



## Frederick E. Grzelak

May 5, 1948 - February 22, 2020

Frederick E. Grzelak, born May 5, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan, passed away on February 22, 2020 in Warren, Michigan at age of 71.

Loving husband of Sandy, dear father of Jeffery (Kelly), Jason and Amber (Bradley) Brumm. Dear grandfather of Sabrina, Brooklynn, Autumn, Annabelle, Brody and Briggs. Dear brother of Thomas (the late Pauline) Grzelak and James Grzelak. Fred's family would like for those attending his visitation to wear any kind of sports jersey or hats to honor his love of sports.

Visitation Wednesday from 2-8 pm at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N of 22 Mile Rd.) Instate Thursday 9:30 am until 10 am Funeral Mass at St. Isidore Catholic Church 18201 Twenty Three Mile Rd. (Macomb Twp.) Interment at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association. [www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

## Visitation

FEB **27**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church  
18201 23 Mile Rd  
Macomb Twp, MI

## Funeral Mass

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FEB **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church  
18201 23 Mile Rd  
Macomb Twp, MI

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Jeff and family...

*I would like to extend my sincerest condolences. While I did not know your dad, I believe that after reading all the wonderful things that were shared that he was an amazing man and left quite an amazing mark on the world around him. The pictures, stories and the memories are so precious.*

*Praying that God's peace is with you all during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
Shannon McClintock*

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**Shannon McClintock** - February 26, 2020 at 06:39 PM

MA

“ *I grew up as the little brother that followed around my brother Rich and his friends, like Fred, Dennis, Bruce, Jim and Glen. Remarkably they all remained friends over the years.*

*As I grew older I was able to join in on some of the fun times they had. Fred was always so smooth and cool, just a great guy that once you met him, you were always his friend. He was always very kind to me.*

*I am saddened by his passing and I honor his service to our country during the Vietnam war. My prayers to Sandy and family and I know that Fred is looking down from heaven with that great smile.*

*Mark Albrecht*

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**Mark Albrecht** - February 26, 2020 at 10:35 AM

“ I have known Fred most of my life. Other than his brothers, probably longer than anyone here.

Today, I am joined by Jim and Mike to speak not only for myself but the other East Detroit neighborhood friends that Fred grew up with, who couldn't be here today.

Glenn and Dennis are currently out of the country. Deanna and Tom live out of state, but all extend their sympathy and prayers to Fred's family.

We all had 'Nick Names' Glenn was (The Greek) >>Dennis (The Wop), >>Fred the Polack, I was Chinese Joe and/or the Polack; our Nick Names were accepted as a badge of Pride for our Nationality and/or recognition to this day between us.

Over 60 plus years we were always bound together as brothers and sisters.

Our years were filled with many laughs and stories that got more exaggerated each year. But Sandy and the other wives put up with our repeated escapades.

All of us have always been close, we spent weekends, vacations and cruises together and regularly meet down in Florida at least once a year.

Fred, Sandy and Fred's brother Tom joined us several years ago, the last time Fred was able to handle the trip to Florida.

But let me tell you a little about Fred.

Fred was a quiet, gentle but competitive guy.

We road our bikes everywhere, no 3 or 10 speeds back then. Fred's bike was one of the fastest, as most of the other guys delivered newspapers, on heavy duty Schwinn bikes called 'Jungle Cruisers', so they never stood a chance against Fred.

When it came to running, Fred was always the first or second fastest.

We never fought, which most families can't even say.

We were constantly together, playing whatever sport was in season from morning until well after the street lights went on, a lot different than today.

Friday's it was football at Southlake field.

After graduation Fred went into the Army, Fred was the only one

*who lived the horrors of war; the rest of us went to college and served our country via the National Guard or other military programs. Fred paid with his health for that service. But the best thing that ever happened to Fred was marrying Sandy. Sandy was Fred's 'Rock'*

*Fred worked the long hours at Ford but Sandy was and is the glue that kept the family together!*

*Blessed with 3 children and 6 grandchildren, Fred lived a full life, a good life, creating many memories for each of us to remember Fred by.*

*Fred will be missed, but Fred would not want you to dwell on his departure, rather remember those private and good family times, and Carry his Legacy and memories into the next generation.*

*So.....Fred, I believe you can hear us, it's your job to set up our next eternal meeting place in Heaven!!*

*Thanks for being part of my life.*

*You will never be forgotten by me and the gang!*

*Rich A*

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**Rich Albrecht** - February 26, 2020 at 06:12 AM

RA

“ *I lost a very close friend yesterday. Fred sadly is the first of the old neighborhood to pass away due to Muscular Dystrophy and Agent Orange. All of the East Detroit guys and gals have stayed closely connected all these years. Each of us have nick names associated to us, usually connected to our nationality. From bikes to cars to marriages, children, godchildren, vacations together and recently yearly March get togethers in Florida. Fred we know you are now with God preparing a place for us, you will be missed! Rich*



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**Rich Albrecht** - February 26, 2020 at 05:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Frederick E. Grzelak.



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February 25, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Frederick E. Grzelak.



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February 25, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *Dear Sandy and family,  
It is times like this we wish we didn't live so far away so we could give you all a big hug and tell you how sorry we are for your loss. We will always remember Fred as a kind and gentle man who loved and cherished his family. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending our Love and Hugs,  
Love you, Phil and Wendy*

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**Wendy and Phil Sawdon** - February 25, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Frederick E. Grzelak.



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February 25, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Frederick E. Grzelak.



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February 25, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ Fred was "the best neighbor and friend" one could ever ask to have. He always had a smile for one and all. We treasure the memories of the many, many times we shared together- especially including the time he was the Paczki in our donut foursome for Halloween. He and Sandy were an awesome TEAM. He will be so missed by so many. Our love to Sandy and the family. Chuck and Gini

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**Gini Filar** - February 25, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Fred was filled with a quiet joy that spilled over to all he encountered. Whether walking the dog, taking a swim, laughing with his family his eyes showed love and joy always. He was a neighbor, friend, and certainly one of the "Good Guys" we encounter in our life. Sending loving thoughts and our condolences on your loss of dear Fred. Linda and Horst Cawi

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**Linda Cawi** - February 24, 2020 at 06:44 PM

DM

“ During one of my few snowmobile family events; I recall sleeping at the “Sleepy Eye Goose facility. Fredo; awoke early and thoughtfully began brewing the group’s morning coffee, A typical “Fred” consideration,;unknowingly and unfortunately the coffee pot didn’t sit correctly sending the morning brew into a pusedo map of the “Great Lakes” We’ll all miss Fred; however all of us are blessed beyond words for our Respect, Enjoyment and Joy of knowing and having Fred as our Friend! Rest In Peace Fred!

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**Doug Mills** - February 24, 2020 at 06:39 PM

MP

“ I will always remember Fred for coming out to support our softball team and talking Tigers with him. Sending my love to Sandy and the family. Love, Mel

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**Melanie Pesta** - February 23, 2020 at 09:55 PM

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“ Sandy and family,

*So sorry for your loss. No words can express the sorrow of the loss of a loved one. The beautiful life shared together will be with us forever.*

*Love,  
Pat Carra & Gene Fritch*

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**Pat Carra** - February 23, 2020 at 06:27 PM