



## Frank Joseph Cernak, III

January 8, 1947 - March 26, 2021

CERNAK, Frank Joseph III. March 26, 2021. Age 74. Beloved husband of Katherine for 53 years. Loving father of Jennifer Lacy (Scott), Joe Cernak (Jennifer), Laura Urbaniak (Nick) and the late Karen Cernak. Proud and loving Papa of Jeremy, Ella, Frankie, Joey and Katie. Dear brother of Linda (the late Cody), Nancy, Mary, Sue (Jim) and Steve (Meg) and son of the late Frank Cernak II and Kathryn. Also survived by several loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Frank retired from Chrysler after more than 30 years of service; he was a "friend of Bill W." and was very proud of his 35 years of sobriety. Frank enjoyed traveling, golfing, taking walks and going to Dodge Park but found the greatest joy of his life in loving his family and being with them whenever possible. He truly was a devoted husband, a loving father and an extremely proud and loving Papa. Visitation Tuesday 3-7pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Instate Wednesday 9am until time of 9:30am Mass at St. Blase Catholic Church, 12151 15 Mile Rd. (E. of Dodge Park), Sterling Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the National Alliance on Mental Illness ([www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org)) are appreciated. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **30.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate / Funeral Mass

MAR **31.** 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Blase Church  
12151 15 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

# Tribute Wall

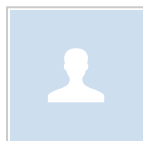


“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank Joseph Cernak, III*



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**Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc.** - March 30, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Cernak, III.*



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March 30, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *To Kathy... My Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to you and your family during this difficult time, your in my thought's and prayers. I will always remember Frank as a great friend, co-worker, golfing buddy, and Michigan fan we called "Bo" at times during the 70's. Great memories with a Great Man who is leading "Hail to the Victors" at the "Big House" in Heaven. Rest in peace Frank !*

*Craig Opal*

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**Craig Opal** - March 30, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ *I worked for Frank for many years. He was a great leader, very personable and easy to approach. I have many great memories of working with Frank and playing golf with him. He will be missed. Rest in Peace Frank,*

*Scott Blaine*

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**Scott Blaine** - March 30, 2021 at 07:58 AM

MD

“ I was very sad to hear of Frank's passing. I learned a lot about leadership while working for him and in the years that followed. He was a good friend and will be missed.

Mike Dolan - March 30, 2021 at 04:50 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Cernak, III.



March 30, 2021 at 02:36 AM

EI

“ Uncle Frank will truly be missed. I always loved spending time at the house with him and hearing about Michigan sports and him showing me the garden outside. Sending our love and prayers to everyone.

Elizabeth and Christopher Imms and Family

Elizabeth Imms - March 29, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Cernak, III.



March 29, 2021 at 10:02 AM

JI

“ Jostens IT purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Frank Joseph Cernak, III.



Jostens IT - March 29, 2021 at 09:07 AM

MS

“ So sorry to hear about Frank. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I golfed with Frank many times at the " Good Guys" outings and enjoyed it every time. A great competitor and great golfer. Enjoyed talking with him many times when I saw him at Maple Lanes. May he rest in peace.

Mike Slater - March 28, 2021 at 09:01 PM

TB

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Nary and the entire Cernak family. May you find peace and comfort in God's love. From the family of Don Bell

Teresa Bell - March 28, 2021 at 08:13 PM

RJ

“ Sincere condolences to the Cernak family from one of the golfing "Good Guys". Being a fellow Chrysler retiree, Frank and I shared many recollections of our work years. Plus, I have the many wonderful memories of our Good Guy golf outings and playing with Frank, a great golfer AND a great person. To Kathy and the family, you are in my thoughts and in my prayers during this difficult time. God be with you.

Bob Jarvis

Robert Jarvis - March 28, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Cernak, III.



March 28, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Joseph Cernak, III.



March 28, 2021 at 12:31 PM

LU

“ 54 files added to the album Memories Album



Laura Marie Urbaniak - March 28, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

March 28, 2021 at 10:48 AM

KG

“ Mourning the loss of a great man. Someone you could always rely on for a kind word and sage advice. I have so many childhood memories of hanging out with Joe and his sisters, it was almost like a second home that was just a few blocks away. God only knows how he tolerated all the antics of our youth. God bless Frank and the Cernak family and thank you for being such great friends!

Ken Gorski - March 28, 2021 at 10:48 AM

“ One of my favorite memories of my dad is my wedding day. I was so nervous to walk down the aisle. He kissed my cheek and said, "just keep your eye on your husband, I love you". So I did, and it worked. He gave my hand to Nick's and they hugged. My dad made sure we danced to "My Girl" at the wedding. I was honored he wanted to pick his own song. Every time I hear it, I think of him to this day. My dad was an amazing man, as most of you know. He taught me about life, sobriety, love, and empathy. I swear us kids get our compassion from him. When I got clean and sober, my dad was there with open arms. We finally understood each other in a way some others couldn't. I felt all those feeling she once felt and it was comforting knowing I was not alone. With him and Karen by my side, I was able to make it through. My two angels. He gave me my first cabbage patch when I got my tonsils out. I still have it. He took me to a daddy/daughter dance in 3rd grade. He came to every single one of my cheerleading games, competitions, softball games, and track meets for 8 years straight. He was humble, kind, and generous in many ways. Nick was talking to him one day and he said to him, "I never have to worry about Laura because I know how much you love her." Nick never forgot that and neither did I. I have no regrets, I made my peace with him before he passed. I am so blessed to have had such an amazing dad for 41 years. Did you know he got a hole-in-one when he was 16? I just think that is the coolest thing in the world. He was an avid golfer too. He went on golf trips with my uncle Steve and golfed with his father at West Shore. He taught my brother Joe all about the game of golf and Joe still loves the sport today. In fact, Joe also got a hole-in-one, so they shared that accomplishment. This is still all so surreal to me and I know the next few days will be difficult, but I am excited to see my whole family and friends. He was the absolute best papa in the world. When Ella was born I made sure he was the first to hold her after Nick and I held her. And he did with tears in his bright blue eyes. I knew then and there he would adore her forever. My mom and dad welcomed my family (including Mugsy) into their home when Nick and I were struggling. They helped with Ella when I was having a hard time. Some of Ella's best memories growing up were living there. It made them super close. Thank you for all the prayers and kind thoughts during this difficult time. My family and I are grateful. May he rest in peace with his parents and my sister Karen. It is comforting knowing they are finally reunited. I know how hard it was for him and my mom to lose a child, and they are up there probably praying for U of M to win March Madness basketball. In lieu of flowers, we ask to donate to the National Association of Mental Illness. (NAMI) I love you all- Thank you- Laura Urbaniak

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Laura Marie Urbaniak - March 28, 2021 at 10:42 AM

KG

“ Ken Gorski purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Frank Joseph Cernak, III.



Ken Gorski - March 28, 2021 at 10:39 AM



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March 27, 2021 at 10:19 PM

MR

“ Joe - We were so sorry to hear about Frank. He was a great man. Always so warm and friendly anytime we saw him. I hope that you and your family can find some comfort in your sweet memories together. God bless. The Ruminskis

Michelle Ruminski - March 27, 2021 at 09:48 PM

JP

“ *Praying God comforts and strengthens you and the entire Cernak family during this time.*



Judy Perry - March 27, 2021 at 06:53 PM

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TB

“ *Teresa Bell lit a candle in memory of Frank Joseph Cernak,  
III*



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**Teresa Bell** - March 27, 2021 at 03:13 PM