



## Richard L. "Dick" Palmer

October 28, 1933 - November 27, 2025

Dick was welcomed into Heaven on Thursday, November 27, 2025, at the age of 92. He was the beloved husband and best friend of Genie for 68 years, and the loving father of David (Lisa), Susan Lemon (Dale), and Michael (Julie.) He was the proud grandfather of Drew Palmer, Lindsay Lintelman (Kyle), Meganne and Tyler Lemon (Sara), Joshua (Lori), Claire Ishow (Jonathan), and Bethany. He was predeceased by his daughters Lisa and Julie, parents Virginia and Cecil, and parents-in-law Sophie and Stanley Bernacki. Dick was loved by his sister- and brother-in-law, Maria and Tom McDermott, and his nieces Dawn (Matt), Dana, and Jennifer Parker (Jeff). Dick wore many hats, but his most loved was being a Dad and Grandpa. No matter what his children and grandchildren were involved in, he was as well. They were the joy of his life.

He was a proud graduate of the University of Detroit and active member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army and had a fierce love for his country. Dick spent 32 years with the Ford Motor Company as a tax analyst. During this time, he continued his life of service. He was a PTA Officer for 16 years and served 6 years on the PTA Area Council. He was a member of the Warren Consolidated School Board for 16 years and chaired two successful millage campaigns. He was an active Warren resident for 67 years serving on the Warren Library Commission (10 years), the Cultural Commission (3 years), and the Friends of the Warren Library (30 years). His

love of music led him to the Warren Symphony and was on the Board of Directors (19 years) as chairman and Treasurer multiple times.

A devout Catholic, Dick found much joy in parish work. Active in St. Cletus Parish for 32 years, he was its first Parish Council Chair, and a member of various committees. He moved to St. Edmund Parish and again stepped into many roles including Stewardship and Finance. He was also a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus. His final 7 years were spent at St. Blase Parish, a wonderful faith-filled community. His health limited his involvement but his faith never wavered. His many friends will agree—his was a life fully lived.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, December 2, from 3pm until 8pm at Wasik Funeral Home, 11470 13 Mile Road at Hoover in Warren. A scripture service will be held at 7pm. On Wednesday, December 3, Dick will lie in state at St. Blase Catholic Church from 9:00 until 9:30am with the Funeral Mass beginning at 9:30am. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Capuchins or your favorite charity.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren  
11470 Thirteen Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48093  
(586) 751-3131  
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

## Scripture Service

DEC 2. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren  
11470 Thirteen Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48093  
(586) 751-3131  
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

## Instate in church

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DEC 3. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Blase Catholic Church  
12151 Fifteen Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall

ME

“ Genie, I wanted to offer my sincere condolences to you and your family. How blessed you were to be married to such a wonderful man for so long! This will be quite an adjustment for you and I will keep you in my prayers. Love, Marie Escamilla (Corrine's sister)

Marie Escamilla - December 07, 2025 at 07:17 PM

BS

“ My wife Ann and I worked in Warren Consolidated Schools and were always impressed with Dick's genuine desire to make our district the best in the state. our condolences to Genie and family. Bill and Ann Sachs

Bill Sachs - December 02, 2025 at 08:52 AM

AJ

“ Sympathy Genie on the loss of Dick. He is at rest with our Lord! Many memories of his goodness in all his accomplishments! John and Jackie Ahern

Ahern Jacqueline - December 01, 2025 at 08:46 PM

TM

“ I was Mr. Palmer's Primary Care Physician for many years until my retirement from practice in 12/2024. He was a very wonderful gentleman & it was a true honor for me to have known him in that capacity. I wish to offer my sincerest condolences & sorrow for your loss! Terrence Brennan, MD

Terrence Brennan, MD - December 01, 2025 at 07:03 PM

Jl

“ Jonathan and Claire Ishow purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard L. "Dick" Palmer.



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**Jonathan and Claire Ishow** - December 01, 2025 at 03:43 PM

DA

“ From St. Edmund to St. Faustina to St. Blasé....your kindness (and Genie's) will always be remembered and appreciated. You always made my family feel welcome and special in the church community. Fondly, Delores, Darryl, Jenna & Marissa Alexander 🙏❤️

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**Delores Alexander** - December 01, 2025 at 10:55 AM

JR

“ As I am now older, I realize how well rounded as a person my Godfather was. I try to emulate him, along with my dad. Oom papa, oom papa forever, Mr. Palmer. You were an outstanding person. Our Lord surely welcomed you with open arms, probably moved you to the front of the line when you rose into heaven. John Renner

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**John Renner** - December 01, 2025 at 10:09 AM

DV

“ We love Dick and Genie! The best neighbors anyone could hope for! We will always cherish the laughter and memories, when being together with our dear friend. We take great comfort in knowing that Dick is now at home with his Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you Dick and Genie! Love, Maria and Dave.



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david verburgt - December 01, 2025 at 09:41 AM

JB

“ Dick Palmer and I served together on the Warren Consolidated Board of Education. Dick was a great advocate for all our children, and the philosophy of Children First, always. When we deliberated a question related to our children, Dick would often ask the Board: What is best for our Children? and the solution would become clear. For many years Dick served as Chairman Of The Board, with great honors.

*To para-phrase a thought;*

*Our Tears fall gently  
Our Hearts beat quietly  
But God feels our Pain  
and knows our Sorrow  
and will bring us Comfort*

*God Bless You, Dick*

*John Bozymowski*

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John Bozymowski - November 30, 2025 at 05:23 PM

CT

“ *Met Dick for the first time at a parent-teacher conference at Marshall Elementary School in 1968. It was the first time a father had attended a meeting to discuss the academic and social progress of his child. Not only did he listen, but added insight to the conversation. It was then I knew this man was special!*

*Craig Thomson*

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**Craig Thomson** - November 30, 2025 at 04:09 AM