



John G. Glowa

January 22, 1949 - April 27, 2026

GLOWA, John, G., April 27, 2026, Age 77. Dearest brother of the late Sophie Rudnicki. John is survived by his brother-in-law Chester Rudnicki, his loving niece Renee (Todd) Triemstra, and nephews Mark (Rebecca) Rudnicki, and Michael (Eriko) Rudnicki. John was a proud great uncle to Lauryn, Katelyn, Annika, Helena, and Kaley. Visitation Sunday, May 3rd from 5-8pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd). Funeral Monday, May 4th, instate 9:30am at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, 26401 St. Josaphat Dr., in Warren until Mass at 10:30am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

John Glowa leaves behind a legacy of quiet excellence, deep devotion to family, and a life marked by intellect, humor, and generosity.

John built a distinguished career as a mechanical engineer, dedicating more than 40 years to Ford Motor Company. He served as a Technical Specialist, a role recognizing his deep expertise in engine design, and contributed to the design and development of powertrain systems, with particular involvement in valvetrain engineering. His work was essential to the durability and reliability of Ford engines, and his contributions helped shape the performance of countless vehicles on the road today. After retiring from Ford, he served as a consultant with General Motors before returning to Ford for a second chapter of service, ultimately concluding a remarkable professional journey defined by

skill, dedication, and the respect of his colleagues.

He earned both his Bachelor's degree and Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Wayne State University, serving as the foundation for his distinguished career.

While John's professional accomplishments were significant, his life was defined above all by his relationships. He was a faithful and devoted son, honoring and caring for his parents with unwavering love. He was also a deeply devoted brother to his only sister, Sophie, who preceded him in death.

To his niece and nephews, he was "Johnny" – a central and cherished presence in their lives. He was a titan of love, support and kindness, making countless things possible for them and extending that same love and generosity to the next generation, his great-nieces.

John was a steadfast and loyal friend, maintaining deep relationships over many decades. He was a devout and devoted parishioner to his church. He spoke four languages, enjoyed travel across the world for his work, loved Westerns, and enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers and Lions and U of M football. He had a quick wit, sharp mind, and effortless sense of humor. He rarely, if ever, had an unkind word to say about anyone, a reflection of his character and the example he set for others.

John's life leaves a lasting imprint on all who knew him. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate/ Funeral Liturgy

MAY 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church
26401 St. Josaphat
Warren, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John G. Glowa.*



Yesterday at 05:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John G. Glowa.*



Yesterday at 04:26 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John G. Glowa.*

Yesterday at 04:26 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the whole family. Sorry for your loss, I will include you in my prayers.
I had the privilege and pleasure of working with John on many projects at Ford and he was an absolute gentleman and a smart and fantastic Engineer, and he always displayed great patience and professionalism even in the eye of the storm when there was lots of chaos.
So very glad I had the opportunity to work with him. He was great to work with and he was a very nice gentleman.
Need more like Mr. John Glowa in this world. He will be very much missed. Rest in Peace John.

Pete Tetreault - Yesterday at 10:01 AM

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“ Ford Valvetrain Design Team. purchased the Sun ny Memories for the family of John G. Glowa.



Ford Valvetrain Design Team. - April 30 at 08:43 AM

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“ Ford Valvetrain Design Team. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Gregory Glowa.

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“ John was a man of integrity, gracious and caring.....my friend for many years. We went thru school together and earned a masters degree in engineering. Worked together as design engineers at Ford Motor Company.
Most importantly....he was my close friend.
We shared life experiences with happy moments and laughter. John will be missed and loved forever.....my best friend.

David Bazzell - April 30 at 08:42 AM