



Gjermalj Ujkaj

May 27, 1947 - January 12, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Gjermalj Ujkaj, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Gjermalj departed this earthly life peacefully at his home in Howell, Michigan, on Monday, January 12th, 2026, at the age of 78. Born in Ratish, Kosovo, on Tuesday, May 27th, 1947, Gjermalj lived an inspiring life marked by resilience, dedication, and love for his family.

Gjermalj immigrated to the United States, where he established himself as a successful entrepreneur, leaving a lasting legacy in the business community with his hard work and unwavering integrity. His entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to his family's well-being were admired by all who knew him.

Gjermalj is lovingly survived by his devoted wife, Katrina Ujkaj. He will forever be remembered by his children: Suzana (Gjon) Ivezaj, Albert Ujkaj, Agron (Maria) Ujkaj, Elvis (Kristina) Ujkaj, Robert (Gail) Ujkaj, and Sofia (Xhevalin) Nikollbibaj. As a proud grandfather of 19 grandchildren and a great-grandfather of 10, Gjermalj found immense joy and purpose in nurturing his expanding family, always providing a guiding hand and heartwarming stories for all to cherish.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dervish and Fatime Ukaj, along with his brother, Sam Ukaj, whose memory he cherished deeply.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects during the visitation service at Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township, MI, on Sunday, January 18th, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The following day, an instate service will take place at St. Paul Albanian Catholic Church in Rochester Hills, MI, from 9:30 am to 10:00 am, followed by a Funeral Mass from 10:00 am to 10:45 am on Monday, January 19th, 2026. Interment in Guardian Angel Cemetery, Oakland Twp. to follow mass.

The arrangements are being handled by Wasik Funeral Home - Shelby Township.

Cemetery Details

Guardian Angel Cemetery

4701 Rochester Road
Oakland Township, MI 48306

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate in church

JAN 19. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Albanian Catholic Church
525 West Auburn Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Funeral Mass

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Paul Albanian Catholic Church
525 West Auburn Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Tribute Wall

LV

“ Love, Viktor, Gjelina, Violet, Tina, Vicky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gjemalj Ujkaj.

Love, Viktor, Gjelina, Violet, Tina, Vicky - January 18 at 12:01 PM

LV

“ Love, Viktor, Gjelina, Violet, Tina, Vicky purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gjemalj Ujkaj.



Love, Viktor, Gjelina, Violet, Tina, Vicky - January 18 at 12:01 PM

JK

“ John and Dede Goci and Kids purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gjemalj Ujkaj.



John and Dede Goci and Kids - January 17 at 03:30 PM

NS

“ Natalie Shemanski purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gjemalj Ujkaj.



Natalie Shemanski - January 17 at 11:54 AM

SF

“ Scott and Lora Hoose and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gjemalj Ujkaj.



Scott and Lora Hoose and family - January 17 at 10:51 AM

SF

“ Scott and Lora Hoose and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gjemalj Ujkaj.

Scott and Lora Hoose and family - January 17 at 10:51 AM

CK

“ Claudia Kingston purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Gjemalj Ujkaj.



Claudia Kingston - January 17 at 10:20 AM

CK

“ Claudia Kingston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gjemalj Ujkaj.

Claudia Kingston - January 17 at 10:20 AM

SN

“ Sofia Nikollbibaj purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gjemalj Ujkaj.



Sofia Nikollbibaj - January 16 at 04:05 PM

SN

“ Sofia Nikollbibaj planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gjemalj Ujkaj.

Sofia Nikollbibaj - January 16 at 04:05 PM

TF

“ The Calandra Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gjemalj Ujkaj.



The Calandra Family - January 16 at 03:04 PM

TF

“ The Calandra Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gjemalj Ujkaj.

The Calandra Family - January 16 at 03:04 PM

II

“ Iosif and Rodica Iancu purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gjemalj Ujkaj.



Iosif and Rodica Iancu - January 16 at 02:13 PM

TF

“ *The Nikollbibaj Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Gjemalj Ujkaj.*



The Nikollbibaj Family - January 16 at 02:01 PM

TF

“ *The Nikollbibaj Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gjemalj Ujkaj.*

The Nikollbibaj Family - January 16 at 02:01 PM

SN

“ *An absolute example of what it meant to be a good Man. Jim always put others first and went the extra mile. Always a man of his word. A true family man and friend. I will miss you so much Dad.*

Sofia Nb - January 15 at 09:24 PM