



## Joseph R. Godell

February 3, 1930 - February 5, 2015

Godell, Joseph R. Age 85, February 5, 2015

Beloved husband of the late Dorothy. Dear father of Deborah (Kenneth) Yokum, Joseph A. (Christina) Godell, Eve Marie (David) VanEgmond, Jacqueline (Patrick) Adams, and Jeffrey Godell. Dear Pops of David, Anna, Claire, Jennifer, Cameron, Patrick, Meghan, Julia, and Daniel. Retired Chief of the Detroit Fire Department.

Visitation Sunday 2-9 pm with a 4:30 pm Prayer Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Instate Monday 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church 41300 Romeo Plank Rd. (N.E. corner of Canal & Romeo Plank) Clinton Township. Memorial contributions may be made to the Firemans Fund

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

3031 Rattle Run Road  
St. Clair, MI 48079

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
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## Prayer Service

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## Instate at Church

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FEB 9. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul of Tarsus  
41300 Romeo Plank Rd  
Clinton Twp, Mi

## Funeral Mass

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FEB 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Clinton Twp, Mi

# Tribute Wall

SD

“ To the Godell Family. I work with Joe at TACOM and because of a month long school in Kansas, I will be unable to attend the funeral services. I would like to pass on my condolences and offer my prayers for the whole family. May God be with you all during these tough times.

*With Warmest Regards,  
Steve Dawson*

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**Steve Dawson** - February 11, 2015 at 09:17 PM

AV

“ *"I met Joe at Ladder 16 in 1973 when i was new on the job. Joe was just friendly and always smiling. He liked calling all the young fireman, Kid ! I will miss you Joe, Rest in peace my friend, this kid won't forget your kindness. Art Versace*

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**Art Versace** - February 09, 2015 at 08:31 PM

AG

“ *Today is the day we say goodbye, but not forever. I take comfort in knowing you are no longer suffering and you are now watching over your family from above. You may have left this world, but not our hearts. I love you Uncle Joe. We'll meet again. Requiescat In Pace.*

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**Alicia Gozdzinski** - February 09, 2015 at 04:40 PM

MM

“ *I'm sending my thoughts and prayers to your family. Much love to everyone. Melanie Manary*

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**Melanie Manary** - February 09, 2015 at 08:56 AM

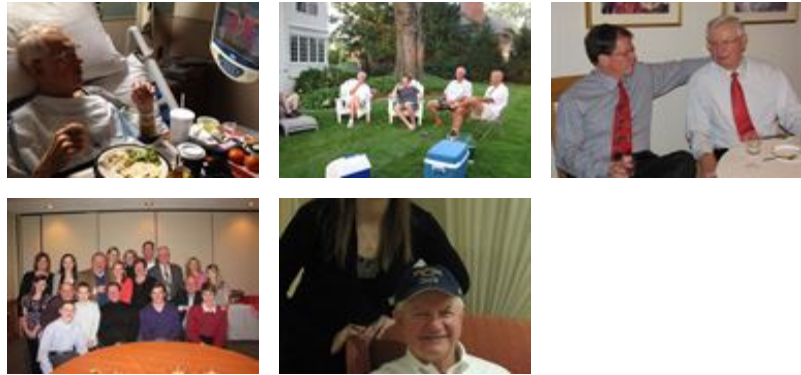


“ Please accept our sincere condolences at the loss of your loved one, our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family!! Office of Dr. Allen Godell

Michelle Varsel - February 08, 2015 at 12:55 PM



“ 17 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - February 08, 2015 at 11:06 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph R. Godell.



February 08, 2015 at 10:48 AM

PB

“ I am so glad I happened to see Joe and the cousins at Jovan's a few years ago. He looked as handsome as ever. I have good memories as a kid going with my Dad (John Tono) from my Grandma Tono's house on Lumpkin across the street to my Grandpa Tono's sister's house (Eva) to see if John, Dorothy, Tony, Chet, or any of my Dad's cousins were or visiting. Back then and always I always thought Joe and Dorothy were the most beautiful and in-love couple I had ever seen. I was only 11 at the time but Joe always took the time to talk to me and I never forgot that. My heart hurts for the family to have lost their wonderful patriarch, but be happy he is back with his Dorothy again. Love to all the family.

*Pamela (Tono) and Robert Burns*

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**Pamela (Tono) Burns** - February 08, 2015 at 10:31 AM

SB

“ Joe and Dorothy Godell were in my life since I was in grade school at St. Raymond's. Debbie is one of my best friends and I think that we walked to school together every day of our lives. Picking Debbie up at the side door (she was always running late)...Mrs. Godell would admonish us, "No lollygagging...get going girls!" If Mr. Godell was not on shift at the firehouse he would usually make an appearance in the kitchen always with a big smile and his big booming voice, "Have a good day girls!" Deb, Joe, Eve, Jackie and Jeff, there are no words to ease your loss. Just know that your parents were loved by many.

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**Sandy Balone** - February 08, 2015 at 10:24 AM

SM

*I have so many fond memories of Uncle Joe. Many of them were with my Dad, Gordon Przeworski, Uncle Ray, Mike and Bob Banaszak. I remember going out to the garage to watch the guys play cards, instead of being in the kitchen with the girls! Uncle Joe always had a special place in my heart!*

*Sarah Miller*

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**Sarah Miller** - February 08, 2015 at 09:17 PM

KW

“*Lots of good memories of when we were growing up in the St. Rays days! Mr Godell was a great friend to our family. Our parents all hung around . I'll never forget Mr G would come into the Dog house where I worked to get his chili and hot dog after he got off from work at the fire house. He loved his family very much! Prayers and thoughts go out to all his children and grandchildren! Will definitely try to get to the service!*”

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**Karen Plummer Welch** - February 08, 2015 at 10:05 AM

DG

“ *Uncle Joe was the patriarch of the Gozdzieski and Godell families. Not only was he a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle but a great friend to many acquaintances. He was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone necessitating his assistance.*

*I remember as a very young lad Uncle Joe coming to my parents home to file my parent's income taxes. My dad would give him a beer or two and the taxes would get done proficiently (without a calculator or adding machine) and always produced a tax refund that made my parents particularly happy. There are many more fond memories that I recall but will always remember his loving relationship with his beloved mother, our Busia, as well as his ability to dance the polka - one good dance - all the ladies wanted to dance with him. Lastly, I remember his enthusiastic liking to attend our cousin luncheons. Our last luncheon held on December 12, 2014, Uncle Joe was doing well but some deterioration in the body was evident. He did not complain but continued to enjoy our company and the luncheon and we so much enjoyed his attendance.. Future family functions and especially our future cousin luncheons will not be the same without our Uncle Joe - he will be missed*

*Thank you Uncle Joe for leaving us with many fond memories - you will never be forgotten.*

*Debbie, Joe, Eve, Jackie and Jeff may God give you and your families the strength, peace and comfort to assist all of you through this time of utmost grief and to let you know my prayers and thoughts are with you.*

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**Dennis Godell** - February 07, 2015 at 04:48 PM

GC

“ It seems to have happened so fast. One day we were laughing and enjoying ourselves at a cousin's luncheon or celebrating someone's 80th birthday. But then something happened that happens so often. The body starts to succumb to the ravages of father time. Your family loved you so dearly. You were a very nice person [even to me, which takes a bit of doing (just kidding)]. My deepest condolences to your family (which is extensive). You will be missed but always thought of in the most elegant and angelic way. That is the way you were here on earth and I am sure the qualities that will endear to our Heavenly Father.

Gordon Cameron - February 07, 2015 at 02:37 PM



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Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - February 07, 2015 at 01:27 PM