



Joseph Gawronski

December 31, 1940 - November 30, 2011

Joseph Gawronski, of Warren, passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at the age of 70. Joseph was born on December 31, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan. Beloved husband of Lorraine. Dear father of Mark A. Gawronski and the late David J. Gawronski. Loving grandfather of Logan J. and Olivia L. Gawronski. Dear brother of Dolores Zemke. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. After serving our country, Joseph, a United States Army Veteran, went on to work at Chrysler. Joseph belonged to the American Legion Post for many years. His hobbies included fishing, being on the water and bowling. Joseph loved spending time with his family. The party didn't start until Joseph arrived. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 5. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Blase Catholic Church
12151 15 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
(586) 268-2244

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark's eulogy so elegantly spoke of how Joecky had impacted all of our lives; his laughter and sense of humor, his manner and big heart, his love for life and his love of people and family. He will live forever in all of us. You are missed... until we meet again.*
xo##imported-begin##Deb, Dan, Kevin, Krysten, and Courtney Ruzyllo##imported-end##

December 19, 2011 at 07:46 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Tony, Brendan and Bryan Covell##imported-end##*

December 07, 2011 at 07:20 AM



“ *This has been a difficult journey of love caring for your Father and husband for the both of you! No act of love goes unnoticed by our dear Father in heaven. Pray your hearts are warmed by the good memories! Bless you! You are in my prayers!##imported-begin##Maria Alcini##imported-end##*

December 06, 2011 at 11:31 PM



“ When you meet someone, how long does it take to consider that person a friend? How long would it take for that person to make a lasting impression? When that person was my Dad, the answer to both questions would be immediately. I do not think I have ever met, nor will ever meet again, a person that has such a way about him that you could instantly call him a friend, and when it came time to say goodbye, no matter how brief the meeting, you would have the feeling that you would remember him forever.

Such was the way with my Dad. No matter where he went, he seemed to know someone. If by chance he did not meet a friend, he would instantly make new ones. It did not matter who the person was, a man or woman, young or old, or of any nationality, my Dad would talk to them as if he already knew them. I would bet money that later on in the day, when that person was asked how their day was, he would say "You know, I met the nicest fella today."

I recall a time when we were up north in Cross Village attending a Pow Wow back in 1987 or so. Before this my Dad periodically told of the time he spent in Cross Village when he was young, middle school age, and he and his Dad would go up there to help build a cottage for one of their neighbors. After the cottage was built, he would still go up there quite a bit in the summers to visit. He got to know some local kids and would hang out with them. Of course, there was a family of girls that took a shine to him during this time. Well, as time went on, he did not return there for many years, decades even. So, there we are at this Pow Wow, when out of the crowd we hear a loud "Joeky!" and turned to see three ladies stampeding toward my Dad. Yes, it was three of the four girls that my Dad got to know so long ago. After so long, they still knew my Dad. You would not believe how happy they were. They could not say enough about how much they enjoyed spending time with my Dad during those summers of their youth. This was the impression, the mark my Dad made on their lives, and everyone else for that matter.

This was Joeky. He was not just husband, father brother, dzia dzia, uncle, godfather, cousin, or friend. He was more than Big Daddy G, who never copped a plea. More than a cool kitty from the Motor City and Dapper Dan the ladies' man. We have felt his touch and he has certainly left his mark on us. I have read the notes people have left on his online guest book and heard stories of fond memories and they pay him homage much better than I could ever hope to during this eulogy. They tell how, in many simple ways, he made our lives fun.

Perhaps that is just it. My Dad did not necessarily do extraordinary things during his life. He was a simple guy who enjoyed simple things. He did not need all the toys, all the money, all the fame, or all the advancement that seem to be the measure of success in today's world. He was content with what he had and where he was. He could enjoy just about anything. This is a guy whom I saw creating fun, telling jokes, making others laugh, and being happy inside an automotive stamping plant! In case you have never been inside one of these plants, let me just say it is not the most inviting atmosphere for having a good time. But somehow, my Dad made it so. Truthfully, all he needed in life was food, fishing, fun, and most importantly, friends and family. He loved being with his friends and family. We all know this. We have heard his jokes and stories, seen his antics at parties, and knew that wherever my Dad went, there would be a good time. Perhaps being born on New Year's Eve played a part in his ability to become the party wherever he went.

Yet I believe that my Dad did not want to be the life of the party for his benefit. Rather he loved his family and friends so much that he wanted to make sure they we all were enjoying ourselves. His primary concern was for others to have a good time. That was his gift to us. My Dad knew and lived his calling each day. God made him to bring others joy. Simple, true happine

December 06, 2011 at 10:52 PM



“ *Mark,
So sorry to hear of you Dad passing. I know how difficult this time is
- and my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God
bless.
Barb###imported-begin###Barb Aylesworth###imported-end###*

December 06, 2011 at 01:19 PM



“ *Lorraine and Mark: We're thinking of you today. You are such a
loving family; I know you'll miss having Joekey there right beside you,
but he'll be there always within you. He was a terrific guy and I
enjoyed meeting him very much.*

Love, Jeff###imported-begin###Jeff Paduan###imported-end###

December 05, 2011 at 10:49 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. God Bless,
Jane###imported-begin###Jane Morse###imported-end###*

December 05, 2011 at 09:12 AM



“ *Mark, Olivia, and Logan,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you over the loss of your father
and grandfather. May God's peace surround your hearts and minds
as you go through this very difficult time.###imported-begin###Fred &
Cindy Cook###imported-end###*

December 05, 2011 at 07:10 AM



“ Mark, You have shared such wonderful stories about your father I feel like I know him though I have never met him. Part of him will always live on in you and your children. See you at the funeral mass. Sending love and prayers. mk###imported-begin###Mary Karen McClellan###imported-end##

December 04, 2011 at 07:34 PM



“ Joe. Thank you for being a big part in my life during the short time we worked together. I will never forget you. You being there helped me in some hard times at work. Heaven won't be the same from now on with Joey G there.###imported-begin###Sam DiMaggio###imported-end##

December 04, 2011 at 05:00 PM



“ Dear Mark -
While this is a sad time for you and your family, be assured you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your dad will continue to live on in your hearts and your memories.
God's peace to you.
Kathi###imported-begin###Kathi Tobey###imported-end##

December 04, 2011 at 02:29 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Joe is at peace now.###imported-begin###Bob Boughton/Audrey Konieczny###imported-end##

December 04, 2011 at 01:34 PM



“ I will always carry fond memories of Uncle Joeky. His spirit and positive upbeat attitude were inspirational to me. My sincere condolences for your loss.##imported-begin##Michael Kuk##imported-end##

December 04, 2011 at 08:49 AM



“ Lorraine, Mark & Family. We are sadden to hear of Joeky's passing. May memories of the laughter and love you shared bring you peace.##imported-begin##John & Regina (Raniszewski) Galyean##imported-end##

December 03, 2011 at 09:56 PM



“ Mark, Logan, and Olivia,

Thinking of you and sending you our love. So sorry for your loss.

Scott, Jill & Gavin##imported-begin##Jill, Scott, & Gavin##imported-end##

December 03, 2011 at 03:50 PM



“ Mark, I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Please accept my sincerest condolences and know that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Mark Amaya##imported-end##

December 03, 2011 at 12:47 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Frank S. Ray##imported-end##

December 03, 2011 at 12:44 PM



“ Mark: Deepest sympathies to you and your family from the Iacobells.

I will always remember your Dad partying on the front porch of the fraternity, loving to watch wrestling with you guys in their family room, and our day fishing out on Anchor Bay. He was always the guy who was the the source of energy at any given party.##imported-begin##Don Iacobell##imported-end##

December 03, 2011 at 11:45 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Grawronski family. I had the pleasure of spending some time with Joe at hunt camp one year with my father.He sure kept everyone laughing, he will be deeply missed.My prayers and thoughts are with him and his family.

Love Michael##imported-begin##Michael Adams##imported-end##

December 03, 2011 at 10:33 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of "Jokey". I have fondest memories of my dad (Henry Walczak) and I visiting Uncle Joe on a regular basis and Jokey was always there to liven things up.##imported-begin##Richard & Doris Walczak##imported-end##

December 03, 2011 at 10:09 AM



“ Our heart felt sympathy come in the form of these few words and prayers said on behalf of your beloved father and grandfather Joseph. Our prayers of peace and understanding, comfort and support for you Mark, Logan and Olivia.
God's Peace to you all!
Harold, Ruth and Kevin Lapprich###imported-begin###Harold , Ruth and Kevin Lapprich###imported-end##

December 03, 2011 at 03:12 AM



“ Gawronski Family. I want to offer my deepest condolence for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Joe and my late father Gene Adams were good friends. My dad referred to Joe as Jokey, and told me some funny stories about him back in the day. I'm sure both of them along with Ernie Kozlowski are listening to some good oldies right now, and enjoying a few cold ones!!!
Love,
Kevin Adams###imported-begin###Kevin ###imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 06:43 PM



“ Mark: I am thinking of you and your family. I know this has to be a difficult time for all of you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May you find Peace in knowing your Dad is always in your heart.
Sara###imported-begin###Sara C. Maxam###imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 05:08 PM



“ Sorry to hear about your father. May God bless you and your family.###imported-begin###don hobkirk###imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 04:21 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Wieczny odpoczynek racz mu/jej daæ, Panie,

A œwiat³oœæ wiekuista niechaj mu/jej œwieci na wieki wieków.

*Love Henry & Aileen##imported-begin##Henry & Aileen
Caffrey##imported-end##*

December 02, 2011 at 02:35 PM



“ I will always remember what a loyal and caring father Joeky was to David. It always touched my heart to see them together. I know there is a place in heaven for such a wonderful person.r##imported-begin##Richard & Florence Mika##imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 02:19 PM



“ Lorraine & Mark, I imagine you have become overwhelmed by emotion.

Losing a loved one is one of the most difficult things we can go through, so much more if it is a husband or parent. No words can express what I am feeling right now and I'm certain only time can help you heal.

Please find comfort in knowing, that aside from being the life of the party, Jokey is also well known for being a very compassionate and kind man. I've learned through the years, that the most important thing to Jokey was yourselves, his family.

I could never thank him enough for being such an amazing Dzia Dzia to Logan & Olivia. They will forever in their hearts carry the fun-loving, joke telling memories he has left behind.

*Let us now find happiness that he has gone home to our creator.
My loving sympathy- Tonia Caribardi##imported-begin##Tonia
Caribardi##imported-end##*

December 02, 2011 at 01:40 PM



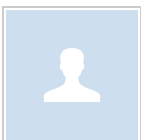
“ Lorraine, Mark & Family
To hear of your lost has sadden us. Our prayers and love are with you. God created humans with a yearning to live forever. The Bible says that he put “ a sense of eternity in their hearts.” Ecclesiastes 3:11. Psalm 83:18 Our first parents, Adam & Eve, were created perfect, with no defect in mind or body. (Deuteronomy 32:4) “The last enemy to be abolished is death.” (1 Corinthians 15:26)
Imagine-no chronic aches and pain, no morbid fear or anxieties! Why, then do we die? Hope this thought and scriptures bring Comfort to your heart, as they have mine during this time of sadness.##imported-begin##Lee & Irene Keyes##imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 11:38 AM



“ We were saddened to read of Jokey's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jim and Loraine Raniszewski##imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 10:17 AM



“ Dear Lorraine and Mark, Sorry about your loss but happy about your memories of Joeky and happy for Joeky and Heaven. Let the eternal party begin! Joeky is here! Be assured of our prayers, love and friendship. See you soon. Lorraine and Jerry McFee##imported-begin##Lorraine and Jerry McFee##imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 10:11 AM



“ Our Uncle Joeky... always with a smile on his face that came from his big heart... I will always remember dancing with him in your living room to Spanish Eyes... I know he's smiling at us now... Love,
Carol###imported-begin##Carol Capelle###imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 09:56 AM



“ Lorraine and Mark, Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with your family on your journey. Words cannot express enough how much it meant to us that you let us be an intricate part of your lives!
In Christian Love,
Peggy Gunter###imported-begin##Peggy Gunter###imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 09:04 AM



“ Mark,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are truly sorry for your loss.
Mark, Tammy, Nolan and Connor###imported-begin##Mark Peterson###imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 08:00 AM



“ Uncle Joeky was such a huge part of our family with his wonderful smile, sense of humor and kind heart. The party definitely did not start until Uncle Joeky arrived. Julie, I can hear him right now asking if 'fries come with that shake'! He was one of a very special kind and will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##Chuck and Michelle Dudek###imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 07:53 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear the news. I know it's been a long struggle, but at least now he's at peace. My thoughts and prayers are with his loving family and friends. He will surely be missed.##imported-begin##Cathy Robinson##imported-end##*

December 02, 2011 at 07:40 AM



“ *Mark,*

Sorry to hear about your dad. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mark Seidl##imported-begin##Mark Seidl##imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 06:15 AM



“ *Uncle Jokey was like a second father to me. He had a special way of touching everyone's heart and always brought a smile to your face. He enjoyed being around his family very much and always made the effort to be there when someone needed him. He will always hold a very special place in our hearts.*

He will always be remembered as "the cool kitty from the motor city"... and yes uncle Jokey.. "fries do come with that shake" :o)##imported-begin##Julie and Dave Sheeran##imported-end##

December 01, 2011 at 10:38 PM



“ To know Joeky was to love him...his presence & personality lit up an entire room. His nickname said it all - the life of the party and always with a wonderful sense of humor. Our good times with him will live in our memories for all of us.

Love, Stan & Lorraine##imported-begin##Stan & Lorraine
Kuk##imported-end##

December 01, 2011 at 10:03 PM



“ The very first thing you do when you think of Uncle Joeky is SMILE! Always the life of the party, his eyes sparkled upon greeting you with a warm hug & smile to share! What a blessing to have known him & to have had him as part of our family. He is already missed greatly.##imported-begin##Kathy & Mike Bratcher##imported-end##

December 01, 2011 at 09:42 PM



“ Bill and I are very fortunate to have many wonderful memories of Uncle Joeky. I remember him coming to Busia's house to visit Auntie Lorraine. After they married, UNCLE Joeky always kept us laughing. He was a caring, polite and lovable guy. We are proud to call him our Uncle.

With love,
Delores and Bill##imported-begin##Delores Drypen##imported-end##

December 01, 2011 at 07:23 PM