



Leon Purta, Jr.

June 28, 1939 - November 18, 2020

Leon Purta Jr. age 81 of Presque Isle passed away November 18, 2020 at Medilodge in Alpena. He was born June 28, 1939 in Hamtramck to Leon and Helen (Blyszka) Purta. On October 4, 1958 he married Cecilia Anastasia Buza in Warren. He owned and operated Big Guy's Party Store in Ira Township for 22 years, retiring in 2002. Leon is survived by his wife, Cecilia; son, Leon Anthony Purta of Ware Shoals, South Carolina; daughter, Julie Louise Purta of Presque Isle; four siblings, Kathleen Shiemke of Washington, Beckey Andriensky of Washington, Penny (Larry) Hebert of Macomb and John (Amy) Purta of Utica; and many nieces and nephews. Friends may visit at the Beck Funeral Home in Rogers City on Saturday, November 21st from 3:30 - 7 p.m. where the rosary will be recited at 6:30. Visitation will resume on Monday at the Gendernalik Funeral Home in New Baltimore from 3:30 - 7 p.m. with rosary at 6:30. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 9764 Dixie Hwy, Ira Township with visiting from 10:30. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



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“ Today we said good bye to Uncle Leon. The original Big Guy, our gentle giant. He is loved and will be missed. I wanted to share my first memory of him. When I was a little girl, I was in awe of his size, his stature, especially next to the love of his life, my Aunt Cecelia. So one day I asked him, "how do you even kiss Aunt Cecelia?" He looked at me, smiled and said..... "I just pick her up"!!! I'm sure he did just that many times in there 62 wonderful years of marriage. Uncle Leon, you've had a special place in my heart as long as I can remember. You will be thought of and remembered often..... when I eat Rotel cheese dip, drink a Pepsi or make his kielbasa for Christmas. I love you and will miss you, rest in peace. All my love and prayers to you Aunt Cecelia , Julie and Lee, love you💜

November 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ The passing of my big brother Leon has put another break in my heart. His memory will live with me forever. He always introduced me as his little sister - even when I was twenty years old and just under six foot tall. Love you Big Guy!!!

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“ *What can one say about Leon. He was a big man in size and even a bigger man in heart. He loved life and and his family. I would often hear him banter with his wife but he would wink at me and smirk because he knew how to get under her skin. Especially the short jokes.he would sit on the porch and chuckle to me when he did it right. One day Leon pulled a picture of Leah out of his wallet and the smiled with pride and then he showed me. I never forgot the look on his face. He truly loved(s) her. When he talked about his children Lee and Julie he would smile and say how proud he was of them and looked forward to seeing them. I will truly miss him telling me to be quiet when i was outside working. Or telling me to shut them damn tractor off, and then waiting for his chuckle with him kindly saying "good morning" . I guess you can say he made a big impact on me and I am sure he made a big impact on others.
Goodbye Leon aka Big Guy love ya*

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“ *I bought peach schnapps today- because Leon brought us steaks and schnapps as a gift a few years back. I think when we were new to the neighborhood. He was a kind man with good sense of humor and I'm glad we met Leon and family. Much love, Joy*

November 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers as you go through this difficult time.*

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“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

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“ *Dad*

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“ *My big brother. Such a gentle man. A man of few words but when you shared them you were listened to. I will miss you so much and love you forever. A part of my life that remains with me. Till I see you again. Love Becky*

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