



## John William Madynski, Jr.

February 4, 1948 - October 15, 2022

John W. Madynski, Jr., born February 4, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan, passed away on October 15, 2022 in Shelby Township, Michigan at the age of 74.

Dear son of the late John and Evelyn (nee-Konieczki) Madynski. Loving brother of Gerard Madynski, Catherine (Mark) Iwanski, Mary Grace (Russ) Weill, Christopher (Lisa) Madynski and the late Jerome (Janice) Madynski. Dear uncle of Jeffrey (Nancy), Jeremy (Rachel), Jaimie (Andrew), Lance (Amy), Krystyna (Chris), Matthew (Sarah), Emily (Pat), Natalie, Joseph, Brandon, Marisa and great uncle of Thomas, Cassius, August, Griffin, Charles, Theodore, Ellis, Ruby, Anna, Luke S. and Luke B.

John "Ricky/Scott" attended St. David's Catholic School for 12 years, graduating in 1966. Until his passing, he continued the close friendship of many of those he met there.

John was a skilled, certified automotive and diesel mechanic for 42 years. He earned his first of many training diplomas in 1969 through the Michigan Career Institute, in Advanced Automotive Mechanics. John began his career working at Dick Green on Gratiot Ave. He worked for 13 years for the city of Detroit and was with the SMART Bus system for 18 years. He was never late, and rarely missed a day. He retired in 2008. He loved tinkering with cars from a young age on and for years major auto repairs were his hobby. In fact, he

meticulously tended to his 1973 classic White Plymouth Satellite Sebring.

John enjoyed a simple life, always disciplined with his savings. He was proud of the new home he recently built and especially his three-car garage. He loved fishing and his many vacations were centered around it. He was a Lions fan. He enjoyed and would only listen to Oldies and Doo Wop music. He faithfully practiced the drums to 1950's music from a young age on. He treasured the vintage Lionel train set from his childhood and displayed it with pride.

Not a big drinker but always had a cold beer in the fridge for himself or guests. He truly appreciated a hot meal with a steaming cup of coffee and often planned his day around them. Never a cook himself but always an appreciative diner. He liked almost everything, Polish food, a fresh fish dinner and anything chocolate, were his favorites.

What gave John the greatest pleasure however was his large extended family. He had an especially easy way with children and babies, knowing just what to say to delight them or make them pause and think. You could always count on John to try to fill a room with laughter.

Visitation for John will be on Friday from 4-8 pm with a 7 pm Scripture service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. Instate Saturday from 9:30 am until 10 am funeral mass at St. Paul of Tarsus Church 41300 Romeo Plank Rd. (Clinton Township) Memorial Donations may be made to John's favorite charity: St. Vincent DePaul Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

# Previous Events

## Scripture Service

OCT **21**. 7:00 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 in church

OCT **22**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church  
41300 Romeo Plank Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

## Funeral Mass

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church  
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Clinton Township, MI 48038



# Tribute Wall

JM

“ *This is one of my favorite pictures. I spent hours fishing with Uncle John in Michigan. We didn't catch many fish, but you don't fish for fish, you fish for fishing with someone like my Uncle John. He was always patient, wise, loving, and forgiving when a dumb kid like me set his tackle box on the hood of the Sebring. I'll miss you, Uncle John. Photo crédit to Pauline Madynski*

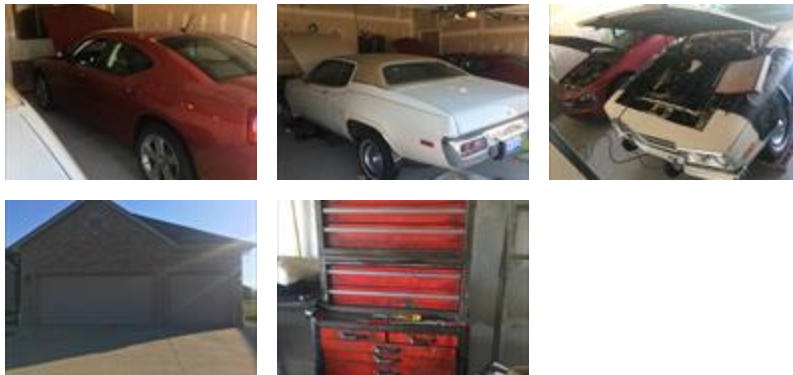


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**Jeremy Madynski** - October 26, 2022 at 07:02 PM

CI

“ Dear Johnny -  
Way back on Promenade you asked Mom to let you take me for buggy rides, then when I was 16 you took me out to Belle Isle with Joe Zess and taught me how to drive a three on the tree. Fast forward and who would have thought that I'd be driving you to doctor's appointments. Talk about full-circle. God works in mysterious ways indeed. I know you really wanted to return to Paddock and finish the repairs on your beloved Sebring, but it just wasn't meant to be. Now you are in the best garage possible and can fix anything, and you are no longer in pain. Hope you are enjoying all the fresh kielbasa and Hersheys possible. You are safe and home now. We love you and miss you already.  
Love, Catherine and Mark



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Catherine Iwanski - October 21, 2022 at 09:26 PM

GM

“ My Dear Brother John,  
I will always remember the good times we shared as brothers over 71 years. You were one of a kind and you'll never be forgotten. Gonna miss ya Ricky....Love, Gerard

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Gerard Madynski - October 21, 2022 at 10:37 AM

WK

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing and my sincerest condolences go out to the entire family. I met John for the first time in the backyard of his mom & dad's house working, of course, on his car. Doing a brake job as I recall. Being a car nut myself we hit it off immediately. Since that time I have had many wide ranging discussions with John. Whether at a Madynski family event or just hanging around the house with my then best friend Gerard. John was kind and sincere as well as a serious down to earth kind of guy who had a unique perspective on things and usually offered a word of sound advice. I feel very fortunate to have met you John. You will be missed by your family and many friends alike.

*Godspeed John*

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**Walter Kronner** - October 20, 2022 at 08:39 PM

DB

“ I also remember the old Promenade kids, lots of boys. John lived 3 doors down from us. We played around the neighborhood all day during the summer. John, Jerome, Gerald along with Rudy, Danny Pugini. John and I were the same age, have not seen the boys in over 50 years.

*Dennis Brinker*

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**dennis Brinker** - October 20, 2022 at 08:36 AM

CC

“ I also feel the need to let all of John's family know that do to my own personal circumstances my doctor advised me to take extra precaution at this time. Therefore, I will not be attending Fri. services however I intend to be at John's mass Sat. sitting in the back with a mask on. As awkward as it is I will be avoiding any gathering. (I'm OK)

Know that all John's Family are especially in my and my Families Prayers.

God Bless. Chuck Caroselli

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Charles T Caroselli - October 19, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John William Madynski, Jr..



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October 19, 2022 at 02:25 PM

CC

“ John underwent around a three year period of enduring health struggles while his chances of every being able to return home became increasingly more unlikely.  
Most Unfortunately this is a painful time for his family and friends as well.  
I Pray:  
May the grace of our heartfelt compassion heal the wounds of our loss.  
May God's Blessing especially surround the Madynski Family with memories that unit them at this time of such loss / losses.  
As I hear it, just about a week before John's passing he somehow did manage to escape his care center to make a visit to his house followed by a visit to his sister Katherine's As requested he had a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips, and a beer, before returning back to Sun Rise for the night. God Bless Yea - John, (Scott).  
As a friend I can say John had many qualities, many good, one thing for sure he was determined.  
At such a time it Helps to Remember >  
Live Everyday as if it were your Last  
And your Last Day Knowing - YOUR GOING TO LIVE FOREVER

Chuck Caroselli

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Charles T Caroselli - October 19, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John William Madynski, Jr..



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October 18, 2022 at 08:51 PM

BH

“ John was a very dear friend. Although we knew it was coming, I am so very sorry that he has departed. I and many others share so many great memories of our time spent with John. He will be truly missed and may he rest in peace.

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**Bob Hardy** - October 18, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John William Madynski, Jr..



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October 18, 2022 at 06:03 PM

MP

“ I never really knew John and his brother Gerard though we attended the same school and lived in the same neighborhood .A one year age difference either side was a big deal back then. Nevertheless I am pretty sure we engaged in fisticuffs with each other. Rival groups born of childhood drama birthed Sprinkler's Gang v.s. Billy's Gang where most of our clashes were fought on the side street between Wilshire and Promenade and between the Iantelli and the Buffalino homes. Someimes the alleys too. In memory, the last campaign was held on a corner vacant lot across the street and a couple of houses in where the Madynski family resided. We were audacious and loaded for bear...until the Detroit Police moved in, picked us up by the collars of our shirts and clanged our heads together. I hope I am not the only one who remembers this but I still think we were kind of special to have formed a gang and fought at such tenders ages. Oh and the stories we told. I hope that you find some humour in this "Only in Detroit" tale of growing up. Mary Eliza Paisley (Williams) My deepest sympathies to his family.

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**mary eliza paisley** - October 18, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John William Madynski, Jr..*



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October 18, 2022 at 08:20 AM



“ *One of the memorable events of the past with John (Scott) for me was the fishing trip to the U.P.to Slack's rental cottages that a lot of Scott's friends went on for the Memorial Day weekend many years ago. All of Scott's friends know how Scott enjoyed to eat. Well on that weekend in the U.P.there happened to be another person that enjoyed eating as much as John (Scott) and it was funny to sit back and watch these two guys eye up the last of the food on the table. Scott you are going to be missed. See you later, we'll have a beer when we meet again. Good Bye Friend.*

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**Robin Monikean** - October 17, 2022 at 11:37 PM