



Gregory George Hebel

October 10, 1938 - August 8, 2020

Hebel, Gregory G., August 8, 2020 at age 81. He was the beloved husband of Joanne for 59 cherished years. Loving father of Cheryl (Michael) Ratusznik and Brian (Gale) Hebel. Proud, doting grandfather of Nathan Hebel, Erin Hebel and Sarah Ratusznik. Brother-in-law to Nancy Lefever. Predeceased by 3 dear siblings.

Greg was born to George and Eleanor Hebel in Detroit, Michigan on October 10, 1938. He was the youngest of his siblings. Greg met Joanne, his future wife, on a blind date at Richard's Drive In.

Greg was a faithful member of St. Veronica Catholic Church in East Detroit from 1962-1990. In 1990 they moved to Clinton Township. There he became a member of St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church. Practically nothing could keep Greg from attending Saturday mass, until recently.

He was a hard worker and dedicated employee for Michigan Bell then AT&T then SBC for 52 years! 52 years with the same company. He worked the midnight shift as a switchman. Even after retirement we continued to hear about his working days.

Good health was very important to Greg. Exercise was imperative. It wasn't something he looked forward to but he did it anyway and felt better afterward. He rarely missed a day. While living in East Detroit, he rode his bike on all the north and south streets, then all the east and west streets in his neighborhood. When they moved to Clinton Township he traded in his bike for walking shoes. Every day he walked 9 miles. Every day. One could almost set a clock to him riding or walking by. No matter the weather rain, sun, snow, ice, nor high humidity would keep him from walking.

He met many new friends along the way. After his blood clot scare at age 70, he still walked, but he did slow down to just 6 miles a every day.

Greg would “discuss” the health benefits of various vitamins and natural supplements to anyone who asked or anyone he thought might benefit from his knowledge. They were a big part of his daily plan since he wasn’t a fan of most foods. He did enjoy his bowl of oatmeal for breakfast and a plate of spaghetti for dinner. He always said, if you were wearing spaghetti sauce on you somewhere, then it was really good. But by far, his all time favorite was homemade banana cream pie. Sometimes he ate almost the whole pie himself.

He was a logical thinker and great debater. Joanne disliked the “arguing” dad would do with his siblings and family, but he reassured her they weren’t arguing, they were “discussing” current topics loudly. He loved to be out on the water and go fishing. He didn't ever eat the fish, but he loved catching them. He enjoyed his annual deer hunting trips in the Fall even if he didn't get a deer for the first 25 years. Later he got a couple of does but never the elusive buck. Crossword puzzles and logic problems challenged his brain. Every summer he took the family to a cottage on a different lake. It was usually a relaxing trip, he just wasn't a fan of packing the car for the trip. He loved photography and took many pictures and slides of all the places he went. Beautiful slide shows were a common event after a long trip. Playing the lottery was a fun game for him as well as the slot machines in the casinos. He enjoyed watching The Weather Channel and reading books. Family gatherings from childhood to the present were a favorite. He loved seeing his relatives, spending time with his old and new friends, his great neighbors, and catching up at his class reunions. He has shared many stories of his past with his family over the years.

A great man, kind and gentle, unless you disagreed with him, then he would challenge you, nicely most of the time. Sometimes he could be a bit...strong willed. Sometimes. He was a fighter, determined not to let anything stop him. He always challenged himself (and sometimes his doctors). Greg rarely asked for help but was always willing to help others. From cutting down trees to mashing potatoes, he was there to lend a helping hand.

At age 80 he had quadruple bypass surgery. That didn't

stop him. He gladly went to cardiac rehab and worked hard to be strong. He purchased a treadmill so he could safely walk inside until he was strong enough to go outside. He continued to say, if you don't use it, you'll lose it, whether it was your brain or your muscles.

In the end, we were telling an ICU staff member how dad was a fighter. He was going to fight for his life. She said he did, but God said you've done enough. Now it's time for you to rest. Dad's death was a shock to us all. He never let on that he was ready to quit but God knew he needed him. For those who knew him we hope you know how much he cared for you, would do anything for you and to never give up.

Funeral Mass is Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 12 noon at St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church located at 41300 Romeo Plank @ Canal. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at the "On-Line Guest Book" @WujekCalcaterra.com Unfortunately the family will not be able to host a luncheon or gathering after the Mass due to the current health restrictions in place.

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

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul of Tarsus
41300 Romeo Plank Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Rest in peace Mr Hebel. While I haven't engaged with Mr Hebel in almost 40 years (since Universal St in E. Detroit) , he always treated me with respect and , frankly, undue respect. God's blessing to the family.

Mike Hurst

Mike Hurst - September 18, 2020 at 11:36 PM

JO

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Greg's passing. I met him while walking in the early morning hours. He was very dedicated rain or shine. I heard about all his vitamins and he knew what to take for every ailment. I loved hearing his stories about vacations and his family that he loved so much. You are truly blessed to have had him in your life. I miss not seeing him walk anymore but will carry on his spirit. It was a pleasure knowing him. Rest In Peace dear friend
Janice Osantowski

Janice Osantowski - September 05, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ Even though we only knew Greg a short time, he left an impression on us...always a wave and a smile! We couldn't have asked for a better neighbor when we moved in next door to him. We were saddened by his sudden passing- -he will be truly missed. Rest In Peace, Greg.

The Bulgarelli Family

Carolyn DeCuman Bulgarelli - August 13, 2020 at 02:07 PM

CM

“ Mostly what I remember about Greg was when I was younger and getting together with family at Grandma's house for Thanksgiving and after, all packing into the car to head down to Detroit to see Christmas lights and the Hudson window displays. To me he always seemed to be good natured and would laugh even during "debates" At the dinner everyone would want him to eat more but he never did. It was always a topic of conversation as everyone else stuffed themselves.

Later, I remember hearing of him walking everyday 9 miles and always wanted to try to do that myself as I love to walk but never have done that. He still inspires me.

Joanne and family, I was so glad I got to see some of you this past summer when I returned to Michigan and wish I could be there to pay tribute to Greg with you. So many memories come of us cousins together come to mind. I wish you all well at this time and many happy memories of Greg.
Blessings, Cathy

Cathy Masch - August 12, 2020 at 05:25 PM

MF

“ Marilynn, Jeanne, Henry & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gregory George Hebel.



Marilynn, Jeanne, Henry & Family - August 12, 2020 at 09:38 AM

CH

“ I remember the conversations about vitamins and health. As a nurse, he often had my ear. He was definitely a man dedicated to his family and of course, his routine! He and Mrs. Hebel raised two awesome kids, I might add. We will see him again along side of our Heavenly Father where hopefully we will be enjoying delicious spaghetti. (And maybe some will end up on our shirts!LOL).

Chris Hull - August 11, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Gregory George Hebel.



August 11, 2020 at 07:52 PM

PD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Greg's passing. I have so many fond memories of time spent with Nancy when we were kids and watching Joanne and Greg date. I even remember the Ford Fairlane that Joanne used to drive. Family is everything Nancy and I used to take turns spending a week at each others homes during our young summer years which are so vivid in my mind. We were always busy. I can still see Joanne and Greg on their wedding day. It was a beautiful Rainbow Wedding and I was in love with watching all the fun, love and glitter. When I am in the area I still drive by the house on Alvina!

Yes, Greg was a bit of a fighter....he would always give me a hard time and make me stand my ground. Maybe that is where I got it! Great memories.

He will never be far away from you.....trust me turn to your shoulder and start talking to him whenever your heart desires or you need that nudge. Believe me he still will have alot to say to you all.

Joanne.....you are truly in my heart.

Love,

Patti

Patricia Dial - August 11, 2020 at 04:37 PM

MI

“ I will always remember Father's Day golf outings with Mr. Hebel. He truly enjoyed golfing with Brian and the “gang” at that event, even though he could barely tell the difference between a driver and a putter. And the bonus is he could make use of the 100's of golf balls he would find on his walks. Rest In Peace, Mr. Hebel.

Mike - August 10, 2020 at 09:06 PM

TL

“ Tom & Laurie, Cathy & Tangerine, and Bob & Linda purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gregory George Hebel.



Tom & Laurie, Cathy & Tangerine, and Bob & Linda - August 10, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gregory George Hebel.



August 10, 2020 at 08:54 PM