



Xavier John Bonkowski

April 13, 1922 - September 10, 2012

X. John Bonkowski of Roseville, passed away on Monday, September 10, 2012 at the age of 90. He was born April 13, 1922 in Detroit, Michigan to John and Julia (nee Stankiewicz) Bonkowski.

John was a United States Army Veteran serving during World War II and member of the PLAV. He retired from General Motors as a Model Maker and was a member of Our Lady Queen of All Saints Catholic Church in Fraser.

Beloved husband of the late Rose. Dear father of Kathi (Craig) Stachecki, Jan Sewick, Ron Bonkowski and Dennis (Barb) Bonkowski. Loving grandfather of 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Brother of Jane, John, Dolores and the late Genevieve and Irene. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation Friday 2-9 p.m. with a PLAV Post 169 Service 6:30 p.m. and a 7 p.m. Evening Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover) Warren. Instate Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of All Saints Church 31740 Cyril Drive (corner of Masonic) Fraser. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.wasikfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Scripture Service

SEP **14.** 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate at Church

SEP **15.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pio of Pietrelcina - Our Lady Queen of All Saints
31740 Cyril Drive
Fraser, MI 48026

Funeral Mass

SEP **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pio of Pietrelcina - Our Lady Queen of All Saints
31740 Cyril Drive
Fraser, MI 48026

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Dear Godfather, thank you for touching my life. May all those whose lives you touched be thankful for those moments.

Dan Reichel - September 16, 2012 at 10:15 AM

BT

“ I know I speak for all of my family when I say how grateful we were for Mr. Bonkowski's presence at the funeral home when our mother, Wilma Trudeau, died in January, 2010. We all recalled the days living on Hickory street in Detroit across from the Bonkowski household. I remember Mr. B's gentle sense of humor, and actually remember going to a Veterans' Reunion with Kathy and the family in the Niagara Falls area. Mr. B was devoted to maintaining links with his fellow veterans and honoring their service. Living now in Europe for the last 28 years I understand the importance of the American troops' involvement in the ending months of World War II. I will always associate that effort with my memories of Mr. Bonkowski. To Kathy, Jan, Ron, and Dennis, and their spouses and extended families, I'd like to send my condolences and extend my heartfelt sympathy. I loved the photos that were posted on this site. They will help me to keep in mind the warm-hearted and kind friends and neighbors that John and Rose Bonkowski were.

Barbara Trudeau - September 15, 2012 at 07:13 AM

RS

“ John Bonkowski, grandpa to my kids and great grandpa to Matt's children, passed away last night. John literally taught me everything I know about plumbing, electricity, drywall and carpentry. The only reason I can do any of those things was thanks to his patience, guidance and setting an example. But most of all, he showed us all what being a dad and a wonderful husband consisted of, and we all I earned from his example. He demonstrated loyalty and dedication to family.

You will not find a soul that will speak ill of John, as he treated everyone with respect, had a great sense of humor and was always willing to serve anyone and everyone with whom he came in contact.

He was part of the Great Generation that served in the infantry in WWII and was on the front lines in Europe. He wouldn't speak too much of those times, but we knew that we all owed him and his comrades a debt of gratitude for his service, which ultimately freed so many thousands of people in Europe.

Rest In Peace, John. You exited in the same peaceful, graceful, gentle manner that you lead your life. You have impacted generations of us that follow you, and will always remain dear to us. May we all follow your example.

Rick Sewick - September 14, 2012 at 11:03 PM

RF

“ I'm very sorry to hear of the family's loss, John will be missed. Chester and I always enjoyed the Resurrection Class Reunions and it seems like the end of an era. John was a compassionate and good friend. He was there for support when Chester passed last year and that will never be forgotten. Masses will be said in his name at Our Lady Queen of All Saints. My Sympathies, Ruth Frederick

Ruth Frederick - September 14, 2012 at 01:05 PM

JG

“ You brought great joy to my Mother, Adele (Goluda) Gorski with the yearly "Resurrection Class of 1936" newsletter.....she treasured those years and those memories of days gone. I enjoyed corresponding with John after the death of my Mother, and sending in "updates" for the newsletter. John, I never got to meet you in person, but I look forward to the day when I can meet you in heaven.

*Jim Gorski
Kearney, Missouri*

Jim Gorski - September 12, 2012 at 08:38 PM

NS

“ Mr Bonkowski had the biggest heart and was so kind. All he had to do was walk into the room and already he had you smiling. You knew a cute joke would follow within minutes. My sympathy to Jan, Dennis and Kathi and Ron on the passing of such a great Dad. Special thoughts go out to the grandchildren Matthew, Paul, Julia and Andrew. Grandpa B as they so lovingly called him was just such a great grandfather to them. We will all miss him so.

Nancy Sewick

Nancy Sewick - September 12, 2012 at 05:50 PM

LR

“ I am so sorry about your father. He was such an incredible person. My thoughts, prayers and love go out to you and your family. If there were more men like your father out there this world would be a much better place. I feel privileged to have known him.

liz rayon - September 12, 2012 at 01:44 PM

LJ

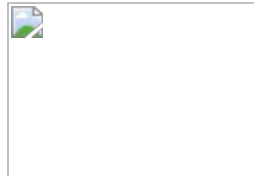
“ I only got to meet Mr Bonkowski a couple of times but I was able to see what a great person he was. I know that he meant a lot to the family and how close he was to everybody. I'm glad to had the opportunity to get to meet him and I will never forget his sense of humor.

I'm so sorry for the family's loss. I'm sending my love and support.

Luis A. Jimenez - September 11, 2012 at 08:57 PM

SS

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Sharon Stachecki - September 11, 2012 at 09:13 AM

PS

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



XJ Bonkowski
2004



Xavier John
Bonkowski, c. 1945



Grandma &
Grandpa Together
Again

Paul Sewick - September 11, 2012 at 07:58 AM

SS

“ Aunt Kathi & Family,

I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. May God bless you over the next several days, weeks and months ahead.

Spencer A. Skorupski - September 10, 2012 at 05:44 PM

MS

“ *We will miss you Grandpa! Your good nature and funny jokes will be missed but not forgotten. We are at peace knowing you are in Heaven with Grandama.*

Matthew Sewick - September 10, 2012 at 03:53 PM

TM

We are sorry to hear your dad passed away. Mary and I hope the typewriter served him well, during the short time he had it. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Tim McCloskey - September 15, 2012 at 08:01 AM