



## Jerome F. Wasik Jr

May 13, 1937 - October 22, 2020

Jerome F. Wasik, Jr. passed away on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at his home in Shelby Township. Jerry was born in Detroit to Jerome and Henrietta Wasik on May 13, 1937.

Living in the funeral home across the street from St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Jerry spent his early education years at Stannies and was a member of the basketball and football teams. When he graduated from Stannies Jerry moved on to the University of Detroit where he spent 2 years pursuing his passion for funeral service before transferring to Wayne State University's School of Mortuary Science. When Jerry graduated from the mortuary school at Wayne State he enlisted for service in the United States Army where he spent 24 months and 28 days (but who's counting) in service to his country. Upon completion of his time in the Army Jerry enrolled at Central Michigan University where he obtained his bachelor's degree.

In 1965 Jerry and his brother Joe expanded operations of the funeral home by building a second location that they would run on Seven Mile while their father Jerome F. Wasik, Sr. ran the funeral home on Medbury.

Looking to enlarge his circle of friends Jerry joined the Skiwi Ski Club where he met Mary Ann Doherty, the love of his life, who he married on August 2, 1968. For 52 years they travelled along, singing their song, side by side...

Over the course of the next several years Jerry and Mary Ann settled into the neighborhood around the funeral home on Seven Mile first living in the apartment above the funeral home and then buying a home on Gruebner. After settling into their first home they were graced with their children Mary Ellen and Michael.

Joe and Jerry ran the funeral home on Seven Mile in partnership until they were able to buy the Jerome A. DeSantis Funeral Home in Warren, Michigan and shortly after transitioned the business from the north east side of the city into the suburbs.

In 1983 Jerry and Mary Ann moved from their home in Detroit to a new home in Shelby Township where they lived until 2019. In 2019 Jerry and Mary Ann decided to downsize a bit and bought a condo to be closer to their granddaughters.

In 2000 Jerry and Joe expanded again by opening their location on Schoenherr and 22 Mile Rd. in Shelby Township where Jerry worked until he retired in 2017 after 62 years of serving families in the Metro Detroit Area.

Family was very important to Jerry. As his kids grew up and played sports, played in the band, dance recitals or their Saturday morning bowling league for St. Raymond he was always there supporting them no matter what activity they participated in. His face always lit up when his grandkids were around. He enjoyed hearing about their daily and life accomplishments. His happiest times were spent with his family just being together. He instilled a strong foundation of family, religion and work ethics that built a legacy that will last for generations.

Jerry is survived by his beloved and devoted wife of 52 years Mary Ann. His loving children Mary Ellen (Ross) Corio and Michael (Alissa) Wasik. He is the proud grandfather of his cherished grandchildren Alaina and Lauren Wasik; Ashley (Cullen) Hall, Katrina (Ryan) McCarron and Anthony Corio. His dearest sister Henrietta 'Babe' (Bob) Steiner and sister in law Camille. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Elizabeth (Len) Jenaway, Joseph (LeeAnn) Wasik, Audrey (Keith) Jeffrey, Rob and Scott Steiner and Ann Marie (Jeff) Bliss and numerous loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews of the Doherty Family. Jerry was predeceased by his parents Jerome, Sr. and Henrietta Wasik, his sisters Mary Ann Wasik and Olga (John) Lewinski and his brother Joe Wasik.

Visitation will start Monday at 2:00 PM and conclude at 8:00 with a 6:00 PM Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Twp. Jerry will lie in state on Tuesday from 9:30 until the 10 AM Mass of Resurrection at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church 48115 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 21 Mile Rd.) Shelby Twp. Jerry will be entombed at the Mausoleum of the Most Holy Trinity at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In lieu of floral arrangements please direct memorial contributions to Guest House or to the Capuchins.

\*\*To comply with the Michigan Department of Health all those in attendance are required to wear a mask or face covering\*\*

To accommodate our family that is unable to attend the services we will be live streaming the Mass of Resurrection on the website starting at 9:30 AM (eastern time) Tuesday October 27, 2020. Open the 'photos and videos' tab (media tab on mobile devices) on Jerry's main page to access the livestream.

# Cemetery

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## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd

Clinton Township, MI, 48038

# Events

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**OCT 26** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Wasik Funeral Home-Shelby Chapel

49150 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Twp, MI, US, 48315

**OCT 26** **Rosary** 06:00PM

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**OCT 27** **Instate at Church** 09:30AM - 10:00AM

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St. Therese of Lisieux

48115 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Twp, MI, US, 48315

**OCT 27** **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Therese of Lisieux

48115 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Twp, MI, US, 48315

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - October 27, 2020 at 09:11 AM

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“ Hi Mary Ellen and Mike so sorry to hear about your father, just heard. He was a very fine man and I remember having many conversations with him at St Lawrence and especially at the basketball games. The two of you have mighty big shoes to fill and just from recent contacts with you I know you are doing it very well and that you will continue giving him the honor he truly deserves. God bless him, you and your families. Mary Ellen please give your mother my deepest condolences and I wish her well.

Tony Cavaliere

Tony Cavaliere - November 05, 2020 at 05:42 PM

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“ Mary Ann,  
We are John & Patricia Krakowski and I live near St. Louis, Missouri, so we were not able to attend Jerry's wake and funeral. As you may remember, my parents John & Caroline were friend's of Jerry's mom and dad from about the 1950s to until my mom passed away in 2016 here in St. Louis. My brother Ronald and I remember visiting with our parents the Wasik's at their home above the funeral home near St. Stanislaus church. We were always impressed by what a wonderful family they were. And that legacy continued through Jerome, Joe and the rest of the Wasik family. Finally, I want to thank Michael for all of his assistance with my mother's funeral, including working with the funeral home here in the St. Louis area to transport her to Detroit and ensure she had a beautiful funeral. Please know that we were so sorry to hear about Jerome and that he is in our prayers.  
Best Regards,  
John & Pat

John S. Krakowski - October 28, 2020 at 02:48 PM

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“ Mary Ann  
Mike and Mary Ellen

The last couple of weeks i was walking by 13 Mile to head for lunch I was wondering how Jerry was doing I had not seen him in quite a while at the Warren funeral home. i was extremely sorry to hear that he passed away.

I apologize for not being able to make the viewing, wake, or funeral today but I was able to say a rosary last night. Could not help it as I was near St Clemens last night( I know no longer the current name). At exactly 7:00 pm the church bells starting ringing very loudly for around 10-15 minutes. I sort of took it as a message from Jerry and perhaps Joe that I need to take a break and sit down and say a prayer or two in memory of the Wasik brothers and their families.

As I reflect I cannot believe that it was sometime either in late 1979 or the early 1980's that I met Jerry and Joe and started working on their books in the back room of 7 Mile. It took a few more years to get used to doing the books with someone else's loved one on the belt lift to or from the basement. Thanks for calling me Mr. Rick instead of mr. Green way back then.

Glad I worked for Ed Olejniczak and had the opportunity to work on the Wasik account. From Jerome Sr and Henrietta, Jerry and Joe, and then the next generation, I always looked forward to working on the Wasik Funeral Home. Could not find much better anywhere.

Glad I was there and able to help some on the transition from 7 mile, to 13 Mile mile and the expansion to 22 & Schoenherr Rd. Hopefully every thing goes well for the family and th enext generation of the grand kids can say We have in the funeral business nearly 200 years now.

Take care and remember him well through the upcoming holidays this year.

Rick Green



Rick Green - October 27, 2020 at 03:53 PM

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“ My wife, Sandy, and I just virtually attended Jerry's funeral at 7 AM PCT. I am extremely grateful that this virtual service was available. May God bless whoever made this possible. Jerry Wasik and his family are in our prayers. Ray Homicz

**Raymond Homicz** - October 27, 2020 at 11:37 AM

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“ Mary Ann, I was so sorry to read about Jerry's death in the Detroit paper and would like to extend My Sincerest Sympathy to your family. We met many years ago at CSS and continued to see each other at different activities through the years. I think of your family often. May you find comfort in the many memories that you have to cherish.

Amy Lalewicz

**Amy Lalewicz** - October 27, 2020 at 09:28 AM

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“ Sending Mary Ann, Mary and the Wasik family our thoughts and prayers. It was always a comfort to have Jerry (Mr. Wasik) there during our family time of need. My parents truly enjoyed the Skiwi club trips along with seeing Mary Ann and Jerry during the PCC events. He will be missed. With deepest sympathy- Joann Zielinski, Janet & Paul Chyba, John Zielinski

**Janet Chyba** - October 27, 2020 at 08:51 AM

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“ Sinsere Condolences to Jay Wasik's family, friends and business associates. We know this is a great loss to Henri Wasik Steiner, our Beloved Lifelong Friend. May he Rest in Peace and May "perpetual light" shine upon Jerry. Roseanne Zoch Ruehlen and Husband, Deacon Larry Ruehlen.



**Deacon Lawrence Ruehlen** - October 27, 2020 at 12:51 AM

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“ Our warmest Prayers and heartfelt condolences are extended to Mrs. Mary Ann Wasik and the Wasik family on the passing of your beloved and our Brother Knight, Jerry.

"Blessed are those who have died in the Lord, let them rest from their labors, for their good deeds go with them..."

Fraternally,  
Robert. A. Skwara-Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus-St Patrick Council #3129

Robert Skwara - October 26, 2020 at 10:53 PM

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“ Please know of my sympathy and prayers for Jerry and all his family as we mourn his death. I was blessed to have worked with him over the years, and I appreciated all the wisdom - and stories! - that he shared. May the Lord's promise of resurrection to new and eternal life bring you some peace, comfort and consolation at this time. Know that I will remember Jerry in my mass intentions in the coming days.

Msgr. Michael Hrydziuszko  
St. Andrew Parish, Rochester

Msgr. Michael Hrydziuszko - October 26, 2020 at 10:16 PM

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“ Karen Lovett lit a candle in memory of Jerome F. Wasik Jr



Karen Lovett - October 26, 2020 at 04:13 PM

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“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the entire Wasik family. Jerry will be missed by all. His kindness and compassion shone in the way he accepted and treated the developmentally disabled. My sister, Patty, loved to stop by the funeral home just to visit with him. I am sure she was there to greet him in heaven.

Christine Weiss - October 26, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Mary Ann, Mary Ellen & Ross, Michael & Allisa, our condolences to your family. Jerry was a great guy in the community and I remember him all the way back to the 7 Mile days where he buried most of our family. We know your family will miss him dearly! God Bless you guys as you go through these difficult times. Sincerely, Darryl & Karen Onderik

**Darryl Paul Onderik** - October 26, 2020 at 12:52 PM

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“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers, I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Jerome. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of Jerome's life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Wasik family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Jerome.

**Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin** - October 26, 2020 at 09:38 AM

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“ Mr. Wasik was a lifelong active member of the Polish Century Club of Detroit. His voice was most respected and always had the time to listen to everyone, never placing himself above anyone. He was smart, kind, and proud of his Polish heritage. He will be missed, but never forgotten.  
Gregg Wilczynski  
Past V P PCC of D.

**Gregg Wilczynski** - October 25, 2020 at 07:09 PM

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“ Deepest Sympathy to the Wasik Family. Fond memories of playing softball for Wasik Funeral Home while in high school 54 years ago! Been friends ever since. May the angels carry you to paradise and may your family have faith, strength and courage to get through this difficult time.  
Dr. Cheryl Barkovich

**Cheryl Barkovich** - October 25, 2020 at 04:49 PM

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“ To the Beloved WASIK Family

Dear Mary Ann Wasik,

Mary, Ross, Michael, Alissa, and Loving Granddaughters, nieces and nephews.

Especially Jerry's Dear son Michael and loving daughter Mary, together with his Dear Brother Joseph's thoughtful adult children Audrey and Joe whom he shared his daily life with over the years in celebrating the lives of others at  
The Wasik Funeral Home in Shelby Township.

Jerry together with his brother Joseph bestowed such warm-hearted peace to families and strived always to be kind-hearted, considerate, trustworthy, and provided a spiritual manner of condolence for families they served throughout the many years.

Our Family so appreciated the  
Wasik kindness, we are sincerely heartfelt for your loss and thank you for the many of our loved one  
Whom we entrusted to your services throughout the years.

May your trust in the Lord  
grant you peace and the best of fond memories to cherish throughout your lives.

Affectionately,  
The Bommarito Family  
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The Bommarito Family - October 25, 2020 at 04:22 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerome F. Wasik Jr.



October 25, 2020 at 04:20 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerome F. Wasik Jr.



October 25, 2020 at 01:08 PM

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“ Dear Mary Ellen and Ross and family,

Please be assured that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Praying that you are enfolded by angels wings and feel the comfort of God during this time of loss. What a celebration for Dad, in that there are no more struggles here in this life and the he is now boundless and timeless in his own right.

May God Bless you all during this time.

With prayers and deep sympathy,

Karen VanLerberghe and family and staff.

**Karen slocum** - October 25, 2020 at 10:36 AM

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“ My condolences to the Wasik family. I knew Jerry through the Polish Century Club of Detroit, and met him when I became a member in 1979. Jerry always had a smile on his face and greeted you with kindness wherever that might be. He was a good man and will be missed.

**Randolph Porzondek** - October 25, 2020 at 08:58 AM

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“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerome F. Wasik Jr.



October 24, 2020 at 07:21 PM



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“ I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Jerry Wasik. Jerry was such a loving, comforting and consoling man. Our friendship goes back many years even decades as we had many things in common. My Dad Henry raised me in the Funeral profession and he also grew up attending St Stanislaus grade and high school. I have fond memories of all the Wasik family. Jerry and Joe Wasik were long time friends of my Dad Henry and I hope they are all in Heaven and looking down on all of us and smiling as they are all reunited again. Thank you Jerry for your service during my family and friends time of sadness. We will never forget you for it. My sincere condolences to Maryann and her entire family at this difficult and sad time. May our families' friendship continue to grow throughout the years to come. Always Loving and Caring, Vickie Kolasa

Victoria Kolasa - October 24, 2020 at 03:13 PM

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“ Jerry Wasik has been my lifelong friend. We first met as freshmen at St. Stanislaus High School in 1951 and immediately developed a close relationship. We both played football together for St. Stannies, Jerry at Starting End and me at Starting Halfback. We both played basketball together, Jerry at Starting Center and me at Starting Guard. Jerry was Class President in our senior year. Although we attended different universities, we remained close friends. After our university graduations, Jerry assisted me in my move to California for my job in the Aerospace Industry. He drove across country with me in my car to Los Angeles and helped me get settled before he flew back to Detroit. When I got married in 1966, Jerry came to California to be a member of my wedding party. We maintained our close relationship over the years through visits and by phone. I've always felt Jerry Wasik was GOD's great gift to me. --Ray Homicz

Ray - October 24, 2020 at 01:43 PM

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“ I am saddened by your loss.  
My sincerest sympathy.  
With fond memories.  
Love and prayers,  
Margaret Szymanski, M.D.

Marge - October 24, 2020 at 09:52 AM

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“ What a great honor it has been to be served by your family, Not only by Jerry and Joe but also there Dad. They were there for our family in more ways then one can express. I can only imagine the grand reunion taking place above. Kodlowski Family

Ronald Kodlowski - October 24, 2020 at 06:09 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies go to you, Mary Ann and your whole family upon the passing of Jerry. Joe and Jerry were good friends to me and my dad. He thought the world of both of them. May God bless and protect you all, and may the angels shelter you and guard you all under their wings. I will remember Jerry, Joe and all of the Wasiks in my thoughts and prayers. Again, my sympathies to you all, and God bless you all.  
. Gregory Kolasa

Gregory Kolasa - October 24, 2020 at 12:29 AM

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“ Dear Mary Ellen: My deepest sympathy to you and your family.. Your Father was one in a million. Always helpful and compassionate when we needed that the most. He was always the "first" face I looked for when entering and then I met you and you became my "go to".....I will always remember your Father and you with kindness. Many, many times our Family members and friends passed thru those hallowed halls with tears and a little laughter to lighten the sorrow. Hopefully you remember us. May God Bless your Father and all the Faithful departed and may they all Rest in God's Heavenly Peace..... Sincerely, Barbara (Fekin) Scarcelli and Family



JOSEPH/BARBARA Scarcelli - October 23, 2020 at 05:58 PM

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“ Such a great loss.  
I'm part of the Opolski family that has used Wasik's services since the 7 mile location. My dad and other family members were always very fond of your dad (Jerry). Such a good family man. We have been at the 7 mile , Warren, and finally the Shelby locations. Each and every time we were so grateful to have such wonderful help during our trying times. May God bless the Wasik family as you mourn your great loss.

**Natalie Opolski Vaughn** - October 23, 2020 at 05:46 PM

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“ Dear Wasik and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad and Audrey's Uncle. My sister and I have known the Wasik family since 1985. In 2012, your family did a marvelous job on our mother, Connie. Our sincerest sympathy and prayers to your family.  
Love, Gary and Charlotte Sypniewski.

**Charlotte Sypniewski** - October 23, 2020 at 03:14 PM

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“ Cathy Mielke lit a candle in memory of Jerome F. Wasik Jr



**Cathy Mielke** - October 23, 2020 at 02:11 PM

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“ Dear Wasik Family

Your family has been in our family since 1944 when my sister, Linda Pajak passed away at the young age of only 4 years old and keeping the tradition when my mother and sister passed. Mr Jerome was always a very warm and kind man. May he enjoy the rewards of heaven. Peace to you and your family.

The Pajak Family

**christina pajak** - October 23, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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“ Dear Mary and Family, So sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. Please accept our sincerest sympathy and prayers. Hope the comfort and good memories of your family and friends help you get through this tough time. God Bless....  
The Warrick Family

**Renee Mackowski Warrick** - October 23, 2020 at 11:48 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Jerry. He was truly a wonderful man with a heart of gold! My husband, Raymond would always go to pay his respects to all of his friends that had gone before him from the Chene street neighborhood and Jerry would always say that he and his staff would say "Im sure we'll see Miazek at today's viewing!" And they would all talk about the good ole' days from St Stannies. May his memory be eternal! Rest in peace! Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless! ~Paulina Miazek

**Paulina Miazek** - October 23, 2020 at 11:01 AM

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“ Dominic Mordell lit a candle in memory of Jerome F. Wasik Jr



**Dominic Mordell** - October 23, 2020 at 10:58 AM

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“ Condolences, the His Father was a Friend of My Dad. Jerry and My Brother Dan went to school together.  
Last time I saw him is when he arranged Dan's funeral.  
Rest In Peace from the Laga Family!

**John Laga Jr.** - October 23, 2020 at 09:15 AM

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“ I will miss a most professional and compassionate man. A true servant of the Lord's people. A great family man . My prayers are with his wife and family. May he Rest In Peace.

**Dcn. Marion Jurewicz** - October 23, 2020 at 09:04 AM

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“ Judy Portugal lit a candle in memory of Jerome F. Wasik Jr



**Judy Portugal** - October 22, 2020 at 11:24 PM

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“ I have had the pleasure of knowing the Wasik family for over 50 years. When they were across from St. Stanislavsky. They have done all of our families and funerals flawlessly..Mr. Wasik was such a class act , was meticulous in his dress and held a presence like no other I. The funeral home. It made my day to see him even in the worst of circumstances... He did my parents funerals, who were his childhood friends, I could never thank him enough for giving both of them the best funerals ever.... I will NEVER forget the words he said to me at their funerals . I will treasure those words always. He always made me feel so special and so welcome anywhere I saw him. This is a terrible day for the funeral home industry. They have lost a true gentleman and a honor to his trade. My heart is sad- Linda Kozlowski

**Linda Kay** - October 22, 2020 at 11:09 PM

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“ Your father had the most amazing memory he could recall the service he provided for the family and remember names loved and respected your father our condolences

**mike sewick** - October 22, 2020 at 10:28 PM

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“ I remember delivering Borden’s milk to the funeral home on Medbury when I was a kid working on the truck

**Brian Connors** - October 22, 2020 at 09:51 PM

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“ I'll always remember the good-time "roof parties" at the funeral home on Medbury. We didn't have to travel out of the city to enjoy get-togethers. I'm saddened by losing my friend.

**Ed Plizga** - October 22, 2020 at 04:31 PM