



Francis J. Schmidt

October 8, 1938 - December 3, 2016

Francis J. Schmidt, age 78, Passed away on December 3, 2016. Beloved husband of Veronica Matarwe Schmidt. Loving father of Madonna (Bruce) Wenner, Angel (Lou) Suvak, Michelle (Tim) Hutchison and Heather (Mike) Schutz. Proud grandfather of Maria (Dan), Jessica, Kody, Alise, Daniella, Kara, Ryan and Adam. Dear brother of Gerald (Ginny) Schmidt, Cecelia (Kotaro) Nakamura, Bernard (Vicky) Schmidt and Anita Schmidt. Brother-in-law of Gloria (Mark) Viegelahn. Predeceased by his sister RoseMarie Paetesch and brother Leonard Schmidt. He was a 4th Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the St. Lawrence parish council. Francis will lie in state Wednesday 11:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 12:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road, Utica. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Prince of Peace Crematory

18201 Clinton River Rd.
Clinton Township, MI 480

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 7. 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall

MT

“ *My condolences to the family. Death claims the lives of those we loved. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25*

Ms. Tuffy - December 08, 2016 at 05:58 AM

MP

“ *Michael Paetsch lit a candle in memory of Francis J. Schmidt*



Michael Paetsch - December 07, 2016 at 08:02 AM

JH

“ *This is for Ronni and Frank's 4 beautiful daughters. This is Uncle Jim and Aunt Joie from too many years ago. I am so sorry to learn of the passing of my dear friend. Frank was the first person I met at Big Bear Markets when I got there as a packer when we were about 16 years old. He showed me the ropes of my first employment. I learned how to bowl at St Jude's youth group with him and his brother. We went to U of D High School together. We double dated. I met him in Washington DC once during Spring Break while he was in the Army. Every time I was in the Detroit area, we made a point to visit him and the girls with our 2 daughters Sharon and Karen. Joie learned to ride a bicycle on one of our visits. I admired his progress in the automobile job market to his eventual position as a manager at General Motors. I envied his talents of being able to fix anything or build anything. We enjoyed our visits, watching those precious girls grow up along with ours. We were so privileged to be invited to and to attend Heather Susie and Michele's wedding. Wish we could have been to all of them. I remember our trip to Gatlinburg TN, when we were so pleased to have Frank and Ronni join us for a week at our time share there. Little did we know Frank was very familiar with the area and treated us as our personal guide. I have so many stories of our friendship starting so many years ago. I wish we could be there to attend the service and be with his beautiful family. I hope on our next trip to your area we can get together so I can meet spouses and children. Frank meant a lot to me in my formative years. I looked up to him and enjoyed hearing his wonderful stories. I miss him already and I will miss him forever. Ronni, my sincere condolences to you and the family as we grieve this great loss. Please keep in touch. With all our love,
Jim and Joie Houle*

Jim Houle - December 06, 2016 at 10:24 PM

MP

“ *Uncle Francis was always kind and generous to me. I'll remember him forever. Rest in Peace Dear Uncle. Love , Michael Brian*

Hugs & kisses to "The Family", especially Veronica. God Bless & Peace be with you!

Michael Paetsch - December 06, 2016 at 02:59 PM

KF

“ *Kevin, Annette and your BHF family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Francis J. Schmidt .*



Kevin, Annette and your BHF family - December 06, 2016 at 02:50 PM

DD

“ *Dsign Center Materials Department lit a candle in memory of Francis J. Schmidt*



Dsign Center Materials Department - December 06, 2016 at 11:16 AM

CN

My brother, my friend, my counselor...I miss him so much. I will be forever grateful for Francis bringing Ronni into our family.

Cecilia Nakamura - January 11, 2017 at 02:52 PM

JT

“ *Joyce Terrell lit a candle in memory of Francis J. Schmidt*



Joyce Terrell - December 06, 2016 at 08:32 AM

JP

“ *I knew Francis from a church group at St.Lawrence since about 1997 and got to know him and his wife Ronni very well. Darlene and I went to many movies events and shows plus have camped with them . Ronni we are so sorry for your great loss but knowing you did all you could in his time of need. Francis was a very smart and faithful man who knew a lot about many things. One time when I hardly knew Francis well I was driving away from mass one Sunday not paying enough attention Francis was walking out of mass and I even tho I was driving slow I nearly hit him, we laughed about that often but thank God no one was hurt. Rest in peace dear friend*

Jack Peake

Jack Peake - December 05, 2016 at 01:37 PM

PA

“ *Dear Ronni.....Bruce and I are so so sorry for your loss. We had only met Francis a couple of times but from what we had heard he was a wonderful man and very handsome. It's so hard to let them go but you had 8 wonderful years with him and he no longer suffers. He is in good hands now and with family and friends up in Heaven! Take care of yourself and know that we love you! Pat & Bruce Allen*

Pat Allen - December 05, 2016 at 01:04 PM



“ *Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of Francis J. Schmidt .*



December 05, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ *Julie Mueller lit a candle in memory of Francis J. Schmidt*



Julie Mueller - December 05, 2016 at 08:08 AM



“ *Jack lit a candle in memory of Francis J. Schmidt*



jack - December 04, 2016 at 04:05 PM