



Robert J. Garstka

September 18, 1952 - July 27, 2022

Robert “Bob” J. Garstka, born on September 18, 1952 in Detroit, Michigan, passed away on July 27, 2022 in Macomb Township at the age of 69. Beloved Husband of Marilyn. Loving Father of Kristin Garstka and Jonathan (Kelly) Garstka. Proud Grandfather of Benjamin and Alexander. Dear Brother of Carol (the late Tom) Bogdanski.

A De La Salle grad, Bob attended Macomb Community college to get his associates degree and worked for 40 years in process engineering for many of the Big 3 plants. Just children themselves, he married Marilyn on July 7th, 1972 and just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary three weeks ago. Strong in his faith, Bob joined the Knights of Columbus at 18 and has been an active member ever since. He’s held more positions than one can mention in a short paragraph, but was most proud to serve the community as a member of the 4th degree and Co-chairman for the DAVL. Bob loved people, and a microphone. He was often the center of attention, commanding a room for a meeting, a fundraiser, or even a wedding. He was the person who would talk to strangers in the market and made friends with everyone. He adored telling jokes and helping his kids with projects around the house. He is sadly missed and will be forever in our hearts and memories. Flowers are welcome, or donations in Bob’s honor to the Knights of Columbus, Council #7200, St. Isidore. Visitation Friday, July 29, 2022 at the Wasik Funeral Home Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Road (N. of 22 Mile) Shelby Township, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Funeral Saturday, July 30, 2022 at St. Isidore Catholic Church 18201 23 Mile Road, Macomb, instate 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate at Church

JUL **30**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18201 23 Mile Rd
Macomb Twp, MI

Funeral Mass

JUL **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18201 23 Mile Rd
Macomb Twp, MI

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Sad news to hear of the passing of Robert. We went to grade school together from kindergarten through eighth grade. We were choir boys and were cub scouts in Pack 55. One fond memory is of the time our kindergarten class was accidentally locked in our school basement classroom. This was in the 1957-1958 school year. The classroom door was found to be locked or jammed at days end. Our teacher Mrs. Harthen tried unsuccessfully to open the door. There was only one exit. The divider wall between the classroom and the main basement lunchroom (which was our our ultimate exit way), had a space of about 12 inches between the ceiling and the top of the wall. The upright piano in the classroom was pushed against the wall. Mrs. Harthen tied a rope around Roberts' waist, he then climbed the piano, scaled the wall and was lowered by the rope to the outside of the classroom. He was successful in opening the stuck or jammed door, thus releasing the thankful students and teacher. This was only the beginning of his many endeavors to help and support those in need. If not for Roberts' actions I might still be in kindergarten. Not long ago we spoke about this event. Words escape me to describe what a devastating loss his passing is to his family and friends. Dennis Witulski

Dennis Witulski - July 30, 2022 at 10:27 AM

MK

Dennis W. I now recall this event. Thanks for that memory. Mark K.

Mark Kreger - July 31, 2022 at 01:48 PM

MM

Sorry to hear this news. Bob and I were in grade school together for 7th and 8th grade, and we maintained our friendship during high school. I remember he and I attending a Bill Cosby show at Cobo hall, and it was hilarious. I joined the Navy and made it my career. We reunited on Facebook, and it was during his fight with cancer, I was diagnosed with Muktipl Myeloma, a form of blood cancer. His fight inspired me to maintain a positive attitude, and I am now in remission, having recently had bone marrow transplant. Bob and I played tennis at the Lasky courts, as well. Alwaysva good guy, he will be missed.

Mark Malinowski - July 31, 2022 at 08:28 PM



“ 71 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - July 29, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Robert J. Garstka.



July 28, 2022 at 08:38 PM

MK

“ My condolences to Marilyn, Kristin, Jonathan and Carol. Bobbie and I met in kindergarten at St. Augustine and spent the next 13 years together till we graduated from DeLaSalle in 1970. We played together on a City of Detroit baseball championship team in 1966. We won a Catholic league bowling championship together in 1969. Played softball against each other after high school .He met Marilyn, the love of his life, and a new journey began. Bob could get along with anybody was so easy to get along with. Very easy going. Just two weeks ago he sent me a video birthday wish for my 70th birthday. The most important part of that message was their 50th wedding anniversary. Quite a milestone! A great example to all couples young and old. He was like a giant teddybear that you could hug and gain comfort. He will be truly missed. Prayers to the family.

Mark Kreger St.Augustine 1966 DeLaSalle 1970

Mark Kreger and Rose Kreger - July 28, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert J. Garstka.



July 28, 2022 at 05:49 PM

RI

“ Rest in peace my cousin. We had great times together throughout the years. including those St Pats baseball and bowling tournaments. I can go on and on with the activities we shared. You will be truly missed. Luv ya. The family will be in our prayers.

Rick and Judy

Rick - July 28, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert J. Garstka.*



July 28, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert J. Garstka.*



July 28, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Bob will be missed, he was a good friend and mentor. we will keep Garstka family in our prayers.*

Paul & Margaret Palka - July 28, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Robert J. Garstka.*



July 28, 2022 at 08:34 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Robert J. Garstka.*



July 27, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert J. Garstka.*



July 27, 2022 at 07:49 PM