



## John Kistela

April 25, 1945 - August 19, 2012

John Kistela, of Sterling Heights, passed away Sunday, August 19, 2012 at the age of 67. John was born on April 25, 1945 in Germany. Beloved husband of Stella. Loving father of Jennifer (Dan) Heppler, Kristina (Tom) Szalach, and Stephanie Kistela. Dear grandfather of Daniel, Jonathan, Elisabeth, and Andrew. Dear brother of Irena (Walter) Ciesielski. Survived by several nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 23.** 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate at Church

**AUG 24.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Catholic Church  
95 Market Street  
Mount Clemens, MI

## Funeral Mass

AUG **24**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

GH

“ My deepest sympathies to the Kistela family. May you find comfort in the memories you've shared together an in the "God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation."(2Cor.1:3,4)And who promises that soon sickness, death, and pain will be no more.(Isa. 33:24;Rev. 21:3,4) May these beautiful promises from the Bible warm your heart and brighten your day.  
Sincerely, Glenda

Glenda Hawkins - September 08, 2012 at 09:04 AM

ST

“ Stefaniak lit a candle in memory of John Kistela



Stefaniak - August 26, 2012 at 11:28 AM

ST

*Kochana Stasienko i Ireno z Rodzinami z wielkim smutkiem przyjelismy wiadomosc o naglym odejsciu naszego Kochanego Janka. Wraz z cala Rodzina z Polski przekazujemy Wam nasze glebokie kondolencje. Modlimy sie za Jego Dusze oraz za Was Wszystkich. W Bielawie odprawilismy Msze Swieta za Dusze Sp. Janka. Niech Najswietsza Panienska Czestochowska ma Jego Dusze i Was w swojej opiece. Irena, Jerzy Kubiak z Rodzina, Halina i Dominik Pawelec z Rodzina, Ryszard i Grazyna Sala, Irena i Eugeniusz Drozd, Jan, Zofia Rudzki z Rodzina.  
Wieczny odpoczynek Racz mu dac Panie a Swiatlosc Wiekuista niechaj Mu Swieci. Niech odpoczywa w Pokoju Wiecznym.*

Stefaniak - August 26, 2012 at 11:34 AM

PD

“ Dear Stella and family, words cannot express the sorrow we feel over the loss of your Johnny. Though many years have passed since our neighbor days on Dubois and Hendrie, the warm feelings and fond memories of Johnny and all of you are with us as if it was yesterday. It is with deepest sympathy we send our condolences, and you are in our hearts and prayers. God bless all of you. In time, may the wonderful memories of your Johnny bring you comfort and peace. Sincerely, Paula, Valerie, John, Jay, Sheila, Marya, and Dorothy Ignaczak

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**Paula Ann D'Augustine** - August 26, 2012 at 08:47 AM

EC

“ As the Lord starts life's journey on by each first step His Path is define for us to continue to life's destination. It is on this Path where John's and mine crossed at OLSM in high school, but only a short time. It was here where his personality and characterisitcs were defined in either academics, sports, or student council acheivements of which I remembered these qualities mostly of John. He wanted to achieve always the highest possible status. Although I'm the Lord did not find another crossing of our Paths on Life's journey he was always thought about during prayers as with other classmates. Please accept my sincere condolences to all Family members (Stella, Jennifer, Kristina, Stephanie, Irene) at this time but also to reflect on this as a continuation of John's Legacy through his family and friends of which all will remember his easy going personality

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**Edward J. Curzydlo** - August 24, 2012 at 09:25 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Jurczyk Lewandowski lit a candle in memory of John Kistela*



Barbara Jurczyk Lewandowski - August 24, 2012 at 09:18 PM

BL

*Stella, Loss of your Love is the hardest thing to go through may God hold you in his arms and give you the blessings you will need in this time of sorrow. My deepest sympathies and prayer's for he is heaven a better place and at peace. God Bless You and Your Family!*

Barbara Jurczyk Lewandowski - August 24, 2012 at 09:21 PM



“ *Dear Stella, Jennifer, Kristina, Stephanie, Irena On behalf of the family Kubiak and Stefaniak expressing my deepest condolences words. Składamy z Polski wyrazy glebokiego zalu, smutku, jestesmy z Wami modlitwa...*



Stefaniak - August 24, 2012 at 01:45 PM

LT

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Lisa & David Toepel*



Lisa Kay Toepel - August 24, 2012 at 08:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Stella and family -  
So sad to hear of your loss. John was one of the good guys.  
The Kistelas and Sawickis were great neighbors on Hendrie.  
Christine Laing for the Szczerbinski family

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**Christine Szczerbinski Laing** - August 23, 2012 at 03:57 PM

CL

“ Christine Szczerbinski Laing lit a candle in  
memory of John Kistela



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**Christine Szczerbinski Laing** - August 23, 2012 at 03:54 PM

GS

“ Dear Stella, Jennifer, Kristina, Stephanie and Irena,  
I want to express my deepest sympathies to the entire family and all  
of you will be in my prayers. I went to school with John at O.L.S.M. .  
He was one of the nicest guys there.  
I'm sorry to hear of his passing.

*Jerry Shaw*

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**Gerald J. Shaw** - August 23, 2012 at 02:19 PM

AZ

“ He will never be forgotten; always made us laugh. He made my  
daughter feel like she was part of your family. Take care of  
yourselves. Love Audrey.

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**Audrey Zancanella** - August 22, 2012 at 08:29 PM

JL

“ Dear Stella, Jennifer, Kristina and Stephanie, my heart is truly broken for you all - to lose such a loving, devoted father, husband, grandfather ... friend. He always, always had the most beautiful things to say about all of you, and continuously shone with his love for you all. His voice radiated true love, joy, and pride when he spoke of his family, and he lived his roles and embodied what it means to be a husband and a father, and a grandfather. As my godfather, he always had some inside stories to tell, plenty of jokes, and always, through all of it, his sense of being right where he was meant to be, on purpose, living life in his most important role as husband, father, family man. May his soul rest in absolute peace, and may his visit with my father (his own godfather) bring out the prankster in all 'up there' :) I love you, John - I love your family. I will miss our conversations, I will miss hearing your voice and your laughter. God bless you, and God bless those you have loved and left behind to live your legacy. xoxoxo Your loving goddaughter, Janina (Chmielowiec) Lucci ... Grand Valley, Canada

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**Janina Lucci** - August 22, 2012 at 05:38 PM

AP

“ Dear Stasia, Jenny, Kristina, Stephanie and Irena and family, My deepest condolences go out to you and the family. My prayers are with you all as you go through this difficult time. It pains me deeply too, to know Johnny is no longer with us. I will miss him greatly. He was my cousin and one of my best freinds. May he rest in peace.  
Love you all, and may God be with you, protect you, and guide you today and always. Ala Plata

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**Alicja Plata** - August 22, 2012 at 02:45 PM

DJ

“ Dear Stella, Jennifer, Kristina and Stephanie;  
I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is broken. For I never knew a man as loyal, honest and dedicated to his family as John. Johns' devotion to his family should be the standard by which we all should live. Although we had not communicated with each other for awhile, the time we did share was special. Our working relationship turned into quite a friendship. I shared many special moments and events with John and will always keep a little place in my heart for a MAN I admired. May Johns soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in Peace. Amen.  
Dan Jendza

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**Dan Jendza** - August 22, 2012 at 02:36 PM

MG

“ So sorry to hear of Johnny's passing....our deepest condolences go out to you and all the family. Please call if if need anything or just want to talk....Love to you.....Teresa & George Opolski

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**Mr. & Mrs. G.Opolski** - August 22, 2012 at 01:55 PM

SJ

“ Stella Jaksa lit a candle in memory of John Kistela



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**Stella Jaksa** - August 22, 2012 at 12:52 PM

JB

“ *JoAnn Jed Bianchette lit a candle in memory of John Kistela*



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**JoAnn Jed Bianchette** - August 22, 2012 at 12:17 PM

JB

*Stella I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**JoAnn Jed Bianchette** - August 22, 2012 at 12:19 PM

SG

“ *Dear Kristina, Stella, Jenny, Stephanie: I write this with a heavy heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I remember John from back in the 80's and he was always so welcoming into your home. He was just wonderful to my daughter Brandie (as was Stella). John will be truly missed. With deepest sympathy, "Those who grieve shall be comforted".*  
*Sandy Gurgul-Piccirilli*

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**Sandy Gurgul-Piccirilli** - August 22, 2012 at 11:56 AM

RL

“ *Tom and I (Randie) will miss Johnny very much. He was a great friend, husband, father and grandpa. He beamed when he spoke of his daughters and grandchildren. He was so proud of all of them. And he loved his Stella so so much. You could see it when they were together. I will be praying for the entire family.*

*Love you,*

*Randie*

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**Randie Leach** - August 22, 2012 at 11:45 AM

RL

“ *Randie Leach sent a virtual gift in memory of John Kistela*



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**Randie Leach** - August 22, 2012 at 11:42 AM

BH

“ *John was like another father to me. He will be deeply missed. My sincerest condolences to Stella, Jen, Kristina, Steph and everyone else's life he touched. Never known a man with a bigger heart.*

*xo Brandie Herbst*

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**Brandie Herbst** - August 22, 2012 at 10:25 AM

TO

“ *Teresa & George Opolski lit a candle in memory of John Kistela*



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**Teresa & George Opolski** - August 22, 2012 at 08:28 AM

JH

“ *Jen, Dan & family, Our deepest sympathy. Your father was kind man. It was a pleasure knowing him.*

*John & Carrie ?*

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**John & Carrie Hart** - August 21, 2012 at 07:28 PM

GC

*Dear Stella, Jenny, Kristina, Stephanie and Irena and family, Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your loved one. Johnny was such a family loving and caring person. We know you'll miss him but know that we too will miss him . We pray for him and for all of you , so that you'll remember him fondly and lovingly and thank God for all the time you have had with him.*

*May God Bless you .*

*Love Grazyna and Wlodek with family*

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**Grazyna & Wlodzimierz Czerwinski** - August 21, 2012 at 09:26 PM