



**Location**  
Northville, Michigan

**Product:** Grand Manor® Shingle

**Roofing Contractor:** Brown and Sons

## Rancher Renovation

### *Michigan Couple Renovates Nightmare House in Dream Neighborhood*

To picture Mike and Maryann Anusbigian's renovation of their 1950's rancher in Northville, Michigan, think "Green Acres" on a bad day—a *very* bad day.

Before moving in, the family cleaned, repaired, painted, landscaped, and generally made the home livable. But less than two years later, the family had its first set of architectural drawings for the renovation.

Reports Anusbigian, "The first plan was nice, but it didn't fit the house or the neighborhood. Northville was established in the 1800s, and most of the homes reflect that early architecture. We wanted a renovation that looked natural and integral to the neighborhood." So the Anusbigians turned to Northville native Steve Lomske at American Craftsmen Architecture in Northville Village for a second plan. In Lomske's vision, the rancher became a two-store home that reflects the charm and history of the area.

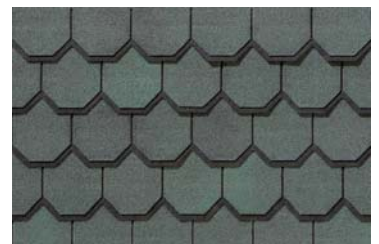
Anusbigian's first decision was the roof and for it, CertainTeed's Grand Manor® shingles. "Many of the homes in the area have slate roofs; they're beautiful, but costly. Grand Manor looks like slate, but is less expensive and much easier to install. Plus, Grand Manor has a lifetime, transferable warranty, so we can assure the neighbors that the roof will look good for many years!"

Grand Manor is a heavyweight asphalt roofing shingle. Because it features two full-size, one-piece base shingles, random 8-inch tabs, and shadow lines, it gives the roof the depth and dimension of slate. The Anusbigians chose Sherwood Forest because it blends beautifully in the wooded neighborhood.

The family also left nothing to chance when it came to the choice of roofer: They turned to Jim Brown of Brown and Sons in Adrian, Michigan. Says Brown, "I've been in business for 33 years, using CertainTeed products nearly as long. Mike knew Grand Manor would give his house a historic look in keeping with the rest of the neighborhood; it was our job to make sure it was installed correctly."

"It was tough at times, but we did it." When Mike Anusbigian recalls the nearly yearlong renovation, he shakes his head in disbelief. Was it worth it? "Absolutely," says Anusbigian, "The house is fabulous, and we still love the neighborhood."

*Grand Manor®: Sherwood Forest*



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