



## Gary J. Reggio

August 23, 1943 - March 2, 2017

Reggio, Gary J., age 73, of Royal Oak, passed away March 2, 2017. Beloved husband of Peggy; loving father of Karen (David) Pauwels and Ann (Robert) Conte; loving stepfather of Kelly (Brian) Fair, Catherine Brokaw and Stephen (Natalia) Brokaw; and proud grandfather of nine grandchildren.

Gary received his master's degree from Wayne State University in 1967. He worked as a college administrator at Wayne State for 20 years, owned and operated ATR Training Resources for 17 years, and then after retirement, he became a crossing guard for the Royal Oak Public Schools.

Memorial visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Family will receive friends Monday 11:30 a.m. until the time of the memorial Mass 12 noon at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak.

Memorials to the Langsford Musical Society, 23455 Hagen Road, Macomb, MI 48042 are appreciated.

Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 5. 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/>

## Memorial Mass

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

GG

“ I sang with Gary under Harry Langsford, in the WSU MGC duing the mid-60s (including the 1965 Eisteddfod tour). After college, I sang with The United States Army Chorus in Washington D.C., for 23 years. Gary was a great musician, a fabulous friend, and a trusted leader. I returned to Michigan two years ago to visit the Langsford Singers... and reconnected with Gary.... as if the years had been minutes! I'm sorry he is gone and will always remember his friendship and warm smile. My deepest condolences to his family.

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**Gerry Goodale** - May 24, 2017 at 05:49 PM

DE

“ Peggy and Family,  
We are very sorry to have heard of Gary's passing. Please accept our condolences.  
He was truly one of a kind.

*Bladen and Denise*

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**Denise** - March 26, 2017 at 03:18 PM

AR

“ Alicia Rodman lit a candle in memory of Gary  
J. Reggio



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**Alicia Rodman** - March 07, 2017 at 04:19 PM

AR

*Dearest Ann,*

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. You and all of your family are in my prayers.*

*Much, Much, Love,  
Alicia R.*

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**Alicia Rodman** - March 07, 2017 at 04:22 PM

LW

“*Dear Peggy and Family,  
Our heartfelt condolences to you all. I had the pleasure of reuniting with Gary when he came to do some handy work at our home through Royal Oak's ROSES Program. What a surprise because I recognized him through my college recruiter days at W.S.U. back several decades ago. In addition, his crossing guard post is within sight of where I volunteer at Royal Oak's Historical Museum. All these things speak to how active and happy he was in life and the community. He spoke of you all with much pride and fondness. We regret we were not aware of his passing until today when we were on the website reviewing another obituary. Going forward, Randy and I will remember Gary as we turn on the light he installed in our den. Libby/Randy Walker*

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**L. Walker** - March 07, 2017 at 09:52 AM

MT

“*My condolences to the family. No one is ever totally prepared for the death of a loved one. When death strikes the pain and grief can seem unbearable. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25*

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**Ms. Tuffy** - March 07, 2017 at 06:07 AM

GT

“ From a shared bottle of chianti on a Venice gondola (1965 men's glee club tour) to whimsy-touched wisdom in Langsford Men's Chorus leadership, Gary will always be a prized collection of memories.

Gowan

Gowan Thamer - March 05, 2017 at 09:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary J. Reggio.



March 05, 2017 at 05:44 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary J. Reggio.



March 04, 2017 at 04:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary J. Reggio.



March 04, 2017 at 03:43 PM

LW

“ *Laura Ricci, Nicole Ruby and Alisa Winowiecki purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Gary J. Reggio.*



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**Laura Ricci, Nicole Ruby and Alisa Winowiecki** - March 04, 2017 at 02:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary J. Reggio.*



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March 03, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Gary J. Reggio.*



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March 03, 2017 at 09:35 PM

WS

“ *Gary was always so warm and welcoming when I came to town. I loved seeing the sincere warm love between him and Peggy! His presence in our family was, us and always be a gift to those of us whose life he touched with his joy of living! May he rest in peace and rise in glory!*



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**Wendy Sullivan** - March 03, 2017 at 06:38 PM

MH

*Gary and Peggy, thank you for opening your lives to the brotherhood which is the Langsford Men's Chorus. Gary's emails and announcements when he was "el presidente" were marvelous! We witnessed his caring for us and we hope we can represent him well. It is a legacy we are all proud of and an honor to offer tribute to Gary and hold Peggy in our collective embrace. Brother Gary, Sing On!*

**Matt Hackett** - March 04, 2017 at 07:08 PM

SE

*Dear Peggy and family,  
So, so sorry am I and so many others that disease took away the life of Gary! May the chorus he joins in the great abundance of heavenly music fill your soul and the hearts of all of us who treasured his life and voice among us!  
Prayers and love,  
Sister Noreen*

**Sr Noreen Ellison** - March 05, 2017 at 09:39 AM

JH

“ *Joe Hetz purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary J. Reggio.*



**Joe Hetz** - March 03, 2017 at 05:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary J. Reggio.*



March 03, 2017 at 03:55 PM

JA

“ *Ann, Karen and all of Gary's loved ones - we are saddened to hear of this world's loss and heaven's gain.*

*Ann - I fondly recall the few times I had the opportunity to spend with you and your dad...and his incredible meat salads!*

*May you bask in the fond memories of the life and times you shared together. All of the moments. His teachings, wisdom and guidance.*

*Warmly in sympathy,  
Jason "JK" Koenigsknecht*

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**Jason** - March 03, 2017 at 10:03 AM

MW

“ *Mel and Janice Wilmot purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary J. Reggio.*



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**Mel and Janice Wilmot** - March 03, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary J. Reggio.*



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March 03, 2017 at 09:18 AM

CP

“ Dear Peggy, Kelly and family,  
My heart is aching for you. I pray your loving memories of Gary will comfort you as you grieve his passing. May God hold you in the palm of his hand now and forever.  
Cyndi Peltonen

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**Cyndi Peltonen** - March 03, 2017 at 07:15 AM

MO

“ Gary was a very special friend. He and I sang together in the WSUMGC, thus our bond. He always kept me up to date on the activities of LMC, and he was central to my invitation to be a guest clinician at a fall camp of the LMC a few years ago. I will miss him, as will his many friends and colleagues. Trudy and I send our deepest love and sympathies to his family.

*Milt Olsson*

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**Milton Olsson** - March 02, 2017 at 11:14 PM

ME

“ Gary was a wonderful man with a winning personality. His picture shows that trait well. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. I was a member of the Langsford Mens Chorus with him. His leadership had a great deal with the organization's substantial success.

*Merlin Ekstrom*

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**Merlin Ekstrom** - March 02, 2017 at 10:21 PM

DS

“ *Diana Pauwels, Anne and Tony Cuevas, and Stryker purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Gary J. Reggio.*



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**Diana Pauwels, Anne and Tony Cuevas, and Stryker** - March 02, 2017 at 09:47 PM

RC

“ *Gary was a joy! Whenever you were with him you just knew you were going to have a good time. He enjoyed life! Always smiling and giving out big hugs. Peggy we are so sorry for his loss from all of your family. We know he is at peace and enjoying himself with all the great men in our family that left life too soon. Our thought and prayers are with you.*

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**Rob and Lori Campion** - March 02, 2017 at 09:21 PM

SW

“ *Gary has been a wonderful friend since 1963 when we met in the Wayne State University Mens Glee Club. We've traveled Europe together with the group, and we have enjoyed and supported each other since the mid 60's. Because of the relationship with me and all others, I know he will RIP [rest in peace].*

*Stanley Waldon*

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**Stanley Waldon** - March 02, 2017 at 08:23 PM

MK

“ Peggy, we are so sorry for your loss. Gary had a spirit of life that was exactly what singing in the Langsford chorus was all about...reveling in song and companionship that gave purpose to all of us who were with him. We have lost a brother in song and will forever miss his presence. You too, Peggy, are our sister and such a part of us as well and we grieve with you during this time. Please know that we welcome you to be with us any time you desire.  
Katherine and Melek Kayser

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**Melek Kayser** - March 02, 2017 at 06:59 PM

CB

“ Peggy, I knew Gary way before Brian I worked with him at WSU at the business school. He was always so kindhearted and always had a joke and a smile. It was so funny when I met him again at a Biafore family BBQ it was so ironic that we would be related through marriage. What a wonderful man we will miss him greatly! all our love to you.

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**Colleen M. Biafore** - March 02, 2017 at 06:16 PM

TM

“ Peggy, you know how sorry we are. We will never forget Gary's smile, sense of humor, and singing voice. His Dream Cruise parties were some of the best times we ever had, mostly because we could see how much he loved them. Please call or walk over and visit any time.

Love, Tom and Pat Mervak

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**Tom and Pat Mervak** - March 02, 2017 at 05:56 PM

SK

“ We are truly sooo very sorry for your loss, Peggy and family. Gary was the best! The most genuine person and always smiled . You are blessed to have been married to this wonderful man. May your wonderful memories help you. Love you lots.

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**sheryl kaminer** - March 02, 2017 at 05:47 PM

AZ

“ He was always so kind when we were town for a family gathering. He loved his family and always had a smile. Peggy may you feel his presence with you always. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.

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**Aimee Zbiegien** - March 02, 2017 at 05:04 PM

MS

“ Gary was an extraordinary guy. There isn't anyone who could brighten or lighten up a room like Gary. I will always remember his contagious smile and his up beat personality. Peggy, you have our sympathy. He will be greatly missed.

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**Marianne Solomon** - March 02, 2017 at 04:14 PM

LH

“ Peggy, Sally told me of your loss. I'm so sorry. I didn't know him well, but I know how close you are and he was with Sally and Dick, and how much of a rock you both were for Sally last year. Know that you're in my family's thoughts and prayers.

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**Lee Hoffman** - March 02, 2017 at 03:13 PM

PA

“ Peggy,  
Our deepest condolences to you.... There are no words to say just how sorry we are for your loss. We'll always remember the fun times we had with you guys. No more suffering . We all know he'll always be missed,but never forgotten.  
Patti and Sandy Pounders



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**patti** - March 02, 2017 at 01:08 PM

DH

Margaret,  
From the very beginning Gary fit right in. Never a doubt. He had a winning personality and a smile that we will surely miss. He left you suddenly and way too soon. I hope it's comforting to know that he is in the arms of his Lord and Savior.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Larry and Marie

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**donna holbrook** - March 04, 2017 at 03:59 PM