



# Lawrence Walter Szambelan

April 26, 1948 - March 1, 2022

SZAMBELAN, Lawrence "Larry" W.

March 1, 2022. Age 73. Loving father of John (Liz) Szambelan. Adored grandpa of Eva and Julia Szambelan. Cherished son of Irene and the late John Szambelan. Beloved Brother of Chrissy (Ed) Sprock, Robert (Sara) Szambelan and Sharon (Mike) Manzo. Larry lived an active life and was involved whenever he could lend a hand. Larry spent many years as a Boy Scout leader, involved with St. Vincent de Paul Society and as a member of the Moose Lodge. Larry enjoyed a round of golf, hosting poker games and playing racquetball. He loved to travel. He also enjoyed discussing politics with friends and family. More than anything, Larry loved his family and was devoted to helping and caring for them. He was affectionately known by many as "Big Lar". Larry's one of a kind personality and even bigger heart will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Evans Scholars Foundation or First Tee - Greater Detroit. Visitation Sunday 2-9pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Instate Monday, March 7, 2022 at 9:30am until the 10am Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church (22412 Overlake St., Saint Clair Shores 48080). Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "Online Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com. [https://secure2.convio.net/wgaesf/site/Donation2?idb=997434054&df\\_id=1520&1520.donation=form1&mfc\\_pref=T&idb=952141344](https://secure2.convio.net/wgaesf/site/Donation2?idb=997434054&df_id=1520&1520.donation=form1&mfc_pref=T&idb=952141344)

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **6.** 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate / Funeral Mass

MAR **7.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc  
21620 Greater Mack Ave.  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ For anyone that cannot make the service today here is the link to Live stream it <https://www.sjascs.org/st-joan-live>

John - March 07, 2022 at 08:25 AM

LR

Thank you for the info John 🙏

Lorna Rose - March 07, 2022 at 11:38 AM

DW

“ My earliest memory of Larry was watching him play football on Jayne field. He seemed larger than life then and as we grew up together he stayed that way. He was so generous with his time and family and friends meant everything to him. I will always remember when he presented John with a bible at his and Liz's wedding. We had some very deep conversations and I'd go away from those with a "Larry" viewpoint to mull over. I will miss his distinctive deep voice and quick laugh at family functions which won't be the same without him. He was a constant, an anchor for the family. Larry wasn't just my cousin, he was my friend. He was surely a rich man. Rest peacefully. Much love and respect.

Deanna Wiltz - March 06, 2022 at 10:37 PM

EA

“ Larry was a friend to many in our St. Vincent de Paul group at St. Joan of Arc. He was a member since 2007. Larry was a great partner to do home visits with. His knowledge of insurance was always a benefit. Our SVdP will miss him terribly. Rest in Gods loving arms dear Larry!

Erin Ann - March 06, 2022 at 01:40 PM

SF

“ The world is a little less joyful today. You were a good man, and a good friend to my family. Godspeed Larry.

Sonny Fodale - March 05, 2022 at 05:12 PM

TG

“ *My dear family,  
I am so sorry for the loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. In lieu of flowers, I have made a donation to the Evans Scholars Foundation.*

*Terri, Anders, and Sofia Gustafson*

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**Terri Gustafson** - March 05, 2022 at 03:56 PM

JO

*Thank you for your donation!*

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**John** - March 16, 2022 at 10:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence Walter Szambelan.*



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March 05, 2022 at 01:54 PM

SD

“ *Shocking and sad, sad news. Larry left too soon. I will miss our conversations on all things — earthly and otherwise — in particular, our last conversation in late-summer of 2021 at a Sprock pool-side gathering. We will miss your chicken wings. The Sprock parties won't be the same without you. Your memories will live on in our hearts and minds. RIP. Our deepest condolences to Larry's entire family.*

*Suzanne & Arthur Daschke*

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**Suzanne & Arthur Daschke** - March 05, 2022 at 11:09 AM

PK

“ *Best Man and Life Long Friend of 60 Years.*

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**Paul Kuznia** - March 04, 2022 at 03:45 PM

PK

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Paul Kuznia** - March 04, 2022 at 03:42 PM

PK

“ *Paul & Jackie Kuznia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence Walter Szambelan.*



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**Paul & Jackie Kuznia** - March 04, 2022 at 03:07 PM

ES

“ *Big Lar,*

*Sorry that you had to leave us so soon. Over the last 20 years we began to share many interesting, wonderful and memorable days. At least 9 trips to Myrtle Beach, driving no less, the Vegas Moose Tournament trips, the trip to Vegas to bring Dave and Carmen and their entire house of stuff back where they belong. Scotland. Michigan golf trips to Oscoda, western Michigan and up north. Literally hundreds of rounds of golf.*

*Aside from my immediate family, there was no one I spent more time with than you over the last 2 decades. I am a better and more entertained man because of you.*

*You were my "brother from another mother" and I will miss that phone call from you that usually started "Hey, Ed. You available for golf tomorrow?"*

*Always your friend and glad I became your brother,*

*Ed*



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**Ed Sprock** - March 04, 2022 at 12:13 PM

DR

*Larry,*

*I'm sorry to hear that your headed upstairs. It was a pleasure to get to know you and share stories. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. RIP Big Lar!  
Sincerely, Douglas Rizzi*

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**Douglas Rizzi** - March 04, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Walter Szambelan.*



March 04, 2022 at 10:16 AM

HB

“ *A few more.*



Henry Balanon - March 04, 2022 at 08:52 AM

HB

“ *Here are a few pictures I've snapped over the years. We'll miss you Larry.*

*Love,  
The Balanons*



Henry Balanon - March 04, 2022 at 08:50 AM

LR

“ *Time spent with Debbie Haugh/Dick Pasciak, I joined in 2010.*



Lorna Rose - March 04, 2022 at 08:49 AM

LI

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Liz - March 03, 2022 at 09:13 PM

JO

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



John - March 03, 2022 at 04:45 PM

DH

“ We will never forget the fun and friendship we shared along with our many adventures in Florida! Thank you Larry for being a steadfast outstanding human being. We love and will miss you! Debbie Haugh/Dick Pasciak ❤️

Debbie Haugh - March 03, 2022 at 04:38 PM

LR

I am lost for words, he really hasn't changed in the above pics holding the most Beautiful Girl he could ever have on his lap.  
Family is very important, Larry kept his family close ❤️

Lorna Rose - March 03, 2022 at 07:30 PM