



## Edward Kowalski

March 24, 1932 - May 5, 2024

Edward Kowalski was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 24, 1932 to Edward and Regina Kowalski. Edward passed away on May 5, 2024 at McLaren Macomb Hospital in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. He is the beloved husband of 69 years of Rose Marie Kowalski. Loving father of Patricia (Howard) Chang, Thomas Kowalski, and Susan (Mike) Hogg. Very proud Papa of Jessica (Ray), David, Justin (Samantha), Stephanie, Allison, Charlotte and Victoria. Also dearest great grandpa of Miles. Instate Thursday 10 AM until 11 AM Funeral Mass at St. Thecla Catholic Church 20740 S. Nunnley Road (corner of Little Mack), Clinton Township, Michigan. Entombment Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Capuchins.

# Previous Events

## Instate in church

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thecla Catholic Church  
20740 S. Nunneley Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

## Funeral Mass

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *This was my wedding and just 4 months before my dad passed away.*



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**sue kowalski hogg** - June 27, 2024 at 05:33 PM

SH

“ *3 files added to the album Edward Kowalski*



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**sue kowalski hogg** - June 19, 2024 at 03:49 PM

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“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



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**sue kowalski hogg** - June 19, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ To the Kowalski family,

*As a loved one of Edward L. Kowalski (Ed), firstborn to Edward and Rose, I offer my deepest condolences to all who were privileged to know him.*

*While I never met Edward, his first son grew to be an amazing husband, father, and grandfather to two thriving boys. I see so much of Edward in my Ed and am thankful for the traits, wisdom, and life lessons he shares. It's hard to find a more respectable man than the Ed I know.*

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K - June 18, 2024 at 07:22 AM



*Thank you so much  
I wish things went differently and you would have got to meet him. He would have brought a smile to your face.  
I am so very glad you have a wonderful father....enjoy every moment with him.  
What a perfect name for your son, that says a lot.  
Enjoy those boys!*

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sue kowalski hogg - June 19, 2024 at 03:14 PM

DB

“ To the Kowalski family: I only found out tonight that my former boss at the Free Press Ad Make-Up Department has left us, and lives in heaven now. I surely would have attended the funeral service and Mass to help you all celebrate Ed's life. I know how very, very proud he was of his family, and Rose, you were his light and forever love.

*I left the paper in 1986; but when I got married in 1990, Ed and Rose drove all the way to Bay City to attend my wedding. Ed suffered through my time of learning the job, but, of course, no one could do the job that he did. He would gruffly chew out a salesperson, then move heaven and earth to make the salesperson's request happen.*

*I will cherish the laughs that our small department shared as we worked our keisters (one of his favorite words) off to get the job done every day. God bless you, Ed, and may God's peace be with your family's broken hearts.*

*Donna Lesnieski Bosink*

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**Donna M Bosink** - May 29, 2024 at 09:09 PM

SH

*Donna*

*I am Sue , Ed's youngest daughter. I just wanted to say thank you for the kind words, and smiles than you gave me reading your tribute to my dad. As stressful as the free press days would get for him, he truly loved working there and spoke of it through out his retirement.*

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**sue kowalski hogg** - June 18, 2024 at 07:17 PM

MK

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. Ed was truly an honorable man. He will be sorely missed. Rest in peace sir.

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**Martin Kaoma** - May 13, 2024 at 11:26 AM

“ Our family would like to thank everyone for joining us to share our father’s celebration of life.

On March 24th 1932 our grandparents gave birth to our dad in their home.

Whenever anyone would ask my dad " what did you weigh when you were born? He would say as much as a 10 lb bag of potatoes, it was the best comparison his mother could give him being born at home.

A few years later he was blessed with a brother Raymond who he thought the world of.

Edward grew up in Detroit during the depression. He was an alter boy. His first job was at a bakery earning two dollars a day. That is where he learned his true value of a dollar.

He graduated from St. Joseph high school in 1949.

Three years later he enlisted in the Air Force and served in Korea during the Korean war.

He met our mother at a dance and on Sept 4th 1954 he married his beautiful bride Rose.

They bought their first home In Clinton township and by the time their 4th child was born ( which was me) we moved to St.Clair shores.

Our dad worked at the Detroit free press from 1956 to 1989, and made the decision to retire do to the merge of the papers.

Ed was an usher at St.Gertrude, a part of the men's club and bowling league. He also enjoyed fishing and would take us to the pier at the VFW on early weekend mornings. In his later years he would enjoy fishing at the cottage with Tommy.

He enjoyed playing pinochle and euchre, was very competitive just ask anyone who played with him. Every Saturday Howard and Patti would visit my parents for dinner. Before cards my dad and Howard would go to the basement for a couple games of pool where he earned the name Fast Eddie.

He was a loyal Detroit sports fan and passionate about the games and would voice his frustration when the home team ended up on the losing end.

He enjoyed music and singing and often serenade at family

*gatherings.*

*His favorite song to dance to at weddings was celebration by Kool and the gang.*

*If we were lucky enough to have them play DADDYS LITTLE GIRL Patti and I would take a hand of his and sing along.*

*We did not call our father dad forever his name became Papa.*

*Papa had 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild.*

*He loved and adored and had a special bond with each of them. He was a very proud grandfather.*

*I know they will all hold his memories close to their hearts.*

*Papa was always thereto lend a helping hand. He had a name for this COD Call on dad.*

*Papa shared good humor and a big smile to everyone he met. He would always ask people their age so he could compare his. He was so proud of his age.*

*For an example on his 92nd birthday, the very next day he could not wait to tell people I am going to be 93.*

*Everyone likes a good deal, but our papa LOVED a deal.*

*He could not wait to share markdown and sale prices he got daily.*

*The freezer and pantry were always overflowing due to the deals he could not resist.*

*I am sure all of the employees at the stores he shopped at are wondering what happened to this friendly guy? They may wondering why the clearance section is still so full. The friendly guy is in heaven making it a happier place.*

*Well papa were going to remember you for exactly that and so much more. We are going to miss all of the laughs you would give us daily. Your sincerity and kind soul will stay with us forever.*

*So through our tears, let us see the blessings of knowing and loving you- A great noble man that we got to call papa.*

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**Susan Kowaski Hogg** - May 08, 2024 at 06:13 PM

MT

*This is such a beautiful tribute to your dad (papa). Leaving an amazing, legacy of a husband and family man. You will have memories to cherish for a life time. You and your family are truly blessed.*

**Mary Ann Tuttle** - May 09, 2024 at 01:31 AM

SH

*Thank you*

**sue kowalski hogg** - June 18, 2024 at 07:11 PM

CG

“ *Classic Family Grill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward Kowalski.*



**Classic Family Grill** - May 08, 2024 at 03:41 PM

BK

“ *Bruce and Mary Kaselitz purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Edward Kowalski.*



**Bruce and Mary Kaselitz** - May 08, 2024 at 01:03 PM

NF

“ *Norm, Tim , John Livingston and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Edward Kowalski.*



**Norm, Tim , John Livingston and family** - May 08, 2024 at 10:34 AM

NF

“ Norm, Tim , John Livingston and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Kowalski.

Norm, Tim , John Livingston and family - May 08, 2024 at 10:34 AM

CH

“ Mr Ed had a great smile and laugh. He loved playing cards. I remember many fun rounds of Uno. He'd pretend cheating by singing Yellow Rose of Texas if he wanted yellow or to joke! There's a party in Heaven with him, my parents, the St. Gertrude gang and my mom's little poodle that he shared peanuts with. ❤️

Carol Houlihan - May 07, 2024 at 05:22 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Kowalski.



May 07, 2024 at 03:37 PM