



Mark W. Hafeli

March 6, 1953 - May 20, 2026

Mark William Hafeli, 73, of Troy, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, with his wife by his side. Throughout his life, Mark touched many lives with his wisdom, good heart, and humor.

Mark was the beloved husband of Cathy Bessette-Hafeli. He was the devoted father of Mark Anthony (Erin), Anne Marie (Steve), Elizabeth Catherine (Brad), and Michael Bernard. He was the cherished grandfather of Aden, Madeline, Selah, Sophia, Jackie, Quinn, Ben, and Brooke.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Hafeli (Hal), and his brother, Jim Hafeli. He was preceded in death by his older brother, Bernie Hafeli (Jinko), his older sister, Barbara Weigum (Les), and his parents, Bernard and Helen Hafeli.

Mark was a standout athlete at Brother Rice High School, where he achieved great success on the basketball team. He was recruited to play basketball at Western Michigan University and the University of Maryland. He attended the University of Michigan (Class of 1975), where he played on the freshman basketball team and earned the Most Improved Player award in box lacrosse. Upon graduation, he received honors for superior scholastic achievement. He was recruited by Price Waterhouse and later worked for the Michigan Attorney General before earning his law degree from Wayne State University Law School (Class of 1978), where he ran moot court during his senior year. Mark practiced law and was well-liked and respected within the legal community. He had the pleasure of representing many banks, AAA, and numerous private clients. He began his career with Lawson and Lawson

before becoming a partner at Beier Howlett, P.C. He was fortunate to study and practice under the guidance of Dean Beier and Jim Howlett.

Mark's favorite role was being a father to his children. He coached youth baseball and basketball for many years, drove the 5 a.m. shift for youth hockey, and was a dedicated member of the community. Mark touched the lives of countless Little League players, some of whom later became his physicians.

Mark, a consummate athlete, won numerous golf tournaments as an adult. He bled maize and blue, and to him, Michigan was always supposed to win.

Mark's legacy of kindness, generosity, and unwavering faith that things will always work out will be carried forward by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Visitation Wednesday, May 27th, 2026, from 4-8pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 36900 Schoenherr @ Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd). Instate Thursday, May 28th, 2026, at 9:30am until time of Funeral Mass at 10am at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY **27**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate / Funeral Mass

MAY **28**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church
2215 Opdyke
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Tribute Wall

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“ *My fondest memory was teaming up with Mark to win the member-member golf tournament at Stonycroft Hills. Remained friends for many years thereafter. RIP Mark!!!*

Dr. Stan majewski - 2 hours ago

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“ *Steve so enjoyed coaching summer travel baseball with Mark in the 90s. Hugs and prayers for the whole family.*

Cindi Hopkins - 5 hours ago