



## Matthew R. Gadzinski

August 13, 1962 - May 26, 2013

Matthew R. Gadzinski, of Algonac, passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 26, 2013, at the age of 50. Matthew was born on August 13, 1962, in Detroit, Michigan. Dear son of Robert and Sandra Gadzinski. Loving brother of Mark Gadzinski and Shelly (David) Lazzara. Dear uncle of Erik Gadzinski and Jason and Rachel Lazzara.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **29**. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren  
11470 Thirteen Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48093  
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MAY **30**. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Prayer Service

MAY **30**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Instate at Church

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MAY **31**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Martin de Porres  
31555 Hoover  
Warren, Mi

## Funeral Mass

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MAY **31**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Martin de Porres  
31555 Hoover  
Warren, Mi

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Hello, Sandy, Bob and Shelly,  
I just heard about you losing your son, brother, and I'm so sorry that you have to experience this. I have fond memories of our years together in skating and hope that someday soon you will feel good again.

Fondly,  
Judy Smith (Cal)

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**Judy Smith** - June 25, 2013 at 08:20 PM

SH

“ Sandra Hoebeke lit a candle in memory of  
Matthew R. Gadzinski



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**Sandra Hoebeke** - June 11, 2013 at 12:32 PM

SH

*Matt, you will always be missed. Although we didn't get to see you as often as we would have liked to, we always enjoyed the time we did have. Rest in peace my friend- Sandra, Mark, Matt, and Josh Hoebeke.*

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**Sandra Hoebeke** - June 11, 2013 at 12:35 PM

WP

“ *Matt, so sorry to hear of your passing. We will miss the times of our chats at the fence, and the beers shared for shoveling your front walk in the winter. Rest in peace neighbor and enjoy the hunt.*



*Your neighbors on Pleasant, in Algonac,*

*Bill & Linda Put. Heidi, Kori, & Jacob Lang. Leo, Cooper, & Fiona the pups.*

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**William Put** - May 30, 2013 at 08:22 PM



“ *Anny Schefler lit a candle in memory of Matthew R. Gadzinski*



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**Anny Schefler** - May 29, 2013 at 07:32 PM

AS

“MAAAAAA-CHEEEWWWWW!!!! MMMMMMMAAAAAAAAAAAAAA-  
CCCHEEEWWWWW!”

*I can still hear Gina Morfino's voice in my heart calling for Matt... standing at the veeeerrry edge of the driveway.... not in the street... oh no! We never went into the street! I can't remember Matt yelling back to her... he probably just went over there... he always did want Gino wanted... :o)... but I do remember all the fun we had! That cross street of Ridgefield and Rossello.... that was the center of our world... Tilotti's, Petrie's, Morfino's Platt's, Knight's, Schwabs and Barker's ... running free all summer long... swimming, dog piles, staying out after the street lights playing hide and seek... our biggest worry.... weather or not "Tommy Kid" would catch us!! LOL and smack dab in the Middle was that sweet boy with the mop of blonde hair... so cute and fun....*

*"Matt-chew". Living next door to the Gadzinski's was awesome... they were fun and loud and a joyous family! and we NEVER crossed the grass!!! LOL always around! I didn't get to know Matt too much as an adult because we moved in 1975.... but I would see Matt around occasionally he was always sweet and gentle. I can't believe he is gone... the Barker Family sends condolences to our first Next Door Neighbors The Gadzinski Family .... you are all in our hearts...*

*Like Gina Morfino..... God called..... "Matthew... Matthew... it's time to come home...."*

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**Anny Barker Schefler** - May 29, 2013 at 07:30 PM

MM

“ My deepest condolences to the Mr. & Mrs. G., Mark, Shelly, & the entire Gadzinski family. I'll always fondly remember Matt & growing up across the street from the Gadzinski's. What fun we all had in the mid-60's, 70's & '80's.

Summers in our pool, then their pool, playing at their house or ours, or in the Edison easement, riding bikes, Red Rover. Car-pooling to Pennow Elem. School, waiting for Mrs. G's old Mercury (the Merc, as she called it) to warm up on many a cold winter. Going out on their boat one summer & me feeding the ducks & falling into the canal, at which point Mr. G. jumped in & saved me (although I could swim). Our Kool-Aid stand, drinking most of the product ourselves.....LOL. And Matt's sly smile & his quiet laugh. He never had a bad word to say about anybody, nor could anyone say anything bad about him, I'm sure of that. May your family find peace knowing he's in heaven for sure. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

~Marisa (Morfino) Mirabile



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Marisa Mirabile - May 29, 2013 at 03:01 PM

MS

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gadzinski, Marko and Shelly. I am so sorry to hear of Matt's passing. I was already saddened in remembering my brother Adam's passing at this time last year when I heard about Matt. Growing up on Ridgfield with all the neighborhood kids was pretty awesome though we had our differences from time to time as kids do. I met up with Matt at one of the Cousino High School reunions years ago and we talked at length about growing up with parents in the motorcycle club and pretending we were riding motorcycles with our bikes whether it be in the mud or snow. You guys had the only "steep" driveway in the neighborhood on which we could challenge ourselves to climb with our bikes in the snow! I pray that he rest in peace. May God comfort you in this time of great sorrow.

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**Mark Schwab** - May 29, 2013 at 06:54 AM

DT

“ Bob, Sandy, Marko and Shelly, I'm so sorry to hear about Matt. I will always remember him as the quiet little boy that lived next door.

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**Debbie Tilotti** - May 29, 2013 at 05:31 AM

EG

“ Bobby G Sorry to hear of the loss , He will be missed at the festival and was a great big kind hearted gentleman.

*Ed Gregory*  
*APCC member*



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**Ed Gregory** - May 28, 2013 at 10:19 PM

EN

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Ed Nowak** - May 28, 2013 at 09:40 PM

EN

*Trailmaster, Firemaster, Grillmaster*

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**Ed Nowak** - May 28, 2013 at 09:42 PM

RN

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Randy Nasir** - May 28, 2013 at 08:25 PM

KS

“ *Dear family of Matt: Lois & I (Karl) (Schwab) were very sadden to hear of Matt's passing as a longtime neighbor and friend of us and our kids. We both will understand your sorrow as we lost one of our sons, Adam, age 48, suddenly, on Memorial weekend, one year ago! May God be with you, always.*

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**Karl Schwab** - May 28, 2013 at 05:09 PM

CP

“ I worked with Matt at Genesis for many years, I was very shocked to hear about his passing. I will never forget one time when were working at that building on Mound, I was walking down the hall and by Matt's office and he was dancing and singing "Whoomp there it is" it was one of those walk bys, back up, take another look and just automatically be in a better mood moments. Matt was a wonderful listener. So many days after work sitting in the parking lot chatting about God knows what now. But I just remember him always making sure you got to your car safely if it was dark out, just being a genuine caring person. Matt will truly be missed. May you rest in eternal peace my friend.

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**Christine Pollak** - May 27, 2013 at 10:51 PM

“Matthew was my first play-mate, my first “Friend”. Living in our neighborhood was somewhat like the United Nations. We had the “Cossette’s” down the street who spoke fluent French. The “Oldenkamp’s” who were “very” German. The three “Morfino Sister’s”, or as Bob Gadzinski would affectionately refer to us, (The Italian Princesses), and then, there were those wonderful Gadzinski’s, who were as proud of their Polish heritage as they were their polka music. And, on those occasions when Mr G was working late, those polka records were traded in for a very loud Tom Jones by Mrs G. I think I was the only 5th grader who knew all the words to “She’s A Lady”.

Growing up in the late 60’s & early 70’s, s Viet Nam was all over the news, so my sister’s and I, along with the Gadzinski children, would play “War”. The boy were the soldiers, and we, of course were the nurses. There was a Gadzinski for every Morfino sister. My baby sister Laura, was lucky and got “Shelly” as her playmate. There was “Marko” for my sister Marisa, and I... well I got Matthew. We would play hockey.. the boys were the hockey players, and I was the goalie, or more accurately, the “net”. (wink). Matthew was the person who taught me to ride a bike, “No Hands”. He was the bee keeper, catching bee’s, placing them in glass jars, until they were sufficiently agitated, at which time, he would release them, and they would inevitably sting me. Typical boy was Matthew, made of spice, snails, and puppy-dog tails. There were times the Gadzinski boys would get in touch with their feminine side, and help us girls across the street with our lemonade stand. Matt was a very good salesman! That was the only time the boys agreed to play “our” games.

As we grew, and reached Jr high and high school, children come into their own personalities. Some are social butterflies, flying to and fro, meeting and associating with a wide group of people. But, not Matt. He was somewhat shy, reserved, quiet, and selective. He chose quality of friendship over quantity of acquaintance. This served him well, in the years to come, as he remained close to this same “core group” of people, throughout the remainder of his life.

*They were his real friends, and they were a tight bunch. My early childhood memories have Matt written all over them, and I won't have had it any other way. I would like to think that Matt passed, as he lived... quietly, without pomp and circumstance. Peacefully, as that was the way he was with everyone he met, kind and peaceful. And, with dignity, because a man of Matthew Gadzinski's caliber deserves nothing less.*

*So, to my very first friend, and my childhood buddy.... I wish you God speed. May you rest in eternal peace, and experience all the wonder, and miracle that heaven has to offer. I will say farewell, until we meet again, and I can once again say, in a sing song voice... Matt-hew, Matt-hew... Can you come out and play.*

*Much love,  
Gina Morfino*

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**Gina Morfino** - May 27, 2013 at 07:10 PM

GA

“*Words cannot describe my heartfelt sorrow for your loss! Matt was a wonderful, kind, compassionate, caring person who was taken from us far too early. Take comfort in what one of my grandchildren said "He can now hang out with Papa (David Angel) and Great Grandpa (John Gadzinski)" in a much better place. Matt was loved in life and will be loved in death and will never to be forgotten. May God comfort you in these dark days and hold you in His hands as you search for peace! My love and my prayers go with you as you travel this bumpy road!*

*Geri*

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**Geri Angel** - May 27, 2013 at 06:12 PM

JA

“ We truly loved Matthew. He was a good person and I will miss talking with him at our Gadzinski Family Christmas parties. He is way to young to be taken away from us now.

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**Jeff Angel** - May 27, 2013 at 05:58 PM