



Walter Klimkowski

February 23, 1933 - May 18, 2006

Walter "Wally" Klimkowski of Eastpointe passed away suddenly Thursday, May 18, 2006 in St. Maarten, at the age of 73, while vacationing with his wife. He was born February 23, 1933 in Detroit. Mr. Klimkowski was a United States Navy Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was employed for 44 years at Chrysler Defense and General Dynamics. He enjoyed old movies, gardening, traveling and relaxing summer days in his pool. He was also an avid Red Wings fan.

Mr. Klimkowski is survived by his beloved wife Patricia (nee Schwartz) of 37 years. Dear father of Dr. Walter (Susan) Klimkowski and Michelle (Major Brian, USAF) Marquette. Brother of Peter (the late Olga) Klimkowsky, George (Joan) Klemkowsky and the late Olga (the late Henry) Karolinski. Brother-in-law of Bettie (the late Robert) Lipke and Jay (the late Alma) Schwartz. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and one great-great niece.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 27. 12:30 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
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Tribute Wall



“ Hello Klimkowski's,

I am saddened to hear about the sudden passing of Walter. I recall being openly invited into the Klimkowski home to participate in the Easter egg decoration tradition in that warm home, and Walter was part of that. It is a fond memory I have and hearing about his sudden death is truly heartbreaking.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time and I wish you all the best. Walter will be missed.

Warmest regards,

Eric Beale

Longtime friend of Michelle and Brian Marquette##imported-begin##Eric Beale##imported-end##

May 27, 2006 at 08:11 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies and prayers upon your loss. It is a jolting experience to realize that a person whom you have always respected and whose smile always filled you with a special warmth will now be a permanent memory.##imported-begin##Bob Madajczyk##imported-end##*

May 27, 2006 at 09:25 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Walt was a friend and a co-worker for over 20 years. It was so much fun talking about the travels especially the Disney trips. He was so proud of his family! We really enjoyed attending Michelle's high school musicals and I looked forward each year to seeing the photos of Walt in his dance costume. Walt will be remembered at a Mass at St. Lawrence Parish in Utica.##imported-begin##Marge & Gary Hermsen##imported-end##

May 26, 2006 at 09:43 PM



“ Dear Pat,
So sorry to learn of the sudden passing of Walt. I hadn't seen him much since I retired, but when I did see him it was as though we picked right up where we left off. He was so much fun! The world will be poorer without him. Our prayers are with you and your family. He will always be remembered with fondness.##imported-begin##Al Trudeau##imported-end##

May 26, 2006 at 09:32 AM



“ Dear Pat, So sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers.
With Sincere Sympathy,
Emma Tomas, from St. Raymonds##imported-begin##Emma Tomas##imported-end##

May 25, 2006 at 09:02 PM



“ Sincerest condolences on the loss of your father.
roni##imported-begin##veronica miks##imported-end##

May 25, 2006 at 08:34 PM



“ Dear Pat, Wally and Michelle,

I am so sorry to hear about your losing Wally. I know he was your rock and a rock to many. My husband Bill and I will see you on Saturday but since Kris gave us the news you have been and will always be in our prayers and on our prayers list at our church. Love, Sharon
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May 25, 2006 at 05:35 PM



“ Dr.K and Sue,

Just a short note to let you know that we are all thinking about you. Please accept our most heart felt condolences in the loss of your Dad. We pray that God will comfort you as only he can. Words are never adequate enough to express our deep sympathy. sincerely,
Conner Creek Er staff
ST. JOHN NORTHEAST CONNER CREEK ER STAFF

May 25, 2006 at 03:26 PM



“ Aunt Pat, Wally, Susan, Michelle and Brian, Tammy and I were sorry to hear about Uncle Wally. I am sure with his wit and humor, he would have made light of his own passing. He will be missed with the thought that he could make most anyone smile when having a conversation with him. I will always remember the great home movies and the good stories he would tell when we could get together.

Tammy, I and the girls will keep you in our prayers. It is with great sadness that we cannot be with you and my father (George) during this time. Our thoughts will be with you. May God Bless You and keep you in his Grace.

Love Tammy, Pete, Ashley and Jenna##imported-begin##Peter and Tammy Klemkowsky##imported-end##

May 25, 2006 at 03:11 PM



“ Auntie Pat, Wally and Michelle I think that you all know how we felt about Uncle Wally, we had such a great time when you were all out here in Las Vegas last spring we laughed for hours. I also wanted to tell you Pat how much it meant to me when you both introduced me to hockey and when Uncle Wally gave me my first car the Blue Max as we called it back then and my first legal beer, there are so many other great times and memories that I will remember for the rest of my life I am so sorry that that we can't be there with you and the family but you know that we will be there in our hearts Love Dawn and Brad.##imported-begin##BRAD &DAWN LIPKE##imported-end##

May 25, 2006 at 12:34 PM



“ I interacted with Walt pretty much every single day through our years together at work. At various points he was my boss or my co-worker, but always my friend. His love of family, laughter, a good tale, a musical, the Theater, vacations, cocktails, hockey, and so much more...all these things make me smile when I think of Walt. Packing up his desk, here at work, was filled with sorrow and with laughter...he was one in a million and I will miss him dearly! My thoughts are with you his family. May you find peace.##imported-begin##Carol Hanney##imported-end##

May 25, 2006 at 11:47 AM



“ Mrs. Klimkowski, Wally and Michelle I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our prayers.##imported-begin##Mark & Cathy Thornton##imported-end##

May 25, 2006 at 11:11 AM



“ Dear Pat, Michelle and Brian,

Joe and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. We wish we could be there for you and hope you know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

May God bless and keep you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Joe and Diane Turtzo##imported-end##

May 25, 2006 at 09:02 AM



“ I have worked with Walt indirectly for many years. Although I did not know him very well personally Walt always had a positive attitude, smile and hello for everyone. That is how I will remember him.##imported-begin##John Ziebron##imported-end##

May 25, 2006 at 06:06 AM



“ Pat,
May the Lord be with you at this very difficult time. I will be there for you on Saturday, but it cannot hold a candle to the times you were there for my mom (especially the times I was unable to be there for her). I owe you so much and if there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.
With All My Love, Lynn Grimm##imported-begin##Lynn##imported-end##

May 24, 2006 at 11:10 PM



“ I worked with Walt for many years. We sat side by side for a very long time. He was a good man. We would talk a lot about our families. He will be missed and I will miss talking with him. I remember when my father died, he came and visited me at the funeral home. That meant so much to me. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Tom Smith##imported-end##

May 24, 2006 at 11:12 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Walt. He was always cheerful and fun to talk to. I loved his story about the shoe lamp from the movie "A Christmas Carol". He will be missed here at General Dynamics.##imported-begin##Garrett Taormina##imported-end##

May 24, 2006 at 10:44 AM



“ Dear Patty and Family,

We were so sorry to hear of Wally's passing. I'm sure your many precious memories of your life, travels and family will help you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prays are with you.

Sincerely

Janet and Dan###imported-begin##Janet and Dan Ross###imported-end##

May 24, 2006 at 08:59 AM



“ Walt is an old dear friend of mine, who I will miss very much.

He was very special to so many people, and no one will ever forget him.###imported-begin##Joyce Scarbrough###imported-end##

May 24, 2006 at 02:20 AM



“ Dearest Pat, Wally, Sue, Michelle, and Brian:

We were shocked and really shaken with the news of Wally's sudden passing. We both will remember him mostly for his creativeness with his homemade videos. He was such a warm and friendly man and will be missed by all. You are all in our prayers. We plan on attending the visitation on Friday night and the service on Saturday. Take care of yourselves and please let us know if you need anything or if there is a way we can be of help to you. We are giving you your space at this time, but you know we are a phone call away. Love, Jim, Lorie and girls###imported-begin##Jim and Lorie Marquette###imported-end##

May 23, 2006 at 11:02 PM



“ *Dear Patty,
Our sympathies. We are thinking of you and will see you on Friday
or Saturday.##imported-begin##Lynn and Joe Drew##imported-
end##*

May 23, 2006 at 10:20 PM



“ *Pat,
We are so sorry to hear about the death of Wally. He was a great
friend of our family and I will never forget how helpful he was to my
Dad when he was working at the party store. He was a great guy!!
We will see you this weekend. In the mean time we'll pray for you,
Wally and family. Regards, Don & Mary Ann Hoffmann##imported-
begin##Don and Mary Ann Hoffmann##imported-end##*

May 23, 2006 at 09:58 PM