



Walter Sobolewski

August 21, 1930 - January 24, 2023

SOBOLEWSKI, Walter age 92, January 24, 2023

Beloved husband of Julia for 66 cherished years. Dearest father of Mark (Nancyjo), Kevin (Valerie), Paul (Jennifer) and Carl (Laura). Proud grandfather of Emily (Joe) Benedetto, Carl (Kelsey) Casmere, Brenda (Chad) Golden, Brett (Kaitlyn), Sara (Jeremy) Grundy, Erica, Alison, Dana, Jacob Drinkard, Nicholas Drinkard, Nathan and Baylee Bowman. Loving great grandfather of Layton, Mason, Olivia, Eleanor, Brynn, Nicholas and Maddie.

Walter was a Patriot with deep love and appreciation of our country, military and for those who serve. He had worked his way up to the rank of Staff Sargent in the 2nd Armored Division of the U.S. Army for which he was very proud. He would often tell stories of his experiences he had in the Army.

He was a leader, teacher and a very hardworking man. Always trying to improve himself, his family and helping others. His thirty-four-year career at General Motors Parts Fabrication began as an hourly apprentice metal model maker. Working days and nights in the union, he improved his technical and managerial skills and advanced, working his way up until he retired as a manager responsible of Health and Safety Department. He had earned a designated parking spot, identified by his name, that seldom was used as he walked to work almost every day. He was very proud of working on the very first Corvette prototypes, President limousines and also components for

Abrams A-1 tank.

Walter loved his family and the outdoors. Almost every Sunday after church there would be family activities with his wife and boys or visits to friends and relatives. He made sure the family always enjoyed an annual vacation and loved being up North at the cabin. He had a passion for guns and hunting, a pastime he enjoyed sharing with his kids and grandkids. He thoroughly enjoyed the family's yearly Woodward Dream Cruise gathering which would also bring in some of his nephews and their families. The story of his 32 Chevrolet was one he shared many times.

The pride of his life was his wife Julia, she was his everything. They met at a very young age, Walter was 17 and Julia was 12. They met working at the market in Hamtramck. When Walter returned home from the service in 1956, they were wed and enjoyed 66 wonderful years in marriage. He totally adored Julia and would always make sure she was getting taken care of.

Visitation Monday, January 30, 2023 3-9pm. Funeral Tuesday, January 31, 2023 11:00am at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. (Shelby Township) 54880 VanDyke at 25 Mile Rd. Donations can be made to Wounded Warriors Family Support or St. Jude Hospital. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Shelby Township, MI 48316

Tribute Wall

CD

“ I just learned of the passing of Wally, and send my sincere condolences. I think of him often, as he is my inspiration to walk to work every day. He was a kind man, and i know he is missed by his loving family.

Catherine Drennan

Catherine Drennan - January 25, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Walter Sobolewski.



January 30, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Sobolewski.



January 30, 2023 at 09:03 AM

TF

“ The Wurts Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Walter Sobolewski.



The Wurts Family - January 30, 2023 at 07:36 AM

DS

“ *Mr. Sobolewski was the kindest man. He always waved and smiled as he walked by on the way to work. I thought that was so cool that he could walk to work. He will be dearly missed but lives on in his many children and grandchildren. I regret I will not be able to pay my respects in person.*

Dawn Stroupe - January 28, 2023 at 08:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Walter Sobolewski.*



January 27, 2023 at 09:35 PM

CL

“ *So sorry to hear this news. Always enjoyed talking with Walt & Julia. The entire Sobolewski family is special, they truly are. I will be praying for Julia and the entire family!*

Carol Lukity - January 26, 2023 at 10:11 PM

SW

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed visiting with all the Sobolewskis as a child and young adult. This is the end of an era. May they all rest peacefully. Susan Hinchman Wulf*

Susan Wulf - January 26, 2023 at 08:54 PM

JZ

“ *Jim and Shirley Grobbel would like to share OUR Deepest Sympathy to great Family especially Your Mom. Paul He sure will be Missed sorry we are Our of Town that is why we can Not attend. You will All be in Our thoughts and Prayers love. To All*

Jim and Shirley zhrobbel - January 26, 2023 at 07:50 PM

TS

“ *1 file added to the album Family*



Tim A Sobolewski - January 26, 2023 at 06:09 PM

TS

“ My Uncle was my second Dad. For the last 5 years I would enjoy visiting him and Aunt Julie because they both hold a special place in my Heart. When They lived across the street from us in the when I was 3-4 years old Uncle would stop over before he went to work and when he would leave I would cry thinking he was my Dad. Uncle and my Dad fooled many of us when we were little because they were identical. The last 5 years I cherished just sitting and listening to him talk about the past and how interesting it must have been in the mid 30's and 40's. The last conversation I had with him he told me he wanted to live until he was 105. He also said that he knew his body was failing him yet he was always positive and had that big happy smile we all loved about him. Hearing he passed peacefully and knowing my last word to and from him was " I Love You" gives special meaning to the way Those Sobolewski Men were raised. Uncle I will miss you Dearly and in the words my Dad would always say is "I'll see you when I see you again" I know we will see each other again. Love you all.

Tim A Sobolewski - January 26, 2023 at 05:54 PM

SM

“ Recently meeting Walter at Paul and Jennifer's wedding this past April, I feel fortunate meeting such a true gentleman who adores his family and brings out the best in others. His smile is contagious and I will always remember his gentle demeanor and love of life. My deepest condolences to the family.



Susan Moy - January 26, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Walter Sobolewski.* ”



January 26, 2023 at 02:13 PM