



## Benjamin L. Schwegman

June 15, 1933 - August 2, 2019

Benjamin Leroy Schwegman, beloved spouse of Katherine Schwegman, was born 1933 and raised in Richmond, Indiana. He was a graduate of Marmion Military Academy High School in 1951. He graduated from Dayton University with a Political Science Degree in 1955 and continued his graduate work at Indiana University.

Ben started his career as a computer programmer at Shell Oil Company. He worked at General Motors Chevrolet Division in purchasing. In 1973, with his entrepreneurial spirit, he started Schwegman and Associates, a manufacturing representative company which he ran for over 40 years. He also started, developed and sold several businesses throughout his career including Empire Electronics Inc., Auburn Metalfab, Precision Plastics Molding and Ultra Manufacturing .

He was a Parishioner at Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica for more than 50 years. He was an active member of Red Run Golf and Country Club, Detroit Athletic Club and the Serra Club.

Benjamin is survived by his wife Kathie. He has five children, Ann Doman (Ted), Joe Schwegman (Julia), John Schwegman (Lorry), Jean Bryant (Andrew), Patty Maddison (Todd); three step children, Craig DeJong (Amy), Sandra Ushev (Hristo), Ryan DeJong; eighteen grandkids (Claire, Steven, Kristopher (Brittany), Joseph, Mark, Madeline, Eric, Max, Erica, Jack, Anna, Jack, Katherine, Colin, Mary, Benjamin, Elena, Lindsey); three step grandchildren (Adam, Evan Grace, Elizabeth); and two great-grandchildren

(Charlotte, Wells). Remembered by Marilyn Schwegman, the mother of his children.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica or a charity of your choice are appreciated..

Visitation will take place Thursday, August 8, from 2 - 8 p.m. (Rosary 7:00) at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Royal Oak (4 blocks E. of Woodward). Funeral Mass Friday, 10 a.m. (in-state 9:30), at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall (see tab above).

# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary

AUG 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Schwegman was always good to my family, and even gave me one of my first jobs when I was 16. He was always generous and caring to me.  
Sad to hear of his passing and I will always carry fond memories of him.*

*Andy Englehart*

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**Andy Englehart** - August 09, 2019 at 12:57 PM

WJ

“ *Mr. Schwegman was one of my 8th grade football coaches. He was awesome at how looked at the game from a different prospective. Always funny and encouraging. He always made me feel like a part of the team.*

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**Walter Woods Jr** - August 09, 2019 at 07:16 AM

JC

“ *To Joe John Jean Patty and Ann and the rest of the crew, I have nothing but fond memories of your dad, growing up down the street, seeing him at games or around the neighborhood, always getting a warm hello with a funny comment or two. Will miss bumping into him now and then, as our paths continued to cross over the years. I always walked away with a smile glad we engaged however briefly. Prayers for your family from mine.*

*Joe Cross*

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**Joe Cross** - August 08, 2019 at 11:12 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Benjamin L. Schwegman.



August 08, 2019 at 06:32 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin L. Schwegman.



August 07, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ With love, Drew, Jill, Jerry, Molly and Adam purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Benjamin L. Schwegman.



**With love, Drew, Jill, Jerry, Molly and Adam - August 07, 2019 at 08:58 AM**



“ The Wellinski Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Benjamin L. Schwegman.



**The Wellinski Family - August 06, 2019 at 08:34 AM**



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin L. Schwegman.



August 05, 2019 at 05:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin L. Schwegman.



August 05, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ Joey and Stacy Ceglarek purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Benjamin L. Schwegman.



**Joey and Stacy Ceglarek** - August 05, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin L. Schwegman.



August 05, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Benjamin L. Schwegman.



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August 05, 2019 at 10:02 AM

MM

“ Dear Schwegman Family,



*Uncle Ben was a wonderful, kind, and generous human being. Our family always admired his rearing skills and how he instilled such character and depth in his kids. This enabled his children to grow up being able to handle whatever life threw at them. I know you may not have always liked the discipline and strong work ethic he pursued, but boy did it pay off. Schwegmans' have always been tough and resilient. My parents used to share "character building" stories with us regarding times when Uncle Ben dealt out some tough love. I still remember a few of them. Uncle Ben implemented fantastic values and strong morals that allowed him to hit a home run with his family. Yes, Aunt Marilyn had a lot to do with that, too! I appreciate how he always made me feel welcome and important.*

*On a more humorous note, Uncle Ben contributed to providing Joe and John with a fantastic head of hair. What a blessing. Finally, I hope Uncle Ben knows that it was not I who directed the darts into the ceiling of the basement during those Thanksgiving visits. It was the Matthews kids.*

*Uncle Ben no longer has cancer or any other ailment. If you can hear his voice, he is saying "I'm doing just fine in this wonderful place. I will continue to cheer you all on from above".*

*All The Best,*

*Mike McGlinchey*

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**Mike McGlinchey** - August 04, 2019 at 03:57 AM

JS

*Well said and thank you Mike!*

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**john schwegman** - August 04, 2019 at 12:16 PM

TO

*Schwegman family*

*Very sorry for your loss . He truly was a strong, remarkably talented man that commanded respect for his many accomplishments beginning with his children! Raised to be kind generous and resilient all devoted to the meaning of family ! His legacy will absolutely live on forever. Love the O'Connors*

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**Tina OConnor** - August 05, 2019 at 06:47 AM

CM

*Condolences from Chris and David from CCS. Ben was a very nice man and we enjoyed working with him for many years.*

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**CCS of Michigan** - August 05, 2019 at 08:51 AM

KR

*"Every man's death diminishes me....."~ John Donne. This quote completely explains the grief we feel upon receiving the news of Ben's passing. God Bless Everyone!!!*

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**K Rüb** - August 05, 2019 at 12:50 PM

KR

*Amen!!!*

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**K Rüb** - August 05, 2019 at 12:51 PM

SL

*So very sorry for your loss. Such a beautiful family!*

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**shelley Brenner Lines** - August 05, 2019 at 05:26 PM

JR

*Joe, I am sorry for your loss.*

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**JoAnn Rogers** - August 05, 2019 at 06:52 PM