



## Roy Anthony Karle

October 2, 1955 - February 8, 2025

Roy Anthony Karle, age 69, of Chesterfield passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on Saturday, February 8, 2025. He was born on October 2, 1955, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Leonard Alois Karle Jr. and the late Mildred (nee: Seibert) Karle. Roy was also loved dearly by his step-mother Rosella.

Roy was raised in Detroit and lived in the city for most of his life. He graduated from Denby High School and went on to receive his Bachelor of Science in Psychology at Wayne State University in 1979. Roy also completed an Associates of Science in Nursing in 1987 from Macomb Community College. He then went on to receive a Bachelors of Science in Nursing in 1994 from Wayne State University. Roy worked as a Registered Nurse at St. Joe's East and West Hospitals (now Henry Ford Macomb) in the Medical and Surgical Intensive Care Units for many years. It was during his time working at St. Joe's where he met his wife Carrie. He then went on to complete a Masters in Nursing in 1999 from the University of Detroit Mercy. Roy then worked at Mount Clemens General Hospital, which then became McLaren Macomb, as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist until his retirement in 2022.

In his free time, Roy was an avid reader. He enjoyed a wide variety of genres including biographies, finance, fiction, and anything in between. Even after his retirement, he would frequently be seen reading up on the latest books and

articles on anesthesiology. He loved watching a wide variety of sports including: football, basketball, and baseball. But his favorite sport to watch was by far golf. He would always love to go on long drives either by himself or with his family. From his youth into his older age, he loved tinkering with cars. He loved to travel up north and go sightseeing. His favorite spots included Mackinaw, Sault Ste. Marie, Traverse City, and Copper Harbor. Roy found the most peace sitting by the water with his binoculars watching the waves and boats pass by.

Roy was known to all as a smart, kind, and compassionate man. While he was a man of few words, he made each one count; whatever he said was full of wisdom. He was a dependable man, always there when you needed him.

Roy's co workers affectionately nicknamed him "Flash" and "Gentle Giant."

Roy dearly loved his family. Roy was the loving husband of 28 years to Carrie. Dear father of Stephanie Zanger (nee: Karle) (KC Zanger) and Caroline Karle. Beloved brother of Joan (Richard) Karle Mansfield, Jerome (Laura) Karle, the late Leonard Karle (Diane), and the late Estelle (the late Howard) St. John. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation for Roy will be held on Monday, February 17th at Wasik Funeral Home in Shelby Township, Michigan from 1:00 - 9:00 pm with a 7:00 pm scripture service. Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 18th, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mount Clemens, instate will be at 11:00 am until the funeral mass at 11:30 am with burial to follow at St. Peter Catholic Cemetery. Funeral luncheon will be served in Roy's honor at Fern Hill Golf Club.

Memorial Contributions can be made in his name to the American Heart Association, <https://www.heart.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give> or to ALS.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter Cemetery

43755 Elizabeth Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48036-1192

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Scripture Service

FEB 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate in church

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FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
95 Market Street  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

## Funeral Mass

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FEB 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
95 Market Street  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

## Funeral Luncheon

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FEB 18 (ET)

Fern Hill Golf Club  
17600 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038-6536

# Tribute Wall

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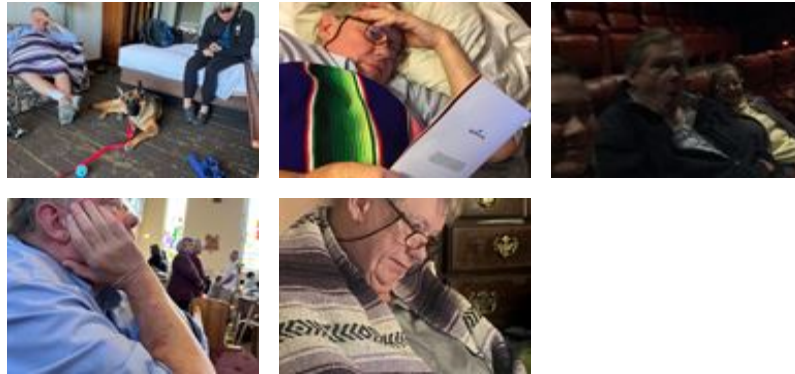
“ Love, The Gelios Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Roy Anthony Karle.



Love, The Gelios Family - February 16, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ 209 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - February 16, 2025 at 03:29 PM

RA

“ RC & Amina Abbasi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roy Anthony Karle.

RC & Amina Abbasi - February 16, 2025 at 09:30 AM

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“ RC & Amina Abbasi purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Roy Anthony Karle.



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**RC & Amina Abbasi** - February 16, 2025 at 09:30 AM

DK

“ Diane K. Karle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roy Anthony Karle.

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**Diane K. Karle** - February 15, 2025 at 02:29 PM

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“ Diane K. Karle purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Roy Anthony Karle.



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**Diane K. Karle** - February 15, 2025 at 02:29 PM

DK

“ Roy was one of the kindest and gentlest persons that I have ever known. He also had a great sense of humor and a great love of knowledge. We will continue to watch Jeopardy for you. Your older brother and sister are glad for him to join them. He loved his family so much and the feeling was mutual.

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**Diane K. Karle** - February 15, 2025 at 02:19 PM

KA

*My condolences to the entire Karle family. My memories of Roy will always be family vacations in Lake City, going to the annual Mackinac Labor Day weekend with the Aunts, uncles, and cousins. Family picnics in Marysville, and visits to Uncle Leonard's home. Many times when my mom and I would arrive at Uncle Leonard's Roy was usually working on his car. Roy was always quiet, but he had a inner peace of gratitude. To Carrie , Caroline and Stephanie may you be consoled with the love of your family and friends.*

*Much Love,  
Your cousin Karen*

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**Karen Asaro** - February 15, 2025 at 02:44 PM

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*My deepest sympathies to your whole family. Roy's Uncle Bernard and Aunt Sallie were very sorry to hear of Roy's passing. Sallie has been ill of late thus neither will be able to attend his services. I too have memories of Roy when visiting Uncle Leonard's house and Roy always seemed to calm and quiet. We were kindred spirits in that I too find peace in sitting by lakes and watching the waves go by. Please know all the Karle's in Jackson have been thinking of you. RIP Roy and may god bless you all.*

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**Sharon Yearling (Karle)** - February 16, 2025 at 02:06 AM

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*Prayers of support and strength to Roy's family.*

*I worked with Roy in the O.R. at McLaren Macomb. Every time I looked at the assignment board and saw I was working with Roy, I knew it was going to be a great day. We had a common goal for the day, "let's get 'er done". A great Nurse Anesthetist and such a good person. Rest in Peace Roy.*

*Christina Magda*

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**Christina Magda** - February 17, 2025 at 08:03 PM