therefore, the service will be broadcast on FM 87.9. Rev. Dan Belanger will celebrate the mass. Military rites will be held following the mass by the Marine Corps League and all are invited to attend.

An additional visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. 122 W. Dunlap St., Northville, MI 48167.

Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, MI at 25800 W. 10 Mile Rd. Southfield, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Legion 1164 Boys State Scholarship at PO BOX 1424 Bourbonnais, IL 60914.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W 10 Mile Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

OCT **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church  
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.  
St. George, IL 60914

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Casterline Funeral Home Inc.  
122 W. Dunlap St.  
Northville, MI 48167

## Graveside Service

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OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery  
25800 W 10 Mile Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Gawlas*



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**Mary Blum** - October 13, 2020 at 11:31 AM

LB

“ *I still cherish the nice talks we shared when Bob worked in the engineering dept. at Michigan Dairy. He was a kind and gentle man with a generous heart. Bob Gawlas, you are in your reward now with your loving wife. Rest peacefully. Lori Burkell.*

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**lori Burkell** - October 09, 2020 at 06:36 PM

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“ *Condolences to his family. He was truly "Semper Fidelis"!*

*Tom Draude  
BGen USMC (Ret.)*

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**Thomas V Draude** - October 09, 2020 at 03:09 PM

AF

“ *Anne Harris And Family lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Gawlas*



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**Anne Harris and Family** - October 09, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ *Semper Fidelis "Leatherneck!" Godspeed.  
Major Nickey F. Yates (USMC, Ret.)*



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**Nickey F. Yates Sr** - October 08, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ *Kathy Maass Hunger lit a candle in memory  
of Robert "Bob" Gawlas*



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**Kathy Maass Hunger** - October 08, 2020 at 08:29 PM