



Martin Leo Authier

April 1, 1940 - September 21, 2025

Martin Leo Authier, age 85, of Saline, Michigan passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 21, 2025. Martin was born on April 1, 1940 to Loretta (Martin) and Leo Authier of Venice, Florida. After high school he enlisted in the United States Navy. Upon being honorably discharged in 1962, he met his future wife, Adele Rains. On January 20, 1967 they married. Martin is survived by his 2 children, Tim (Barbara) Authier of Ann Arbor, and Amy Milbauer (Kenneth Crafton) of Chandler, Arizona; as well as his 4 grandchildren, Allan and Mira Authier, and Jordan and Sydney Milbauer. Martin is survived by 2 siblings, sister Carol (Eugene) Favors, and brother Gerald (Gail) Authier, and many nieces and nephews. Martin was preceded in death by his wife Adele, his parents, his brother Kenneth (Sandra) Authier, sister Sharon (Roy) Fetter, and by his close friends Paul (Bonnie) Bruns, Nancy (Phil) Briggs, and Darlene (Ira) Shubel.

Martin first worked as a Probation Officer for Washtenaw County before becoming a high-risk counselor at Salem High School. At Salem High, he worked with students and their families making an indelible impact on many. Martin loved: to tell stories and entertain especially at Benny's Bakery in Saline; to cook and share food; to travel with his wife and visit family; and especially to spoil his grandchildren. Martin was always quick to notice things in others, no one was a stranger to him.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, October 1st from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. A Celebration of Life Service will take place beginning at 4:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Martin's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To sign Martin's guestbook, to leave a memory, for more information or directions, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Celebration of Life Service

OCT 1. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EP

“ *Marty and Adele were our neighbors on Willis Road for many years. We watched each other's kids grow up. As many have said, Marty was one of a kind. To Tim and Amy and the family we send our deepest sympathy and condolences for a life well lived. Ed and Ethel Polsdofer*

Ed and Ethel Polsdofer - October 01, 2025 at 08:24 AM

JC

“ *I would often walk the halls of Salem after school and learn about what was “really going on” at Salem! Loved his interaction with students and so enjoyed his sense of humor. We were so lucky to have him. Jan Carney*

Jan Carney - September 30, 2025 at 08:53 PM

HR

“ *Martin was one of a kind and I enjoyed working with him at Salem High School. Martin and I also shared a birthday!! We would often see each other at Mac's in Saline on our special day to get out birthday meal. RIP Martin, you will be missed.*

Heather Robinson - September 30, 2025 at 03:22 PM

TC

“ *To the Family Marty Authier, RIP Marty*

Ted Carls - September 26, 2025 at 10:04 PM

CA

“ Mr Authier was the reason I enjoyed my HS career 2002 - 2006. He was truly one of a kind and willing to help anyone. He will be dearly missed. Sending positive vibes and prayers to the family during this difficult time.

Carlee - September 25, 2025 at 08:14 PM

AS

“ Martin was one of a kind. He was one of a few who could motivate the At-Risk student. It was fascinating how he knew exactly what to say to build that relationship, when all others could not. He care about them so much they would even learn for him. He was a great educator!

Allie Suffety - September 25, 2025 at 06:54 PM

JH

He was a wonderful man. He helped me get my child into rehab. She listened to him and it made a fanominal change in her life. I am so sorry for your loss.

Jeanette Havel - September 26, 2025 at 01:15 PM

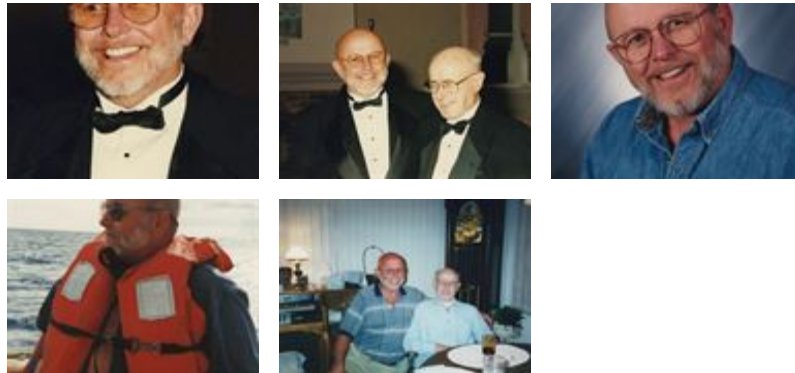
PB

I just saw Martin's obituary and celebration of life today. October 2. I'm so sorry I could not attend. I knew Martin for a over 20 years. We worked together at Yorkwoods Center when I was a newbie and later when I was the teacher for students with emotional impairments and behavior issues at Canton High School. When I walked in the door, at Canton, the first time, Martin walked in at the exact same moment. It was quite the homecoming for me to see him there. I knew I had backup if needed. We enjoyed many conferences and shared many students over the years. He was a wonderful and caring man. We laughed a lot . I will always be very grateful to him for helping many of my teaching and crisis moments work out very well.

Peggy Bozyk - October 02, 2025 at 05:04 PM



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Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 25, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ Mr Authier was an amazing educator for kids struggling with school. I was his student assistant for a couple years at Salem and he would ask me tutor kids that were struggling with their schoolwork while they were in in-school suspension. He truly cared and wanted to do right by kids that people had already given up on. I really loved working with him. Rest easy Mr A ☐

Erica Berman - September 25, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ He was the disciplinary teacher and helped many of us at school. He actually cared about the kids with problems and truly provided guidance to many. Blessed to spent the short amount of time with him I did. Condolences to the family.

Jonathan Rice - September 25, 2025 at 06:00 AM

KT

“ I was Mr. Authier’s student assistant in 1998-1999 at Salem High School. He helped to change my trajectory. He believed in me. Rest in peace. My condolences to the family.

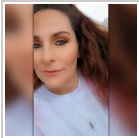
Katie Toye - September 24, 2025 at 09:25 PM

SM

“ From pig shaped pancakes, to watching animal planet, to being a spoiled grandbaby & getting to go see my gramps. I will miss my grandpa so much. 9 days before i got this call i got to see him on my drive from new york back to california i decided to stop up in saline and say hi and my hearts breaks to know it was also my goodbye. but im grateful i got one. i love you grandpa. until we meet again☐



Sydney Milbauer - September 24, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ Mr. Authier is one of my fondest memories of high school. I didn't get sent to his room often, but when I did we had a blast. He was kind, without taking our teenage crap. He was a good man and will be missed.

Ashley Watkins - September 24, 2025 at 12:23 PM

GW

“ One of the best most memorable teachers I have ever had and only had him for 5 day's of my whole High School career, Thanksgiving you Mr. Gauthier for great memories.

Georgena (Gamble) Wright - September 23, 2025 at 09:26 PM