



Walter Joseph Schmidt

February 19, 1917 - February 20, 2015

Walter Joseph Schmidt passed away on February 20, 2015, a day after celebrating his 98th birthday. His cherished wife of 73 years, Regina Helena, predeceased him by two years. He was the dearest father of Dr. Thomas (Nancy), Paulette, Suzanne Polachowski (Ralph), and the late Judene Cherney (Frank); beloved grandfather of Lara Shilling (Cameron), Rachel Sarkisian (Allan), Brandon (Amanda), Joseph Cherney (Tina), Joel (Elizabeth), Camille Bokano (Dan), Ryan Polachowski (Bronwyn), Andrea Studley (Ron); and dear great-grandfather of Gavin Shilling, Tyler Sarkisian, Gina Bokano, Miranda Shilling, Emma Sarkisian, Trevor Cherney, Cadan Bokano, Conner Cherney, Kynlee Schmidt, Bradan Bokano, Lily Schmidt, Emilio Schmidt, Declan Studley, Stella Schmidt, and the late Noel Studley. Following St. Stanislaus High School, he attended George Trade School, Detroit, training to be a machinist. After 10 years at Cadillac Motor Car Company, he worked at the Warren Tank Automotive Command (TACOM), retiring in 1982. A World War II Army veteran, he proudly served as an East Detroit volunteer fireman for nearly 25 years. Walter was a member of the Leo XIII Knights of Columbus and an active parishioner of St. Veronica's Eastpointe and St. Martin DePorres Warren. The last remaining of 10 children, Walter will be remembered most for his devotion to his handicapped daughter, Paulette. Walter set an example for fathers and grandfathers everywhere by taking care of Paulette for 67 years while making each and every family member feel loved and very "special".

Visitation Friday from 1-9 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile Rd) Shelby Township. Instate Saturday, at 9:00 a.m. followed by a 9:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Martin DePorres Church, 31555 Hoover Rd. (N. of 13 Mile Rd) Warren. Internment at Resurrection Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 286-9020

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
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Rosary

FEB 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
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Shelby Township, MI 48315
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Instate at Church

FEB **28**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Martin de Porres
31555 Hoover
Warren, Mi

Funeral Mass

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31555 Hoover
Warren, Mi

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Dr. Thomas you & your entire Family have my extreme sorrow for the Death Of Your Beloved Father Walter. Remember JESUS Words "Happy Are Those Mourn, Since They Will Be Comforted. Matthew 5:4.*



James Saunders - March 15, 2015 at 01:28 PM

BG

“ *Dear Family, Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Eileen and Stan (Kwasnik) in Florida and Barry and Margaret Gogolewski could not be with you at Mass. Many times in the past, Walter Gogolewski would tell our family of the wonderful times he and our mother, Verna, and your mother, Reggie, would have good old times playing cards and being together so many occasions. When our parents are gone its a sad sad time, but we always have our memories to keep us close together. God Bless your family and guide you through your sorrows.*

Barry Gogolewski

Barry Gogolewski - February 26, 2015 at 07:01 PM

RM

“ *I was very sorry to hear about Mr. Schmidt's passing. As someone who knows firsthand about his devotion to Paulette, I can say that there must be an especially wonderful place in heaven for him. Best Wishes, Regina MacIntyre (caregiver)*

Regina MacIntyre - February 26, 2015 at 11:53 AM

BJ

“ As a Cody High '59 classmate of Nancy Rusk Schmidt, I offer my sympathy in the passing of your Father (her father-in-law). I am fortunate enough to still have my Dad, but know that he would have well earned his promised day of rest. know it will be rough but know through our faith we grieve, but not as those who have no hope.

Brenda Jackson Johns - February 22, 2015 at 06:02 PM

EF

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Schmidt family.

The Eastpointe Professional Firefighters

Eastpointe Firefighters - February 22, 2015 at 08:07 AM

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Eastpointe Firefighters - February 22, 2015 at 08:03 AM

GT

“ *To my Dear Godfather and Dearest Uncle,
My parents definitely knew what they were doing when they picked
you for my Godfather. You have always been there for me. I was
truly blessed to have you in my life for so many years. I have such
fond memories that I will always cherish and hold close to my heart.*

*I can only imagine the reunion going on in Heaven. You had quite a
welcoming committee. You were truly a saint on earth and always
put everyone else's needs first. You have definitely earned your
reward of eternal life and can now dance with the angels. Rest in
peace Uncle Walter!*

*Love,
Gloria (Da Niece) Tuchowski*

Gloria Tuchowski - February 21, 2015 at 07:42 PM