



Herbert William Giese

May 11, 1938 - July 28, 2025

Herbert William Giese, 87, of Shelby Township, MI, passed away on July 28, 2025. Born on May 11, 1938 in Detroit, MI, to the late Herbert and Sue Giese. Herb was married for 57 years to the love of his life, the late Catherine. Herb was preceded in death by his four sisters, Virginia (Ken) Bonkowski, Lois (Lynn) Cole, Marleen Filzek, and Marlyn DeJaussarand as well as his brother-in-law John Becker. He is survived by brother-in-law and dear friend Rich DeJaussarand, Mary Tymrak and Karin Becker.

Herb would say that his greatest gift was his family. He was preceded in death by his daughter Maureen Alexandrowicz. He is survived by Colleen (Mike) Rozwadowski, Kathy (Pat) Altovilla, Herb (Leslie) Giese, Rob (Kristi) Giese and son-in-law Mark

Alexandrowicz. He also is loved by his 14 grandchildren, Laurie Alexandrowicz, Scott Alexandrowicz, Eric (Lisa) Alexandrowicz, Allan (Courtney) Altovilla, Chelsea Giese, Michael Rozwadowski, Alicia Altovilla, Ryan (Lindsey) Rozwadowski, Kayla Giese, Amy (John) Asni, Lauren Giese, Genna Altovilla, Julia Altovilla and Logan Giese. Herb also has two great grandchildren, Emily and Lucas, with a great-granddaughter expected in August 2025.

Herb was hard-working and dedicated. He spent his whole career in sales.

Whether you met Herb one time or knew him for a lifetime, he made sure to share a joke and find out a little bit about you. When his family would ask him to limit the jokes, he would say that he couldn't help it, he was a "Salesman".

Herb deserves to be honored. He had strong qualities such as integrity, humor, generosity and being proud of his family. He enjoyed his beloved Detroit sports teams (when they were winning), doing yard work, chatting up friends and neighbors and volunteering with the church and the Knights of Columbus.

Herb was a true one-of-one personality that left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

Funeral arrangements will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. Herb will be held in state at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 54045 Schoenherr, Shelby Township, MI 48315 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm for the instate viewing with a mass following at 12:30 pm. A Celebration of Life to follow the mass.

The family of Herb kindly requests that no flowers be sent.

Previous Events

Instate / Funeral Mass

AUG 6. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. John Vianney Church
54045 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Twp., MI 48315-1403

Tribute Wall

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“ Al and I will miss you Herb so very much. great friend for over 55 years. A great man a great dad a great husband and a super dear friend. Pretty good volleyball player as well. Save some jokes Herb for us when we meet again..

Sharon And Al Rutz - July 31, 2025 at 09:34 AM

AP

“ Papa was one in a million. Always making you smile. Always telling jokes. I loved him and will miss him. ❤️



ANNETTE PARRINELLO - July 29, 2025 at 09:53 PM

SA

“Papa was truly one of the best grandfathers anyone could ask for. I have so many memories of doing yard work with him, and by “together,” I mean he supervised with a rake in hand while we did most of the heavy lifting. But somehow, he had a way of turning even chores into quality time. There was always advice, a few groan worthy jokes, and of course, the occasional, “You missed a spot.”

Watching football with him was always an experience. He cheered, he yelled, he coached from the couch, and if he didn't like a play (or where the game was headed) he'd just turn it off altogether.

Papa had a gift for bringing us all together. No matter how big or wild our family got, he was the reason we made time for each other. He gave us laughter, love, and memories that will last a lifetime... and probably a few lawn care tips we'll never forget.

Rest in peace, Papa. You will forever be in our hearts.

Scott Alexandrowicz - July 29, 2025 at 07:00 PM