



Albert Hatala

January 20, 1923 - September 3, 2017

Hatala, Albert Joseph, age 94, of Troy, passed away September 3, 2017.

Mr. Hatala was born January 20, 1923 in Hnilec, Czechoslovakia (now Slovakia) to Jan and Katarina Krempasky Hatala. He came to the U.S. at 6 years of age and attended Ss. Cyril and Methodius School, Burroughs Junior High, and graduated in 1942 from Northeastern High School, all in Detroit. In WWII, he enlisted in the 5th Army, 2nd Corps Combat Engineers and served from 1943 to 1945 in Africa, combat in Italy as part of the European Campaign under Gen. Mark Clark, and in the Philippines. Mr. Hatala retired in 1984, after 33 years, from General Motors as a supervisor of the Patent Drafting Section. After retirement, he became active in Senior Olympics, competing in tennis, archery, javelin, and pickleball, where he won many medals in Michigan, mostly in tennis. He qualified and played tennis in 9 National Senior Games and won bronze in 2009 and silver in 2011 and 2013. He won gold in pickleball in the 2013 National Senior Games held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Albert was predeceased by his first wife, Alice VanRillaer Hatala, his son Ronald, and his brothers John and Steve.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Mary Sutch Hatala, whom he married in Salzburg, Austria; his daughter Sue and Joe Roebuck; son Tom; daughter-in-law Debbie; and grandchildren Chris and Jenna Roebuck, Jenny Roebuck,

Ben and Mackenzie Hatala, and Dan Hatala. He is also survived by Mary's family: Scott and Shelly Toenniges, Lindsay and Mark Ramseyer, Jeff and Lisa Toenniges; grandchildren Matt and Elaine Toenniges, Sean and Lauren Toenniges, Kristen and Cam Bowman, Alex Toenniges, Delia Ramseyer and Kit Toenniges; and great-grandchildren Robyn, Dominic, Alanna and Tristan Toenniges.

Visitation Thursday 2-7:30 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Friday, in-state 11:00 am until time of Mass, 12 noon at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan Rd. (NW corner of 18 Mile and Ryan), Sterling Heights.

Memorial contributions to Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial, P.O. Box 237, Royal Oak, MI 48068.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Mass

SEP 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church
41233 Ryan Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Tribute Wall



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Albert Hatala.* ”



September 07, 2017 at 09:03 PM



“ *Hal Milton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Albert Hatala.* ”



Hal Milton - September 07, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert Hatala.* ”



September 06, 2017 at 05:15 PM



“ *Barbara Hatala, Kathy, Jamie, Tom, Steve & Lynn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Albert Hatala.* ”



Barbara Hatala, Kathy, Jamie, Tom, Steve & Lynn - September 06, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Albert Hatala.*



September 06, 2017 at 10:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert Hatala.*



September 05, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ *Your Wattles Creek neighbors purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Albert Hatala.*



Your Wattles Creek neighbors - September 05, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Albert Hatala.*



September 05, 2017 at 10:07 AM