



## Jozef Milicaj

June 15, 1967 - December 23, 2016

Jozef Milicaj passed away suddenly at the age of 49 on December 23, 2016. Beloved husband of Zoje. Loving father of Kristina (Dukagjin) Prenkolaj and Angelina Milicaj. Dear son of Dile and the late Mihil. Dear brother of Roza (Marjan) Kolaj, Lon (Gjyla) Milicaj, Anton (Lushe) Milicaj and the late Ljus Milicaj. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Township. Instate Wednesday 9:30 am until 10:00 am Funeral Mass at St. Paul Albanian Church. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery. The time for the funeral mass is still pending. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at [www.wasikfuneralhome.com](http://www.wasikfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 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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## Instate at Church

DEC 28. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Albanian Church  
525 W. Auburn Rd.  
Rochester Hills, MI

## Funeral Mass

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

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525 W. Auburn Rd.  
Rochester Hills, MI

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ I was shocked and saddened by Joe's sudden passing. I will miss him greeting me at the door with his contagious smile. He was always so friendly and cheerful every time I saw him. May your memories bring you peace.

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all,  
Kim Koelzer*

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**Kim Koelzer** - January 03, 2017 at 07:48 AM

AP

“ We are greatly saddened and grieved to learn of Joe's sudden passing. Those of us who knew him, even only as his customers, cared deeply for Joe and your entire family. You make us feel like family too.

*May the knowledge that we all share your grief provide some comfort.*

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**Arthur and Mary Park** - January 02, 2017 at 06:31 PM

KU

“ My family and I have enjoyed many meals at Charlie's and we were shocked and saddened to hear of Joe's untimely passing. Our hearts go out to Joe's wife, daughters and extended family as well as the entire Charlie's family of staff. We will always remember Joe's great smile, generous nature and the absolute joy and pride Joe had of his daughter's recent wedding. We will hold our Joe in our hearts and wish his family peace and the hope for comfort from their warmest memories of him.

*As Joe always took care of us, we will always be here to help take care of you. Please let us know how to help and support you.*

*With much love and sympathy,  
Karen, Ruth, Simone & Richard  
The Unholz Family*

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**Karen M Unholz** - January 02, 2017 at 03:53 PM

MC

“ Mary & Eric Curry lit a candle in memory of Jozef Milicaj



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**Mary & Eric Curry** - January 01, 2017 at 06:17 PM

VA

“ Victoria Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jozef Milicaj



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**Victoria Anderson** - January 01, 2017 at 09:09 AM

VA

*My family has been dining at Charlie's for years. Joe was always full of smiles and we will miss seeing him. May God bless your family during this difficult time.*

Victoria Anderson - January 01, 2017 at 09:11 AM

CN

“ *Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to Mary and the girls and the rest of the extended family. He was such a kind man and we will miss him greatly at Charlie's. God bless you all. Ron , Chrissy, Jack and Grace Novak*

chrissy novak - December 30, 2016 at 06:16 AM



“ *To the family, as you know Joe was a caring and loving man. His smile, made everyone smile. He made all of us feel as part of the family. Always asking how we are, with whole heartedly warmth. We will miss him, but will never forget the man that made everyone feel at home. God bless are prayers are with you. Rita and Paul*

Rita Capicchioni - December 29, 2016 at 06:12 PM

BD

“ *Sorely missed. A fine man with a large heart.*

Bob Dein - December 29, 2016 at 03:45 PM

SS

“ Joe was such an amazing person. So generous, friendly, and caring. Our breakfast and dinners at Charlies will never be the same. Every time we'd come in wed look forward to visiting with Joe and his family. He was so sweet to our son.. The past couple months Joe really got him to smile. We are deeply saddened our son will not have the memories we have coming to eat at such a cozy accepting place where the owner sits down and talk with you until your food arrives. We loved chatting with Joe, his wife, and 2 daughters. Joe made you feel like family. We are so so sorry for your unimagivable loss and feel pain with you. You are in our thoughts and prayers Milicaj family and Joe we will never ever forget you. Stefanie, Andre, and Brooks

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**Stefanie & Andre Stienke** - December 29, 2016 at 03:28 PM

LW

“ I am truly sadden by the news of Joe's passing. He was a warm kind man who always stopped to say hi while we enjoyed our food. May God bless him and his family.

Larry Watkins

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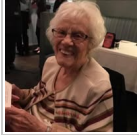
**Larry Watkins** - December 29, 2016 at 08:33 AM

TE

“ What a warm, kind man. Our hearts are saddened by the news of his sudden passing. The sound of Joe's voice and the way he would stop to spend time with people made us feel as if we were guests at his home, rather than business. Deepest condolences to his lovely wife and daughters. Bruce and Terri Egnater

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**Terri Egnater** - December 29, 2016 at 08:21 AM



“ *Joe, you raised two beautiful, caring daughters who I had the pleasure of meeting when they were in high school. Thank you for your hospitality at Charlie's. My prayers go out to your wife and family with your pssing. Rest In Peace.*

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**Mary Ellen Bross** - December 28, 2016 at 08:18 PM

CH

“ *Charlene lit a candle in memory of Jozef Milicaj*



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**Charlene** - December 28, 2016 at 04:58 PM

CP

“ *We are so saddened to hear this. He was a wonderful man, always smiling and caring at Charlie' s. Our hearts go out to his family. Cindy and Dave Peters*

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**Cincy Peters** - December 28, 2016 at 03:37 PM

GC

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Joe the day he purchased Charlie's restaurant and we instantly became good friends. He always had a kind word and a smile for every one around him. May you rest in peace my good friend.*

*Gayle Chinn*

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**Gayle Chinn** - December 28, 2016 at 01:19 PM

AT

“ So saddened & shocked by the news of Joe's passing. We are at Charlies several times a week and he is always so pleasant and kind. May he rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and the girls. -Ann & Dan Tominello

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**Ann Tominello** - December 28, 2016 at 12:26 PM

LJ

“ I am so sorry to hear this. We love going to Charlies and my children always look forward to seeing Joe. He was always so kind to them. He will be dearly missed.

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**Linda Johnson** - December 28, 2016 at 12:07 PM

SW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts prayers at this time. Joe was a wonderful man that was taken home way to soon. Sandy Willhite one of your many customers

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**Sandy Willhite** - December 28, 2016 at 12:00 PM

MC

“ To the Milicaj Family,

*We send our deepest sympathy to all of you. Joe was a terrific husband, father and businessman. He will be greatly missed by so many people.*

*You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Larry Burr, Len Nadolski and the entire Matthews-Hargreaves Chevrolet Family*

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**Matthews-Hargreaves Chevrolet** - December 28, 2016 at 09:50 AM

P)

“ So very sorry for your loss Joe was a special man my Saturday mornings will not be the same God bless Mary and the girls .

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**Patricia Louden ( Witte )** - December 28, 2016 at 08:00 AM

KM

“ I am just numb and in disbelief. Heaven has an Angel for sure. I can only hope for healing for your whole family. I was in for lunch on December 22. He looked great and had a big smile as always.



*I hope the love of all your family and friends and customers will heal your broken heart.*

*God Bless all of you at this difficult time.*

*Kathleen M.*

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**Kathleen Malczynski** - December 28, 2016 at 12:37 AM

TS

“ My heart goes out to Mary and the girls. We have been going to the restaurant for years now. The famiky has always been so sweet and welcoming. Joe always came over to see how we were all doing and to give my little baby boy some attention. Joe will be missed by so many people. We were heartbroken to hear the news. Praying for some peace for the family.

*Love,*

*Tara, Nick, and Blake*

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**Tara Schmidt** - December 27, 2016 at 09:53 PM

Lesley  
Straith

“ Saturday mornings at Charlie's is the family tradition- grandma, ; her kids, their wife/husbands; grandkids, their spouses; and great grandkids. We love the food, but mostly we love the Milicaj family and the way they save our table and treat us like friends, not the noisy mob we often are. We will miss Joe terribly. We will pray for all of you, and cry with you. Take care of each other, and lean on those who offer to help.

Lesley Straith - December 27, 2016 at 08:29 PM

TS

Saturday breakfast won't be the same. Thank you Joe and Milicaj family. Lots of prayers.

Tracey Straith - December 27, 2016 at 10:09 PM

BS

“ We are so saddened by the news of Joe's passing. We love coming into the restaurant and seeing all of you. Joe always had a huge smile and an even greater personality. Joe had a heart of Gold. Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Bruno and Shannon.



Bruno and Shannon - December 27, 2016 at 04:54 PM

ST

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was always so kind and talkative to my coworkers and myself whenever we got a chance to stop in the restaurant. He will surely be remembered and missed by many.

Steve - December 27, 2016 at 02:35 PM

RM

“ *Reba Malone lit a candle in memory of Jozef Milicaj*



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**Reba Malone** - December 27, 2016 at 02:19 PM

KK

“ *To the Milicaj Family,  
Joe was an amazing guy and you are a beautiful family. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this unbelievably difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Kay from MH Chevy*

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**Kay Koelzer** - December 27, 2016 at 02:10 PM

AV

“ *Dear Milicaj family, my mother and I are very saddened to hear of Jozef's passing. We can't imagine the pain you all must be experiencing, but please know we will keep you in prayer for comfort and peace. Jozef always greeted us with a big smile and his personality was even bigger; what a kind person!! He will be missed greatly by his customers. May you feel God's arms around you during this hardship. 💜💛💙*

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**Annette and Joyce Vanover** - December 27, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jozef Milicaj.*



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December 27, 2016 at 01:26 PM

Tiffany Upton

“ *Milicaj family, you all grew to be like our own family. we are sending our deepest condolences to you during this difficult time. I am at a loss for words i just had breakfast with joe the morning before. he will forever be missed and his buddy taven will forever keep him in his heart. We love you all*



Tiffany Upton - December 27, 2016 at 12:25 PM

LC

*To the Milicaj Family, my heart is broken for all of you. Joe was a dedicated and hardworking man. Your family is an amazing inspiration to us all. I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you! Linda Calkins*

Linda Calkins - December 27, 2016 at 03:48 PM

WA

“ *Milicaj family, We send our deepest sympathy to all of you. Joe made Charlies more than just a place to eat. We all felt like we were eating at his family table. Be comforted knowing he made many friends and blessed so many during his life! The Wagman family(Ed and Bonnie)*

Wagmans - December 27, 2016 at 11:51 AM

PF

“ *We are so very sorry to hear about Joe, he was always so kind and always took the time to come over and talk when we were at the restaurant. Our thoughts and prayers to his family. Mark & Patty*

Patty Foster - December 27, 2016 at 11:32 AM

CS

“ *What a kind and wonderful human being Jozef was. Always greeted everyone with a smile and a hand shake. We at Farmer Brothers Coffee Co. send our deepest sympathy to his family during this time.*

*Craig Steele. Brian Carlson, Mark Vankerschaver and staff at Farmer Brothers Coffee*

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**Craig Steele** - December 27, 2016 at 10:38 AM

RS

“ *Mary, Kristine & Angie*  
*We are so sadden by the news of Jozef passing. He was a wonderful, kind and friendly when ever you came in to eat. We always went in with our grandchildren and he always made a point to come and talk with us. Layla always ran in and first thing she asked was where is Joe, she would run up to him for her hug. The whole family are so kind and great people. He will be greatly missed. So sad to go so young. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time.*

*Rick & Lori Smith*  
*Royal Oak*

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**Rick & Lori Smith** - December 27, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Joe was ALWAYS such a very kind man...even when I called him Charlie. My prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time.*

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**Marcella Pasquinelli** - December 27, 2016 at 07:54 AM

SL

“ *Such a sweet kind hearted man.. he always had a smile.. our hearts go out to the entire Family.. may your memories keep you..*

sherry lane - December 27, 2016 at 05:33 AM

NS

“ *Our family is very sorry for your loss. Joe always made sure to sit with my sons so they didn't eat alone. His family always treated ours with kindness. He will be missed. Love, the Solensky family.*

Nancy Solensky - December 26, 2016 at 11:16 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy are with the family of Jozef. May you find comfort in knowing that our heavenly father is aware of your pain and promised to end all suffering soon. (Revelations 21:4)*

Laura Goods - December 26, 2016 at 10:37 PM

J(

“ *Dear Milicaj Family,  
I was so shocked and saddened by the news of Jozef's passing. What an impact he made on me in the short time I have known him. Always had a kind word, and helpful in my time of need. Please know that I grieve with you and for you during this time of sorrow. I'll never forget his and your families kindnesses. Praying for strength, comfort and Gods blessing during this most difficult time.*



Jan

Jeanette (Jan) - December 26, 2016 at 10:13 PM

TE

“ Our family has come to love your family iver the msny visits and conversations at Charlie's. We will miss Joe's personality and wit and pray you will be comforted by God's love and faithfulness even in this time of grief.

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**The Dyer Family (David & Elaine)** - December 26, 2016 at 07:40 PM

CT

“ We are so very saddened to hear about Joe's sudden passing. What a wonderful man. He was always so welcoming at the restaurant. It will not be the same without him. He will be missed by anyone in the community that met him. Our thoughts are with his family.

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**Cathy and steve thorpe** - December 26, 2016 at 07:21 PM

RW

“ I was saddened by the news of Joe's passing. My heart is breaking for his family and the community of friends that he made in his short life. May God watch over his family in this sorrowed time. Love you all , Rosemary Walker

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**Rosemary Walker** - December 26, 2016 at 07:18 PM

AH

“ Our deepest condolences to the Entire Family! We are so sorry. Joe meant a lot to us, it Always felt like we were at "home" for dinner. Our little girl ms. Allison is heartbroken that her buddy isn't here any more and We send Our Love and Hugs to All of the Family and Friends.

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**Andrea Hicks** - December 26, 2016 at 06:48 PM

KF

“ We were very upset to hear Joe had passed away on Friday. As members of the Banshee Car Club we got to know Joe, his wife and daughters. He was a very enthusiastic sponsor for the summer cruise ins for the old classic cars at his restaurant. The restaurants Staff are very friendly, provide good service and of course the food is great. We will miss Joe's smile and no matter how busy he would always stop by the table to chat a couple of minutes. Joe is a great man who left us too soon. Ken and Judy Forshee

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**Ken and Judy Forshee** - December 26, 2016 at 04:50 PM

HP

“ We were so shocked to find out about Joe's passing. We always enjoyed talking to him at Charlies and he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to Mary and his beautiful children and family.

*Paul Zerkel and Helene Phillips*

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**Helene Phillips** - December 26, 2016 at 04:48 PM

MW

“ Larry and I have always felt like family when we came to eat at Charley's. Joe will be sorely missed. We are sending prayers to Mary and the family.

*"Joe, we will miss you. Rest in Peace." Marilyn and Larry Washelewski*

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**Marilyn Washelewski** - December 26, 2016 at 03:26 PM



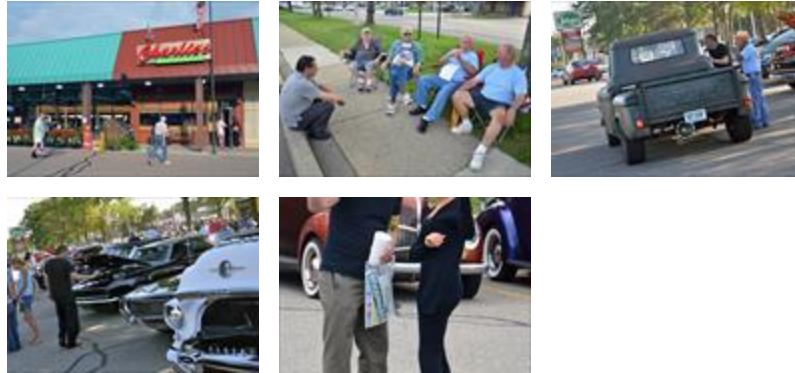
“ So sorry to hear this shocking news. Joe was so kind. He will be missed. RIP Joe.

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**Mary Rinaldo** - December 26, 2016 at 02:39 PM

MR

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



**Marc Rozman** - December 26, 2016 at 02:04 PM

MR

*Our condolences to the entire family and all his friends. Will miss him deeply. Marc and Darlene Rozman*

**Marc Rozman** - December 26, 2016 at 02:05 PM

AM

“ *Anne And Tony Marasco lit a candle in memory of Jozef Milicaj*



**Anne and Tony Marasco** - December 26, 2016 at 01:06 PM

MK

“ *My heart is breaking for Joe's family and friends. He was an awesome man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.*

**mary Kleiss** - December 26, 2016 at 12:05 PM

MI

“ Joe will always be remembered by all of us whose hearts he touched doing what he did every day. I only knew him for about a year, but I feel like I have known him for my whole life. I and many people consider Joe and his family as part of our families. I send my heartfelt sorrow out to the Milicaj family. May you find peace and comfort in each other during this heartbreaking time.

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**Mike** - December 26, 2016 at 12:05 PM

BH

“ Brian Hartwell lit a candle in memory of Jozef Milicaj



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**Brian Hartwell** - December 26, 2016 at 11:48 AM

SA

“ Dear Malicaj Family,

We were shocked to receive this sad news about Jozef. Please accept our deepest heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Jozef was a tremendous husband, father, and human being. He always had time for a brief chat. He will be missed but we will cherish the many memories we shared together at Charlies. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this most difficult time. May you find peace in all your memories of Jozef.

Harry and Shirley Atcho  
Ferndale

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**Shirley Atcho** - December 26, 2016 at 10:23 AM

PC

“ Words cannot express our sorrow for your loss. It's our loss, too. Joe always made us feel like family and would sit and chat awhile. We never missed a Friday if we could help it. Gar loved teasing Joe about the number of clams in the clam chowder. When we had family visiting, we would take them to Charlie's for a good time and good food. God bless you all. Hugs, Gar and Phyllis.

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**Phyllis Thorpe, Gar Collick** - December 26, 2016 at 10:17 AM

MI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Mike** - December 26, 2016 at 09:54 AM

RM

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Joe. He meant so much to our family. We would go into Charlie's (just there Tuesday and he met our daughter for the first time) all the time just to see his smile and hear his kind words. He adored our kids so much. Our son, Nolan, will forever keep the dinosaur (Joe Dino, as he calls him) that Joe gave him to remember how amazing of a man Joe was. Our thoughts and prayers are with his whole family...

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**Rikki Mutter** - December 26, 2016 at 09:24 AM

SH

“ We are shocked and saddened at our friends passing. Charlies will never be the same. He made everyone feel like family. We love you Mary, Christina and Angelica. Praying for you all.  
Chuck and Susan Hirst

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**Susan Hirst** - December 26, 2016 at 08:51 AM

DE

“ We are so sorry to hear the news about Joe. We loved going to the restaurant and having Joe sit down and chat for a few. Mary, Christina, Angie....our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort your hearts. RIP Joe, you are a special person.

Love,  
Bruce & Debbie Himick - Royal Oak

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**Debbie** - December 26, 2016 at 06:37 AM



“ Dearest Milicaj family,

Please accept our deepest heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Jozef was a tremendous husband, father, brother, son and human being. He will be sorely missed but we will cherish the many memories we shared together. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this most difficult time. May your hearts and souls find peace and comfort.

Ngushllime, pushoft ne paqe.

Love always,  
Pjeter Paloka me familje

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**Pjeter Paloka** - December 25, 2016 at 08:56 PM

SH

“ Words cannot express how sad we are for your loss, Joe was one of the kindest men we knew. He always made everyone feel welcome and at home. Please know that we are thinking about you and you are remembered in our prayers.

*Bernie & Sue Hoedl  
Madison Hts, Mi*

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**Susan Hoedl** - December 24, 2016 at 07:27 PM

LH

“ Lynn P. Hartshorn lit a candle in memory of Jozef Milicaj



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**Lynn P. Hartshorn** - December 24, 2016 at 06:17 PM

LH

“ Dear Milicaj family,  
Please know that I send my deepest sympathies for your profound and tremendous loss. Joe and your family are very special, kind, generous, and loving people. I am so blessed to have briefly worked for him at Charlie's and the amazing work-family that surrounded him. I so enjoyed getting to know a little more about his family and so appreciate working together. God has richly blessed your family and I pray for continued blessings, comfort, and peace.

*Lynn P. Hartshorn  
Royal Oak, MI*

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**Lynn P. Hartshorn** - December 24, 2016 at 06:16 PM

SW

“ *Sherry Wasserstrom lit a candle in memory of Jozef Milicaj*



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**Sherry Wasserstrom** - December 24, 2016 at 05:16 PM

SW

“ *Dear Milicaj family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have great memories of eating at his wonderful restaurant every time I came to visit. Such a pleasant and caring man, he'd always sit with my friends and I and chat for a few minutes... I shall miss his hospitality*

*Sherry Wasserstrom  
Manchester, NH*

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**Sherry Wasserstrom** - December 24, 2016 at 05:14 PM

CH

“ Dear Milicaj family,

*My husband & I met Joe & your family through Charlies Restaurant, it is there I saw the love & reverence Joe had for his entire family. Joe always made us feel like family, always welcome; often sitting down with us for a few minutes to talk.*

*Joe was larger than life, it was an honor to have known him. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know that we are grieving with you.*

*You will remain in our thoughts and prayers*

*Charlene & Jim Kling  
Royal Oak, MI*

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**charlene** - December 24, 2016 at 02:22 PM

PB

“ *I met Joe at Charlie's Restaurant when I was with Jaclyn and Lorenzo. He touched my heart with his kindness and love toward Lorenzo, Mark and Jaclyn. How he loved to push Lorenzo around in the high chair. I know it is hard when a loved one passes unexpected. One thing we can reflect and rest in, is that Jesus died for our sins and we can be thankful for his sacrifice in giving us eternal life through his death, burial and resurrection, his finished works at Calvary. Accepting Jesus as our personal Savior, for it is by faith and faith alone and not of fleshly works. This can bring you peace, for we never know when we will be leaving this earth.*

*Patti Berry (Jaclyn Kolaj's Nana)*

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**Patti Berry** - December 24, 2016 at 01:28 PM