



Hubert L. Gersch

November 10, 1934 - May 5, 2026

GERSCH, HUBERT Age 91 May 5, 2026 Hugh was the beloved husband of Yoonsil. Loving father of Kurt Gersch and Julie (Scott) Gatti. Proud grandfather of Garrett Gersch, Julian Gatti, and Leyna Carmen Gatti. Dear brother, uncle, and great-uncle to many. Preceded in death by his former wife, Marilyn; infant son, John; daughter-in-law, Joyce; and his seven older siblings, whom he deeply loved as the youngest of eight.

A proud Detroitier through and through, he dedicated much of his life to serving the city he loved as a Detroit firefighter. He was on the job for thirty-three years, eight of which he spent as union Vice President of DFD Local 344. He retired at the rank of Battalion Chief. He carried immense pride for his city, its people, and the brotherhood of the fire department. He was respected not only for his leadership and dedication, but for the humor and humanity he brought to everyone around him.

He never met a stranger. He had a way of connecting with people instantly. He could strike up a conversation with absolutely anyone. He told hilarious stories, had an arsenal of colorful expressions, and brought joy everywhere he went. He lived life with boundless energy, surrounded by family and friends.

While he loved Detroit deeply, some of his happiest moments were spent with Yoon on Madeira Beach where they formed deep friendships with other

owners and renters at the Madeira Place condos in Florida. He enjoyed not only the sun and waves - walking that beach almost daily even at age 91 - but the bustle of Gulf Blvd, tooling around on his motor scooter.

Above all else, his life was centered around God. His Lutheran faith was the foundation of who he was. He spent countless hours each day in prayer, faithfully praying for his family, friends, and everyone he knew. His devotion, compassion, and spiritual strength touched the lives of so many people.

Family meant everything to him. He loved his children and grandchildren deeply and took immense pride in the lives they built. He treasured time spent together, long conversations, and the simple joy of being surrounded by the people he loved most.

His legacy of service, prayer, love, and laughter will live on with all who were blessed to know him. He will be deeply missed and lovingly carried in the hearts of his family, neighbors, and friends always.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to his "favorite" granddaughter's 2026 Chicago Marathon chosen charity. Leyna is running in support of A Safe Haven Foundation, which gives families access to housing, care and opportunities. A Safe Haven Foundation <https://fundraisers.hakuapp.com/leyna-gatti> or to Great Lakes Burn Camp <https://glbcforkids.org/donate-now>

Visitation Friday, May 15, 2026 from 2:30-8:00pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 36900 Schoenherr Rd. at Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd.) STERLING HEIGHTS. Funeral Saturday, May 16, 2026 Instate 10:00am at Hope Lutheran Church 32400 Hoover (btw. 13 & 14 Mile Rds.) until time of Service at 11:00am. Private Interment Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, MI. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Avenue
Detroit, MI 48207

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 2:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate / Funeral Service

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope Lutheran Church
32400 Hoover
Warren, MI 48093

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Dona A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hubert L. Gersch.*

Dona A. - Yesterday at 08:47 PM

LC

“ *Some of my favorite pictures of Papa, still can't believe at age 91 he learned how use Instagram video call!*



Leyna Carmen - Yesterday at 07:50 PM



“ *Hugh was one of the kindest, most cheerful, positive and strong people that we in the McMahon family ever had the pleasure of knowing. Spending time with Hugh and Yoon made our trips to Florida to visit our parents, Bunny and Joe, truly sparkle. We are so very sorry for Yoon and the whole Gersch family, but we feel certain that you have uncountable warm memories to give you strength during this terrible time. With love from Bunny, Kevin, Jenny, Michael, Rita, Andrew, Carolyn and Mike and all our children.*

Kevin McMahon - Yesterday at 05:59 PM

RJ

“ *Randall J. purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet for the family of Hubert L. Gersch.*



Randall J. - Yesterday at 04:11 PM

CE

“ *Craig & Kathy Spry, Ray & Shannon Ester purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Hubert L. Gersch.*



Craig & Kathy Spry, Ray & Shannon Ester - Yesterday at 09:14 AM

CE

“ *Craig & Kathy Spry, Ray & Shannon Ester planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hubert L. Gersch.*

Craig & Kathy Spry, Ray & Shannon Ester - Yesterday at 09:14 AM

TF

“ *The Aliotta family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Hubert L. Gersch.*



The Aliotta family - Yesterday at 09:13 AM

TF

“ The Aliotta family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hubert L. Gersch.

The Aliotta family - Yesterday at 09:13 AM

DB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David & Alison brady - May 11 at 08:53 AM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Hubert L. Gersch.



May 10 at 07:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hubert L. Gersch.

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