



Daniel W. Pacholski

December 7, 1942 - January 22, 2025

Daniel Walter Pacholski

Born on December 7, 1942, Dan was the eldest of three children born to Walter and Jean (Nowakowski) Pacholski, alongside his sisters Lorraine (Maze) and Shirley (Berry). With Walter and Jean serving as excellent role models of Christian values, hard work, and leadership in the family, Dan will be remembered as a loving father, a beloved grandfather, and a caring friend. Growing up on St. Louis the King Street in Detroit, Dan met his neighbor and future wife, Marge Lietzau. He graduated from De La Salle High School, class of 1960. Dan and Marge married in 1964 and had three much-loved children: Bob (Sandie), Sandy (Vince Coccimiglio), and Tom. The family lived in Fraser for more than a decade before moving to Lake Orion in the 1990s. Later, Dan earned the affectionate nickname "Papa Dan" when he became a proud grandfather to Lisa, Michael, Makayla, and Giavanna. He felt honored to attend countless dance recitals, theater productions, choir concerts, sporting events, and school functions, all of which he jokingly referred to as "Papa torture."

Dan had a successful career at TACOM as an Item Manager, responsible for the global deployment of the HMMWV (Hummer). After 25 years of service and a gold watch, he retired to build numerous birdhouses and squirrel chairs. However, finding retirement less than fulfilling, he returned to work in roles that allowed him to still enjoy his favorite activities, such as fishing on Lake Orion, relaxing on his pontoon boat on Lake Vorheis, or researching Florida

real estate.

Dan's close family and friends are blessed with many fond memories of camping trips to Pinery Provincial Park and the Great Smoky Mountains, summers in Tawas City, MI, as well as religiously playing volleyball every Tuesday and Thursday night. After nearly 50 years of marriage, Marge passed away. Dan later found a partner in Patty Barczewski, and together they enjoyed a relaxing retirement in Sterling Heights.

Dan passed away on January 22, 2025, at the age of 82. He was passionate about hockey, particularly his beloved Detroit Red Wings. His gentle nature, quiet wit, competitive spirit and colorful language will remain forever imprinted on all who knew him.

Dan's family will receive friends for visitation on Saturday, January 25, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of his funeral service at 12:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. Interment at Utica Cemetery, Utica. Please share a story of Dan or leave a tribute for his family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Utica Cemetery

46325 Shelby Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Daniel W. Pacholski.* ”



January 24, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ *All of us at Byers Wrecker Service purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Daniel W. Pacholski.* ”



All of us at Byers Wrecker Service - January 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel W. Pacholski.* ”



January 23, 2025 at 11:24 PM



“ *The Dugan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel W. Pacholski.* ”

The Dugan Family - January 23, 2025 at 10:01 PM

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“ *The Dugan Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Daniel W. Pacholski.*



The Dugan Family - January 23, 2025 at 10:01 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Daniel W. Pacholski.*



January 23, 2025 at 03:29 PM

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“ *Gayle and Al Nelson purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Daniel W. Pacholski.*



Gayle and Al Nelson - January 23, 2025 at 10:08 AM