

Gary Michael Orczykowski

March 4, 1953 - August 27, 2023

Gary "Popo" Orczykowski passed away unexpectedly on August 27th, 2023 surrounded by his loved ones at McLaren Macomb hospital.

Gary was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 4th, 1953 to Anthony and Estelle Orczykowski. He had many different jobs throughout his life that he enjoyed and took such pride in, such as a paper route, bakery delivery, various hospital roles, setup of home care medical equipment, and ultimately retiring in 2010 from the city of New Baltimore DPS. After retiring, he devoted time volunteering at the St. Mary's food pantry. He had many jobs, but his favorites and most rewarding were being a fun loving husband, dad, and "Popo."

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Therese (Ruhlman) Orczykowski, daughters, Sarah (Dave), Martha (Ryan), and Emma (Adam), grandchildren, Everett, Ella, Annie, and Conor, brothers Kurt (Marion) Goldenbogen, Paul (Dora) Goldenbogen, Tom (Pat) Goldenbogen, Jim (Dottie) Goldenbogen, Dennis (Janis) Orczykowski, and countless extended family members.

He is preceded in death by his parents Anthony and Estelle Orczykowski, second mom Therese (Goldenbogen) Orczykowski, and brother William (Pat) Goldenbogen.

Gary enjoyed countless hours sitting in his recliner completing crossword

puzzles and daily Wordle competitions with Therese, tending to his beautiful vegetable and flower gardens, cracking the driest and corniest jokes you could imagine that he claimed as "Popo jokes," or discovering a magical piece of garbage to add to his garage sanctuary of treasures, which he spent much of his time putzing in. He was a special person who made sure to always show kindness towards anyone and everyone, provided a unique perspective to any situation, and wisdom that no one else could match. With grace, Gary took each moment as it came, making the best of his life to enjoy the "little things." He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation for Gary to take place on Thursday, August 31, 2023 between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm located at the Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel, 35259 Twenty-Three Mile Rd., New Baltimore. Funeral service to take place at 4:00 pm following visitation on Thursday, August 31 at the Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Gary's name to St. Mary's Food Pantry.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Visitation

AUG 31. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 31. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wasik Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Michael Orczykowski*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - August 30, 2023 at 01:24 PM

MF

*Dear Theresa, Sarah, Martha, and family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. Gary was a great guy.
We were planning on coming tomorrow, but Jack just tested positive for Covid. So far, I'm feeling okay. I know that Anjie and Becky are thinking of you, too. Anjie's father-in-law is quite ill. Had surgery today. Martha, Bec wants to get ahold of you soon. Abby gave her your number. We are all just so sad about this. Sending you all our sincere condolences.*

Mary Anne Felthouse - August 30, 2023 at 10:26 PM

AN

The world lost a truly beautiful soul. Gary was one in a million and you were truly blessed to know him and his family. Gary was an inspirational person to be around and will be greatly missed by all he touched. RIP Gary

Anonymous - September 14, 2023 at 05:19 PM

KL

“ Dear Therese and your entire family. Judy just telephoned me about the loss of Gary. I am so very sorry and I send you love and prayers. How nice it was to have visited with you a few years ago and to remember what a nice time we had with you.

Gary's loss will be so hard for all because I know he was so well loved. And it is very sad for Judy and for me to know that our cousin has passed away.

Much sympathy and much love to all. Karen.

Karen Lyons - September 15, 2023 at 09:02 PM

DA

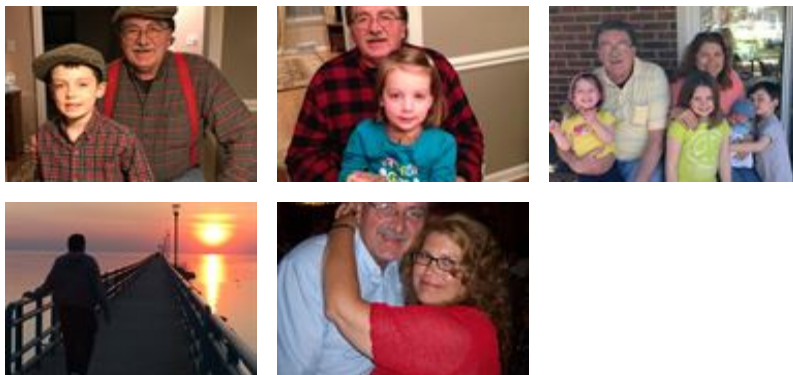
“ 3 files added to the album Reunion



Dan - August 31, 2023 at 07:22 AM



“ 333 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - August 30, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Michael Orczykowski.*



August 30, 2023 at 07:36 AM



“ *Gary was a very good friend. Rest in peace old friend.J.P.*

Jim Phelan - August 30, 2023 at 06:34 AM



“ *My brother Paul and I as kids would ride our bikes to go visit Aunt Therese and Uncle Gary to visit and see their dog. They were so welcoming and always such good company! Many thoughts, love and prayers to the family.*

Monica - August 29, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Gary was a nice, caring, and humble man. He worked hard for the New Baltimore Goodfellows for years; he did not want any thanks for the things he did. Gary always looked for ways to help other people. May his soul rest in peace.*

Florence Hayman - August 29, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *What a great guy! As a neighbor a few years back, I enjoyed his sense of humor and at-ease attitude. My condolences to the family.*

Rita Vloet - August 29, 2023 at 12:33 PM