



Eugene W. Oleszko

April 15, 1927 - August 7, 2014

Eugene W. Oleszko, born April 15, 1927, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, passed away on August 7, 2014, in Royal Oak, Michigan at the age of 87. Beloved husband of the late Sophie. Dear father of Allen F. (Renee) Oleszko, Kathleen (Ronald) Best and the late Gary Oleszko. Loving grandfather of Christine (Brian) Hilton, Allen R. (Renee) Oleszko, Jacquelyn (Joseph) Paletta and Ronald E. Best and great grandfather of Olivia, Christian, Reese, Blake, Adrianna and Dominic. Dear brother in law of Ann Oleszko. Also survived by his loving dog companion, Buggy. He was predeceased by his four brothers, Thad, Ray, Johnny and Henry. Gene was the owner and founder of Nortown Collision Inc. established in 1948 and is in its 3rd generation of family ownership. He was the president of the Northeast Detroit Business Association (formerly Van Dyke-Seven Mile Business Association). Gene was very proud of his business and he worked very hard at preserving and beautifying the Van Dyke business corridor. He was known as the “Mayor of Van Dyke”.

Gene was a resident of Fraser for over 55 years. He was a member of the Polish Century Club, Detroit and American Polish Century Club, Sterling Heights where he served on many boards of each and he was a member of the Half-Century Club and John W. Smith Old Timers Club. In his early years, Gene was a Tug Boat Captain responsible for many projects one of the largest was extending the mouth of the Clinton River. He was also an avid boater and fisherman. In Gene’s later years, he enjoyed traveling with his dog

companion, Buggy to his boat in St. Clair Shores. Visitation Saturday 3-9 p.m. and Sunday 1-9 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover) Warren. Instate Monday 10:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of All Saints Church 31740 Cyril Drive (corner of Masonic) Fraser. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.wasikfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 286-9020

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Visitation

AUG 10. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

AUG 11. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pio of Pietrelcina - Our Lady Queen of All Saints
31740 Cyril Drive
Fraser, MI 48026

Funeral Mass

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ On life’s journey none of us know whose life we will touch. Gene Oleszko touched the lives of 4 generations. My father (James R. Wilson) at death was a member and former commander of the DAV Chapter 60, where one of the members (I wish so much I could remember who) was a friend of Gene. Upon having mentioning he had car problems, as we all do, this person said” I know a great place...”hence the 1st generation. When I had a problem with my car my father sent me to Gene, that was 35 yrs ago, hence the 2nd generation, my daughter 3rd generation and grandson 4th generation.

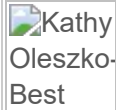
At some point it stops being a collision shop but a friends shop. I needed a door bell fixed; glass block windows, etc., go see Gene. One day he told me no more band aids for you "go buy a new car".

I met the immediate family one by one Al, Kathy, Allen, whom he loved dearly, I want you to know that he let others know he loved you also! My life has also been enriched in many ways by others in the Nortown family, Ed, Mike, Mark.

As you celebrate the home-going of a great man remember all that he stood for hard work, values, principles, fun and love, etc. I am praying for you as today you remember him with tear and sadness. I will also remember you in prayer in the days to come as the tears will become smiles.

*God Bless you,
Willa Wilson, Renae Williams and family*

Renae Williams - August 11, 2014 at 10:15 AM



Rena, as the end of my long sad and joyest day is near, upon reading your thoughts and genuine feelings, my tears have now dried into a smile. Thank you for giving this tired girl such nice thoughts to go to sleep with. Bless you for your friendship. Kathy

Kathy Oleszko-Best - August 11, 2014 at 09:52 PM

SW

“ *My Uncle Gene was a lifesaver when my Dad was in assisted living. He helped my dad in his loneliness with his visits. He was a good brother. He was always down to earth and a loving uncle -- his niece Sandy*

Sandy Weston - August 10, 2014 at 09:48 AM

DS

“ *4 files added to the album Celebration*



Deb Schemansky - August 09, 2014 at 07:33 AM

LK

“ *So sad to hear. You were always kind to me. Now you can celebrate your birthday with my dad again. RIP ?*

Linda Kment - August 09, 2014 at 07:20 AM

LF

“ *Our Family is deeply saddened by the passing of Gene. We will always remember Gene and feel lucky that we had the pleasure of knowing him. Gene will be missed by all the members of the Wandering Gang Golf League.*

Larry Marino Family - August 09, 2014 at 06:07 AM

CB

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



Chris Bilewicz - August 08, 2014 at 06:05 PM

JP

Thank you for sharing the pictures!

Jackie Paletta - August 08, 2014 at 10:21 PM

LB

“ *RIP Mr. Oleszko*

He was not a blood relative but a family member by marriage. Even though we are no longer tied by marriage, I still feel he is my family. We had holiday dinners, shared special occasions, boat rides on the Fraser 50. He was Quiet man but great to talk to one on one. As the owner of Nortown Collision & Glass Company he saw me much more than I preferred.

I am happy we were able to say goodbye in person a few weeks ago. I think he knew and I knew this was our last conversation. He always asked about my children and my family. He was a caring man.

He gave me MY AI, Kathy Oleszko-Best and for a too short of time, Gary.

They intern gave me Christine Nicole HiltonAllen Ryan OleszkoJackie Paletta and Ronnie Best plus their spouses and their children.

He is no longer in pain. But I feel pain in my heart and sorrow for the family he left behind. — feeling heartbroken.



Linda Buckman - August 08, 2014 at 03:58 PM

TR

“ *To the family of Eugene. Your dad was great. Very unselfish, as you know he took my sons to work with him and taught them automobile repair. Today, they are involved in auto repair business and often help others. May his soul rest in eternal peace.*

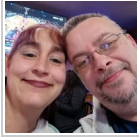
Therese & Bob Rich

Therese Rich - August 08, 2014 at 03:11 PM

PF

“ *Gene was a good friend. He will be missed and I thank him for the kindness he shiwed for his customers and friends.*

Paul Frost - August 08, 2014 at 11:22 AM



“ Gene was a great man. Our family loved and respected him so much. He meant so much to so many people, and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole Oleszko family. Perry Scott & family

Shannon Galia - August 08, 2014 at 10:20 AM

AD

“ What a wonderful man! Always appreciated you and your family. You did well Gene, took care of others, raised your family well. Certainly a life to be proud of. We will miss you. Amy Doherty and family.

Amy Doherty - August 08, 2014 at 09:47 AM

JK

“ Gene, Goodbye to a GREAT friend. I met Gene and brother Hank about 1953 shortly after they opened Nortown Collision. I was 16 at the time and Gene basically gave me my first job working in the shop doing clean up, sanding cars ready for painting, and just being able to see first hand how to repair cars involved in accidents. Gene, you will never know how much you taught me for later life. Lots of good memories. Good bye to the Mayor of Van Dyke. Your Friend forever, Jim Kley

Jim Kley - August 08, 2014 at 08:15 AM

AG

“ *What a great and wonderful man Gene was. He was such a good friend to my dad as well. Whenever we had an issue with any of our cars, it only took a phone call and he was always there to help our family. Gene found my first car for me :) (1979 Chrysler Cordoba). With deepest sympathy, my thoughts and prayers to the entire Oleszko family, he was a true original.*

Andra Green (Muraszka)

Andra Green - August 08, 2014 at 06:18 AM

CN

“ *Peace and love surround your family at this time. Hugs. Cathy Newby*

Cathy Newby - August 07, 2014 at 08:18 PM