



## John J. Sokolosky

April 2, 1956 - October 17, 2013

Sokolosky, John J., age 57, October 17, 2013. Beloved husband of Antoinette Sokolosky. Dear father of Lynn and Kevin Sokolosky. Dear son of Lena and the late John Sokolosky. Dear brother of Cynthia (Wayne) Duda, Mary Ann (Lee) Lloyd, Suzanne (the late Brian) Jones, and George (Lisa) Sokolosky. Former player for the Detroit Lions and former player for Wayne State University. Member of Wayne State University Hall of Fame.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
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## Rosary

OCT **20**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Instate at Church

OCT **21**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Church  
22412 Overlake Dr.  
St. Clair Shores, Mi

## Funeral Mass

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Church  
22412 Overlake Dr.  
St. Clair Shores, Mi

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ At St. Joan of Arc in the '90s, Coach Sokolosky and Coach Shubnell helped me, a scrawny kid, gain respect on the field. Coach Sokolosky was the first guy to give me that respect and believe in me. I can still hear the phrases he'd say: "get a little better everyday" and that booming voice of "breakdown, hut." He was a huge influence on me.

*I will miss him.*

*-eddie baranek*

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**eddie baranek** - November 27, 2013 at 08:26 AM

BA

“ John is a true person. If he was your friend you always had his friendship. A great guy and great example for young people. Will always be missed. In my "Hall of Fame".

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**Baich** - November 03, 2013 at 06:27 PM

GC

“ (Isaiah 26:19) “Your dead will live. My corpses will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully, You residents in the dust! For your dew is as the dew of the morning,” and the earth will let those powerless in death come to life.

*May this promise from The Giver of Life bring the family hope for John.*

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**Geraldo Cafe'** - November 01, 2013 at 07:54 AM

MS

“ I remember John with fondness. He was a good classmate growing up and we shared some good times and laughs. May he now rest in God's peace.

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**Msgr. Gary Smetanka** - October 21, 2013 at 03:49 PM

RR

“ So sorry for your loss, People like John do not come around very often and I am privileged to have known him.

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**Roger Roy** - October 21, 2013 at 03:19 PM

GS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts go out to the whole family- especially George, Lisa, Marie & Karl.

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**Gail O'Neill, Keara & Kelly Scott** - October 21, 2013 at 06:18 AM

CV

“ Very sorry to hear the sad news about John. He was a great co-worker friend at Ford Motor Company and was exceptional with his technical knowledge and his work on our projects. My thoughts and prayers are with John and his family.

*Chris Venet*

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**Chris Venet** - October 20, 2013 at 11:09 AM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss Toni, John was a great guy...

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**Dennis Maljak Sr.** - October 19, 2013 at 02:51 PM

MH

“ John was a great friend, neighbor, coach and mentor to my son Paul. I will miss his story-telling and love for sports.

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**Marty Habalewsky** - October 19, 2013 at 10:38 AM

WT

“ The boring NFL meetings will not be the same without the wit and wisdom of Sokolosky. Watch over us John. WALLYNFL

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**Wally Triplett** - October 19, 2013 at 09:39 AM

JR

“ John was a great participant at the Gilda's Club Multiple Myeloma Support Group. He provided great insight & help to others by sharing his experience. He had a good sense of humor and always a positive attitude. We will miss him.

*John Ricco, patient leader, Gildas Club Myeloma group*

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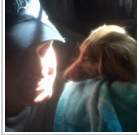
**John Ricco** - October 19, 2013 at 08:01 AM

JF

“ Uncle Bud was one of my favorite people...and anyone who had the privilege of spending 10 minutes with the man understands why. Favorite memory; clearing a lane at Cedar Point so he could long snap the quarterback toss game...though there were so, so many more!

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**Jimmie (& family)** - October 18, 2013 at 04:46 PM



“ *The Center of our Team... Peace, Pam & Dave 77*



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**David Szymanski** - October 18, 2013 at 02:21 PM

GT

“ *john I knew you as bud you were one of the best guys I ever knew  
I'll miss you john  
You were great and I will miss seeing you around rest in peace john*

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**gio trapani** - October 18, 2013 at 01:31 PM

RR

“ *What a great guy and truly a privilege to say he was a friend! How  
perfect that John eventually became a Lion as his life embodied that  
image - Big man, Big heart, quite demeanor, and a gentle soul. Oh  
how we will miss John!*

*God's speed!*

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**Rob Rogers** - October 18, 2013 at 01:05 PM

BK

“ *A great teammate and a better man.*

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**Bill Kelley** - October 18, 2013 at 12:01 PM

MB

“ John was a great family man who touched many lives! He will be missed greatly by all who knew him. My sincere condolences go out to Toni and their lovely family.

*God bless John!*

*Mark Bienkowski*

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**Mark Bienkowski** - October 18, 2013 at 09:52 AM

PN

“ John was a great roommate, coworker and friend. He will be missed.

*Godspeed, John.*

*Paul North*

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**Paul North** - October 18, 2013 at 08:29 AM

MD

“ John was an active member of our group at Gilda's Club Metro Detroit - he was always welcoming to new people and knew how to make others laugh. John will be greatly missed by our group and our staff.

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**Megan Trombka, Gilda's Club Metro Detroi** - October 18, 2013 at 08:12 AM



“ Soko was one of the most unique people I have every worked with in my life. RIP my friend.

*Howard J. Brubaker*

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**Howard Brubaker** - October 18, 2013 at 06:54 AM

CH

“ John worked for me at Ford when he was a DB2 DBA. He was very diligent and professional at work. Also I was fortunate to play golf once with John at a Detroit Lions invitational outing. That was fun! I also attended a couple of John's Superbowl parties. He really enjoyed entertaining and seeing all of his good friends. John will be sorely missed and was way too young to leave us all. God Bless you John Sokolosky! You will be truly missed by the many friends and family that you leave behind! May your soul rest in peace! GO LIONS!!!

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**Chuck Hill** - October 18, 2013 at 06:50 AM

DL

“ 6 years ago at age 51 soko came out to cousini high school and should my son and his frien how to block and punt and Lon snap. I tried once and soko snapped it back to me so hard and fast in hit me in the chest and knocked the wind out of me. Nice man for taking time out to teach you kids the game he so loved.

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**dan lambrich** - October 17, 2013 at 08:33 PM

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**mike kraski** - October 17, 2013 at 08:29 PM

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**mike kraski** - October 17, 2013 at 08:24 PM

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**mike kraski** - October 17, 2013 at 08:21 PM

JR

“ *Growing up I would brag to friends about my "famous" Pro- football playing cousin. I have many great memories of visits to Detroit and all of the fun we would have. ....and the smiley faces at my wedding. I love you dear cousin. Heaven has gained a special angel.*

*Jo Ann*

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**Jo Ann Rogers** - October 17, 2013 at 06:51 PM

CM

“ *I'll never forget John's voice and smile. We had a lot of good times, cuz. Have a beer with my Mom when see her up there. Love you. - Ceil*

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**Cecelia Mallamo** - October 17, 2013 at 05:53 PM

BG

“ John was one of the kindest men I have ever met. I met him over 40 years ago in high school. I know he is upstairs with the Lord looking down and smiling at us. RIP John, you were one in a million buddy!

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**Brian Girskis** - October 17, 2013 at 05:25 PM

ML

“ Michae LKraski sent a virtual gift in memory of John J. Sokolosky



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**Michae IKraski** - October 17, 2013 at 05:23 PM

ML

john you where 1 in a 100000 =.2% (the odds of playing high school football and making it into the PRO's) you had a dream as a young boy and you fulfilled it, GOD BLESS YOU

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**Michae IKraski** - October 17, 2013 at 05:28 PM

MP

“ John was one of the kindest people I ever knew. His vast number of friends were due to one thing... he was a good man. I had the pleasure of knowing John for many years. He always played the hand our Lord dealt him, without complaint. He was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Love ya Big John. My life was enriched by knowing you.

Mark Paruszkiewicz  
(Barney)

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**Mark Paruszkiewicz** - October 17, 2013 at 04:42 PM

BG

*Amen. He was a good man.*

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**Brian Girskis** - October 17, 2013 at 05:23 PM

MK

“ *John was the greatest friend and brother-in-law a man could have ever asked for. I will miss you greatly.....John I hope their wrong and there is beer in heaven. I am a better man for knowing you. May you rest in peace.  
St. John Baptist De La Salle, pray for us, live Jesus in our hearts for ever. AMEN  
I love you.*

*Michael Kraski*

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**Micael Kraski** - October 17, 2013 at 03:20 PM

ST

“ *John was a fierce competitor, a stickler for getting things right, an intelligent, and respected 'team player". He was always a valuable asset to any team he was on. But most of all John was a kind soul, with the heart of a lion, but a soft disposition (unless you were an opposing player)! We'll miss you John and your infectious laugh. Our only consolation is knowing that you are in a better place. All our prayers to Toni and all of John's extended family. Rest in Peace. God bless.  
Mike & Therese Stankovich*

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**Stank** - October 17, 2013 at 02:18 PM

SH

“ John was one of the nicest men I knew and I'm truly thankful that I had the opportunity to get to know him better over the last few years. I will have fond memories of spending some time on the boat with Toni and John last summer. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. Shari Fischer



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**Shari** - October 17, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ Soko I know you are in a better place now (Center for Our Lord's Team) but I (we) will miss you here on our Tartar Team.

Love,  
Joe

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**Joe Kronner** - October 17, 2013 at 12:39 PM

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**Joe** - October 17, 2013 at 12:35 PM

LS

*John, you're going to be sadly missed. by everyone who knew you. I remember the fun parties at CTG and you were always the one to relax and have fun. I forgive you for making fun of my Christmas music, I mean "Mama got run over by a reindeer" surely was better than the "Twelve Days of Christmas".*

*You were a good friend to everyone--no strangers for you. You were a good husband and father, I'm sure a good son and brother as well. You were "One Of A Kind" always yourself. I'm saddened by your passing, but I know God has a special place in Heaven for you. I'm grateful for knowing you. John.*

*Linda Santerini*

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**Linda Santerini** - October 17, 2013 at 02:21 PM

LK

*I am so saddened by Soko's passing. He was a great coach and human being. I had the privilege of coaching with him at St Joan of Arc. He was wonderful with the young boys we worked with. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to Toni and the children.*

*Larry Kalich*

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**Larry Kalich** - October 17, 2013 at 02:50 PM

PV

*Coach Soko had a tremendous impact on all 3 of our sons while playing football at St. Joan of Arc. The Chargers were truly blessed by Coach's commitment to share his talents and experiences with them. He will be greatly missed.*

*The Venditti Family*

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**Peggy Venditti** - October 17, 2013 at 05:11 PM

DF

*John was a giant of a man in many ways. The essence of what it means to be a true Hall of Famer!*

*Coach Dave Fiscella (WSU)*

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**Dave Fiscella** - October 17, 2013 at 05:23 PM

TC

*John was special in so many ways! His determination an character was second to none. His heart was bigger than life. Gave 110% in everything he did. Most important, he was fine person! I am proud to say he was my friend while we played together at WSU and after. Saddened by his loss. Always had the utmost respect for John. Eternal be his memory.*

*Terry Copacia*

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**Terry Copacia** - October 18, 2013 at 11:02 AM