



## Anthony Joseph Leonard

April 30, 1918 - November 26, 2022

LEONARD, Anthony, J., of Sterling Heights, MI, passed away peacefully on November 26, 2022. He was a remarkable 104 years old. “Tony” was born on April 30, 1918 in Posen, MI to Polish immigrants.

Tony served in the U.S. Army 117th Mechanized Reconnaissance Squadron from 1942 through 1945 in both the North African and European theaters. He was classified as a T5 Corporal radio operator and qualified as a rifle marksman earning four bronze stars, the bronze service arrowhead medal, the good conduct medal for more than three years of service during WW2, and the European-African Middle Eastern (EAME) medal for combat operations in Rome-Arno, Rhineland, Southern France, and Central Europe campaigns. He concluded his Army service in the Army of Occupation on General Eisenhower’s security detail following V-E day. Tony was a true hero and great American serving the U.S. and its allies with tremendous valor and bravery.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Cecelia Teresa Kowalski. “Celia” waited for Tony to return from the war and they were married on April 30, 1946. They share 4 children: Dennis (CeAnne) Leonard, Cheryl (Gary) Arendoski, Kathy (Hugh Maxwell) Leonard, and Karen (Peter) Schihl. Tony is survived by 10 grandchildren: Evan Leonard, Cara (Scott) McLean, Kirk Leonard, Carl Leonard, Glen Leonard, Christopher (Sarah) Arendoski, Andrew (Emma)

Arendoski, John (Rachel) Schihl, Paul Schihl, and Claire Schihl. Tony is survived by 15 great-grandchildren: Aleksandra, Lukas, Eva, Grant, Adeline, Thaddeus, Max, Christopher, Meredith, Gregory, Julia, Andrew, Benjamin, Henry, and Ezekiel.

In his early years, Tony came to Detroit and worked on the WPA building roads on the west side of Detroit, at automotive factories such as Hudson Motors, and in the meatpacking industry where he was a member of the Teamsters and then where he also grew his own business.

Tony is preceded in death by his second wife, Charlotte. They enjoyed traveling with local square dancers to places like Hawaii and with polka dancers and Big Daddy to Bay City, MI. They also enjoyed traveling to see Charlotte's family (his stepchildren and their families).

Tony is also predeceased by 2 sisters and 6 brothers: Anna and Stanley I (both of whom passed away as infants in Poland), Andrew, Joseph, Stanley II, Thomas, and John, 2 grandchildren: Victoria and Simon Peter, and 1 great-grandchild: Natalya.

Visitation: Wujek – Calcaterra & Sons Inc – Sterling Hts, Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 3:00pm-9:00pm.

Rosary: Wujek – Calcaterra & Sons Inc – Sterling Hts, Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 7:00pm-7:30pm.

In State/Funeral: St. Matthias Catholic Church, Wednesday, November 30, 2022, In State from 10:00am-10:30pm with the funeral mass immediately following.

Tony liked flowers. If you prefer to give to charity in lieu of flowers, please consider the American Heart Association, [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). and or Kosciuszko Foundation, [www.thekf.org](http://www.thekf.org). Share memories with the

family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary

NOV **29**. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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## Instate / Funeral Mass

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

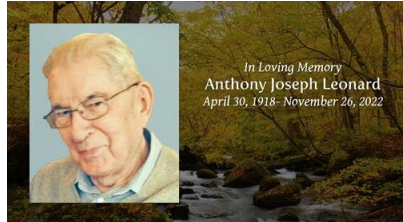
St. Matthias Catholic Church  
12311 19 Mile Rd  
Sterling Heights, 48313



# Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony Joseph Leonard*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - November 29, 2022 at 09:00 AM

MH

*I'm sorry that I did not make Uncle Tony's funeral due to the weather. I have Sooooo many memories of he Celia, and Charolette, in Posen. My Grandfather John was Uncle Tony's big brother. They were born the same day 3 years apart, and all of you cousin's out there .... Just an FYI, my grandfather John lived to 103 1/2 and Uncle Tony 104 1/2 .... Longevity there. I too remember going to see Uncle Andrew in Chicago as well. So many wonderful memories!!!! I would love to talk to/meet any and all of my cousins out there!! RIP Uncle Tony I hao so many wonderful conversations with you, dinner with you and Jaja, Mom,Dad, and your daughters in Rogers City. Love to your family!!!! ❤️*

Monica Hoffman - November 30, 2022 at 09:58 PM

PR

“ *Thinking of you Cheryl and Karen, and family. What a wonderful tribute to your father/grandfather. May he rest in heavenly peace.*

Pam Rosati - November 29, 2022 at 05:16 PM

LD

“ Love, The Shorehaven Directors purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Anthony Joseph Leonard.



Love, The Shorehaven Directors - November 29, 2022 at 10:01 AM

MT

“ Michael, Carissa, Samantha and Tabitha purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Anthony Joseph Leonard.



Michael, Carissa, Samantha and Tabitha - November 28, 2022 at 05:23 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Anthony Joseph Leonard.



November 28, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony Joseph Leonard.



November 28, 2022 at 09:28 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Anthony Joseph Leonard.*



November 28, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Anthony Joseph Leonard.*



November 28, 2022 at 06:18 AM



“ *I was consulting at the Williams plant in Walled Lake. When it looked like I was going to be in the area for some time, I contacted Tony to see if he knew of somewhere to board. When we met, he looked me over and said "Big gut, small but. You're a Leonard!" Uncle Tony, I hope I have enough of those Leonard genes!*

**Jim Wronkiewicz** - November 28, 2022 at 02:16 AM



“ *Tony was my grandfather's youngest brother. My Grandfather Andrew died while I was still in college, I never had the opportunity to sit down and have a beer with him. I was in Detroit designing the lighting for JC Penny stores and took Tony out for pizza & beer. It was like being with my grandfather, Thank You Tony!*

**Jim Wronkiewicz** - November 28, 2022 at 02:08 AM