Robert J. Sturza

February 25, 1940 - November 19, 2014

Robert J. Sturza passed away on November 19, 2014, at the age of 74, at his residence.
Beloved husband of Carolyn. Loving father of Pamela (Robert) Allor, Robert Paul
(Debbie) and Joseph (Maureen) Sturza. Dear grandfather of Katie (Andrew), Kelsey (Mike), Tyler, Patrick, Daniel, Kyle, Abbey, Matthew, Ryan and Alaina. Dear brother of Lorraine (Wayne) Whitson, Norman (Stana) Sturza, Linda (Rick) Dodson, Rita (Dave) Moeller and Sharon (Victor) Lorenz. Loving uncle to several nieces and nephews and several cousins.

Visitation Sunday 5-9 p.m.with a 7:00 p.m. Scouts Broken Arrow Service and on Monday 2 -9 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Rosary Service at the Wasik Funeral Home Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd., (N. of 22 Mile) Shelby Twp. Instate Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Therese of Lisieux, 48115 Schoenherr Rd. (S. of 22 Mile) Shelby Twp. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.wasikfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

NOV **23**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Rosary

NOV **24**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Instate at Church

NOV **25**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux
48115 Schoenherr Rd
Shelby Twp, MI 48315
(586) 254-4433
frontdesk@sttthereseparish.ws
http://www.sttthereseparish.ws

Funeral Mass

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

So sorry to learn of Bob's passing. He was a wonderful and devoted Scouter who will be missed by the Order of the Arrow, the International Committee, and the Catholic Committee. Our prayers are for him and the family.

John and Midge Savage

John Savage - November 25, 2014 at 03:30 PM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert J. Sturza.

November 23, 2014 at 12:19 PM

LC

To Carolyn & Family,
Please accept our condolences for your loss. May God be with you at this your time of need. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Louise & Terry Cooke
UCS

L. cooke - November 21, 2014 at 01:45 PM

JS

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Joe Sturza - November 21, 2014 at 12:23 PM

JH

Sturza Family-
So sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort you in this difficult time. His life well lived is a testimony to his character!
Julie Hampel

Julie Hampel - November 21, 2014 at 08:50 AM

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Bob Sturza - November 20, 2014 at 07:38 PM

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Bob Sturza - November 20, 2014 at 05:12 PM

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Bob Sturza - November 20, 2014 at 04:55 PM

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Grandpa and Grandma with a new Eagle Scout gandson

Bob Sturza - November 20, 2014 at 05:27 PM

BS

Dad (Polish General),
I want to say I could not have a better father than you. The things you and mom instilled in my life made me what I am today.

You and mom set values for me and the importance of church. This led me to accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

As a young boy I always thought of you as the general with all your ribbons on your uniform. You and mom introduced me to scouting which had a huge impact on my life. It taught me leadership, life skills, teamwork and prepared me for a vocation in healthcare. I have been blessed with many wonderful moments in life. One that will always stand out is when you helped me pin the eagle medal on Patrick. The same medal you pinned on me 34 years prior to that.

As a teenager I had this false idea that I was smarter than you. Little did I know how much knowledge you have and are able to share. You are one of the smartest men I have ever known. You truly impress me with your knowledge of history and world events. I am happy to share your love of history and that Kelsey and Patrick also share that love. You taught me the game of chess which I have taught Patrick. I know you let me win a few times so I would not get discouraged.

Another important thing you instilled in me is to remember my heritage. You taught me that Polish Carol Dzisiaj w Bethlejem. I remember that holiday season when we sang that for great grandma and the joy that was on her face. I remember singing it to your parents. I have sung this with other people at my work and clinic. Thank you for this gift.

Well Dad (general) your mission is over, your job here is complete. Rejoice in the arms our Savior in Glory.

Love,

Bob jr

Bob Sturza - November 20, 2014 at 04:34 PM

AS

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Catholic Committee on Scouting we extend in prayer the loss of Bob. His many years of joyful service to the Scouting community in the metro Detroit area will not be forgotten.

May your family be blessed in God's loving presense.

A, Tarlo Sr. Archdiocese of Detroit/CYO Catholic Scouting Chairman

Alan Tarlo Sr - November 20, 2014 at 04:04 PM

JF

Carolyn and family,

We are truly grateful to God for the gift of Robert.

While George had known Carolyn and Robert his entire life, it was at our wedding reception in 2010 that I was first greeted with Bob (and Carolyn's) smile – it was an unconditional embrace of love; a gregarious nature rooted in absolute bliss.

It is rare in life that we are moved to such joy with just a simple concave; that curl of the lips that shines like a halo and brightens not just a cloudy day but permeates to the core of the receiver.

Thank you, Carolyn.

And to you Bob, we're smiling back…thank you.

George C. Watson and John E. Fitzpatrick

John Fitzpatrick - November 20, 2014 at 03:59 PM

PA

Daddy, even though my heart is so heavy right now and i can't breath I do know you are in a better place and healthy and happy. You were such a kind wonderful man. Heaven is so lucky to have you now. Love your little girl

Pam Allor - November 20, 2014 at 03:55 PM

JB

Sturza Family and Friends,

I'm sorry to hear of such a loss to your family. My condolences to everyone that knew Bob. He was a one of kind. A genuine and thoughtful person who always had something to say, but the first thing he would mention was: "How's your family doing?". He made you feel good, offered advise and never pushed his opinion. Bob was always proud of his family and he was so in love with his wife. I'm so glad to have gotten to know him and being his friend for over 20 years.

The Scouting family has been dealt a huge loss. We are very grateful to have had so much of his time dedicated to the welfare of the youth in the community and mentoring the next generation of adult leaders.

I also want to express my appreciation to the Sturza family and especially Carolyn for sharing him with all of us.

Thank you and may God give you all comfort knowing Bob is in a better place. He will be missed.

Bless you all,

Jay, Laura, Paige & Gavin Bottorff

Jay Bottorff - November 20, 2014 at 02:56 PM

SA

To the Sturza Family,

I am sorry for the loss of your loved one. When I loss my grandfather the following scripture brought me much comfort. It's found at Psalms 34:18 there it says "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in sprit." May these words comfort you now and in the months to come.

Sally - November 20, 2014 at 01:55 PM