



## Dennis Jerome Szczesny

December 2, 1966 - September 2, 2020

SZCZESNY, Dennis, Jerome, passed away on September 2, 2020 at the age of 53. Dennis was born in Detroit, MI to the late Jerome and Shirley (Szydlowski) Szczesny. Dennis Graduated from Fraser High School in 1985. He went on to play baseball at Ferris State University. He enjoyed sports, camping, and kayaking. Dennis is survived by his two sons Brandon (Ashley) Szczesny and Bradley Szczesny; Fiancee Debra Jozefowicz and children John Carlo Simbeni, Sophia Simbeni, and Joey Simeni; Brothers James (Lisa) Szczesny, Paul (Kathy) Szczesny, along with nieces, nephews, and friends. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday September 12th from 3pm to 8pm with a memorial service at 6pm. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

\*\*\*\*Please be advised that in observance of the governmental order from the State of Michigan we kindly ask, for the safety and well-being of the families we serve, that everyone practice social distancing and wear a mask\*\*\*\*

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **12.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling  
36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ *I still love you!*

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**b. reilly** - September 04, 2021 at 03:51 AM

BR

“ *So sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. I had a crush on him all through out jr. high and high school! Especially when we played basketball! Class of 85 forever!*

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**brian r.** - March 21, 2021 at 12:36 AM

KT

“ *Such great memories of Dennis.. I will be forever grateful for our friendship and all of the crazy fun times we shared in our younger years ! His kind heart and infectious smile was admirable. Rest easy my friend , until we meet again.. xo*



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**Kelly Sidick Thomas** - September 11, 2020 at 11:16 PM

LH

“ *Larry Hunt sent this to me to post for him. Roseville Recreation, 1978. The competition was deep! Notice any familiar (young) faces??*



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**Larry Hunt** - September 11, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ Dennis loved our pond. He had a way with trying to bring everything I enjoyed to the next level, and make all me bucket list dreams come true. In the end he said he was going to miss "his babies" (the Koi), and he spent some of his last days working on the pond.  
The Koi and I will miss you always Dennis <3



Debbie Jozefowicz - September 11, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis Jerome Szczesny.



September 11, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Jerome Szczesny.



September 11, 2020 at 04:50 AM



“ Love, John Carlo, Sophia, and Joey purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dennis Jerome Szczesny.



Love, John Carlo, Sophia, and Joey - September 10, 2020 at 01:16 PM

JN

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jay Nelson - September 10, 2020 at 01:16 PM



Jay Dennis loved you very much. We know he was older than you ;) which is way he gave you such sage advice like "stay off those beaches." You are a forever friend. Xoxo

Debbie Jozefowicz - September 10, 2020 at 05:06 PM

JN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jay Nelson - September 10, 2020 at 01:15 PM



OMG I laugh at this every time!! We had so much fun that night. Thanks Jay!! Debbie

Debbie Jozefowicz - September 10, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ There are so many memories with Dennis I am overwhelmed, but I also feel the need to share. Since Halloween is approaching, and many have commented already, I will post some of his masterful decorations and our memories. We were so excited that I was able to book our campground for the 2 Halloween weekends at Lakeshore Outdoor Adventures from September 25th to October 4th this year. For those who camp you know Halloween is the biggest camping event of the year outside of 4th of July. Unfortunately Dennis did not make it until then. He had recently said "I just want a couple more good months with you." He fought hard and we did our best and I believe got the maximum amount of time and adventures we could have following his diagnosis. Plus, we had a great 8 years of make up time after our reunification. Love you Dennis and here is to your Happy Halloween in the Sky!!



Debbie Jozefowicz - September 10, 2020 at 12:19 PM



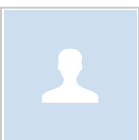
“ I did not know Dennis very well, but I want to share how much joy he brought the neighborhood during Halloween and Christmas. He had the best decorations for both holidays within the whole neighborhood! I always found something new with every walk I took. Cars always slowed down near his house to check it out. He was so creative! I'm sending so many hugs to Debbie and her children!❤️

Amy Marie - September 10, 2020 at 11:42 AM



OMG Amy Dennis is smiling with pride in Heaven right now! He took my love for Halloween to the fullest and loved making others happy with his efforts. I would not be surprised if there are pumpkins on the pearly gates this year! Thank you so much for sharing. Xoxo

Debbie Jozefowicz - September 10, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Dennis Jerome Szczesny.



September 09, 2020 at 09:02 PM



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Linda Sidorski - September 09, 2020 at 06:24 PM



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Linda Sidorski - September 09, 2020 at 04:12 PM



Fraser class of 1985,

Linda Sidorski - September 09, 2020 at 04:13 PM

FS

“ Dennis was a great man i remember him when we meet at Kennedy jr high playing basketball in 6th grade in the winter. I just moved to Fraser 1980 i was able to play rec ball in Fraser Recreation dept. I alway look up to Dennis because he was a great athlete so i wanna to play sports like Dennis! I know we were YOUNG but that was something i will never FORGET! I want to thank Dennis because every sent we meet we always competed with each other in all sports. So you we be miss in my heart and prayers to all the family!!

Fred Steinwascher - September 09, 2020 at 10:54 AM

LM

“ Always a gentleman and stuck up for the little guys. When the girls would beat up Al Perez and others he was always there!

lisa marie - September 08, 2020 at 08:35 PM

AK

“ *Anita/John, Michele/Al, Tina/Mike, Cheryl, & Kids purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dennis Jerome Szczesny.*



Anita/John, Michele/Al, Tina/Mike, Cheryl, & Kids - September 08, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis Jerome Szczesny.*



September 08, 2020 at 04:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Jerome Szczesny.*



September 07, 2020 at 06:13 PM

RW

“ *Our deepest and heart felt condolences go to the Szczesny family. We are truly saddened by the passing of Dennis. He was a lifelong friend, neighbor and schoolmate from kindergarten to graduation. He will forever be my captain. May Dennis Rest In Peace.*



Ron Winkelman - September 07, 2020 at 07:30 AM



*This is a great pic of the guys! Thanks Ron*

Debbie Jozefowicz - September 07, 2020 at 01:54 PM

AG

*What a handsome group of guys! I tried but was rejected by ALL of them! Anita G.*

Anita G. - October 13, 2020 at 04:29 AM



MF

“ *God bless this young man. One of the sweetest boys in our children's lifetime at Fraser HS and Ferris Univ. We enjoyed him at our cottage at Sugar Springs. We enjoyed him at our home. Condolences to his sons and family. We know he is safely held in God's arms.*

marilyn and gary fenn - September 06, 2020 at 04:21 PM

JA

“ *Cherished memories*



Jazz - September 05, 2020 at 11:58 PM



*He had so much fun at this Ferris State Baseball reunion with such a great group of friends. Xo*

Debbie Jozefowicz - September 07, 2020 at 01:55 PM

SC

“ *I don't really have any memories of Dennis back in school, but I am happy to have shared some great memories with him and Debbie in the last few years. God bless you and rest in peace!*

Susan Cieslinski - September 05, 2020 at 07:26 PM

BK

“ *I am so sad to hear this news. I played football, basketball, and baseball with Dennis in high school. A well-deserving captain in all three sports, he led by example on and off the field, was a fierce competitor, yet had a contagious smile and infectious laugh that i will always remember. Your pain is now gone. Rest In Peace my dear friend.*

Bob Kilinski - September 05, 2020 at 03:59 PM

AP

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AL Perez - September 04, 2020 at 03:33 PM

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AL Perez - September 04, 2020 at 03:32 PM

KS

*I've never seen this before, so cool! Thank you for sharing. ❤️*

Kaitlyn Szczesny - September 05, 2020 at 02:30 PM

AP

*It was in our 1985 Fraser High School yearbook. I knew I would find Dennis in the sports section. However, I never remembered stopping to look at some of the page headlines like the one above. I bet there are plenty more of Dennis in our previous year class books as well.*

AL Perez - September 05, 2020 at 04:42 PM

KS

*That is so interesting. I knew my dad, uncle Dennis, and uncle Jim played sports but I didn't know of the achievements while doing so. Thank you so much! 😊*

Kaitlyn Szczesny - September 08, 2020 at 06:39 PM

AP

“ I was saddened to hear about the passing of my friend Dennis Szczesny. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. I first met Dennis in 7th grade at Kennedy Junior High School in Fraser, Michigan. At that time the majority of the 7th grade boys still looked like 5th graders, and we were still quite small in stature before growing into our teen years. Dennis, however, was way ahead of the adolescent growth curve, and was much bigger in stature than the rest of us pee wees. What I remember most about Dennis during that time, and throughout high school, is that even though he towered over most of us, he was always kind, smiling, and gentle to us smaller kids. Dennis was never a bully. There were plenty of older, bigger kids from the neighborhood who did kind of push around the smaller ones, but not Dennis. He was a gentle soul. Dennis was also a great athlete. I also remember how the older and bigger kids who were in sports included Dennis because he was good enough at sports to play competitively with them. I did get to spend a little bit of time with Dennis when he entered the budding sport of BMX bicycle racing. I will always remember Dennis as the great person that he was. May he now rest in peace.

AL Perez - September 04, 2020 at 02:29 PM



What a wonderful tribute! Thank you All!

Debbie Jozefowicz - September 04, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Debbie Jozefowicz - September 04, 2020 at 02:27 PM

AJ

Beautiful pictures, Debbie...cherish the memories. Love you!!

Anita Jozefowicz - September 05, 2020 at 04:23 PM

JP

“ Jill Grant and Dan Pouget purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Dennis Jerome Szczesny.



Jill Grant and Dan Pouget - September 03, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ I love you Uncle Dennis! 💔💙



Stefanie Szczesny - September 02, 2020 at 09:03 PM



*I like the photo shop! We had such a great time at that concert. He loved you and all his nieces and nephews very much!!*

Debbie Jozefowicz - September 04, 2020 at 02:45 PM

GW

*One of my fondest memories of Dennis was when they were little he and my brother Bill, cousin's Jim & Mike Domienik, Gary Elzerman and a few of the other cousin's would chase the older kids in the front of Shirley's house during a Family bbq pool party when they were throwing the football around and Dennis was the smallest of the bunch but he would push thru all the bigger kids to get the ball and one particular time walked up to our cousin Gregory Golembieski and kicked him right in the shins and yelled "No fair you cheat, I quit" then he turned around stomping his feet going into the yard and put his head on the picnic table and cried, then one of the older kids told his mom he was being mean and kicking them and she asked him why did he kick his cousin, then he clenched his teeth and growled and said "cuz he made me mad" then he put his head back down on the table and peeked thru his finger and smiled, then everyone around the table and pool started laughing because he knew he had everyone's attention, it was "That Smile" that got him out of trouble and everyone hugging and kissing him, and as I think back "That Smile" is what I will always remember with Love!*

Gloria J Walkowiak - September 06, 2020 at 09:48 PM

KS

*Awesome story Gloria! lol thank you for sharing. ❤️*

Kaitlyn Szczesny - September 08, 2020 at 06:41 PM