



## Donald Stephan Szlezyngier

February 12, 1946 - March 10, 2022

SZLEZYNGIER, Donald.

March 10, 2022. Age 76. Beloved Husband of Marianne. Loving Father of Dave (Jill) Szlezyngier and Sara Haidar. Cherished Grandpa and Papa of Brandon, Delaney and Jason Szlezyngier and Arianna and Audrey Haidar. Dear brother, of Diane (Chet) Dzbanski and Pattie (Dave) Bousson. Loving brother-in-law of John (Betty) Pyenta and Steve (Carol) Pyenta. Loving cousin of Jerry Podgorniak. Also survived by former spouse, Nancy Szlezyngier and former son-in-law James Haidar, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. Don was an educator and instructional specialist for Detroit Public Schools. A love of teaching was extended as a Boyscout Troup leader and an instructor through the Detroit Sports Congress where he coached and taught Junior Rifle and CPL classes. As a Master Gardener, Don had the most beautiful and bountiful garden. Don's talents spread over a vast array of instruments such as the accordion, piano, organ, and melodica as well as skilled woodworking and painting. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. Don will be greatly missed by the many lives he impacted over the years. Visitation Monday, March 14, 2022 from 3-8pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile) with Rosary at 7pm. In state Tuesday 9:30am at St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church (41300 Romeo Plank Rd, Clinton Twp) until 10:00am Mass. Burial Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary

MAR 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate / Funeral Mass

MAR 15. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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



# Tribute Wall

ED

“ I was lucky enough to live next door to Don and Marianne for 17 years. A person couldn't ask for better neighbors. Don was kind, thoughtful and helpful. He always offered assistance when I struggled with house issues. Besides all of his great qualities as a neighbor, Don was truly a great man. I looked up to him and feel blessed to have felt his impact on my life and my children's lives. My heart goes out to Marianne and his family. I will miss him dearly.

Ed David - March 18, 2022 at 07:19 PM

AO

“ Blessings to you all --- Bear told us all what a wonderful man he was. Praying for your family, The O'Malleys (Joanna's sister in NJ)

Anita O'Malley - March 16, 2022 at 11:29 AM

TG

“ Terry Giannico purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Stephan Szlezyngier.



Terry Giannico - March 15, 2022 at 10:33 AM

TG

“ Marianne, So sorry for your loss. In my Prayers.

Terry Giannico - March 15, 2022 at 10:28 AM

JF

“ Joe Santos and Family purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Donald Stephan Szlezynghier.



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**Joe Santos and Family** - March 14, 2022 at 12:08 PM

DD

“ Don's mentor style teaching will be greatly missed at the DSC. I spent many Friday nights as he taught all four of my kids the discipline of marksmanship {2-boys, 2-girls}. That focus has /will serve them well in what ever they continue to do. Don touched many lives in ways that will only be seen as the future unfolds. Recognize it and smile in his memory. God's speed Don. -Dave D.

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**David Duey** - March 14, 2022 at 11:38 AM

BV

“ I knew Don thru the DSC. He was always cheerful, helpful, and teaching others. You could not ask for someone more caring to work with.

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**Bill VanHorne** - March 14, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Stephan Szlezynghier.



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March 12, 2022 at 04:48 PM

YF

“ *Your SVU Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Stephan Szlezynwier.*



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**Your SVU Family** - March 12, 2022 at 07:06 AM

DS

“ *Don was a huge part of my childhood, he was my coach for junior rifle at the DSC. Don was always such a kind man, he not only taught me everything I needed to know to excel to the top, but he taught me patience, not just in shooting but in my life in general. Years later, Don became my own sons coach for junior rifle and I was very grateful he got to meet my son and teach him the way I was taught. I spent many years, many Friday nights at the range and matches on the weekends and Don was always a part of that. I will miss his humor, his conversations and his insight. My sincerest condolences to all of his family, friends and those who knew him. He will truly be missed.*

*Danielle Schrade/Brendan Smith*

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**Danielle Schrade** - March 11, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Stephan Szlezynwier.*



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March 11, 2022 at 12:24 PM