



Gary Anthony Rojeski

January 3, 1948 - May 25, 2017

Rojeski, Gary A. Age 69. Resident of Shelby Township, formerly of Utica and Sterling Heights, passed away in Clinton Township on May 25, 2017. Gary was born on January 3, 1948 to the late Geraldine and Ben Rojeski. He graduated from Utica High School and academically studied education at the bachelors and masters level. Gary impacted countless lives as a result of his involvement in Utica Ford as well as Utica High School football. He later retired after 34 years of service within the Utica Community Schools. In his leisure time, Gary was often spotted playing golf or attending sporting events such as a Detroit Tigers game. Above everything else, Gary valued the importance of family. He found no greater pleasure than being around his beloved wife, Penny, his adored children and cherished grandchildren.

Beloved husband to Penny (nee Graham) for 47 years; loving father of Chad (Katie) Rojeski, Kyle (Kate) Rojeski, Adam (Deja) Rojeski; proud grandfather of Alyssa, Marlee, Haley, Reya, Ruby, and Mack Rojeski.

Visitation at the Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke), Utica on Monday from 1-9 pm with a memory sharing service at 7 pm. Visitation Tuesday from 9 am until time of funeral service at 12 pm at the funeral home. Interment at Utica Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the Gary Rojeski Memorial Scholarship Fund are

appreciated. Donations can be made during visitation and on the day of the service with envelopes provided by the funeral home. Donations can also be mailed to the Rojeski family in care of the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, Utica, MI 48317. An option for online donations will be added to this site at a later time. Please feel free to check back at this webpage.

Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Utica Cemetery

46325 Shelby Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
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Memory Sharing Service

MAY 29. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAY 30. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Services

MAY 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PA

“ I was blessed to live next door to Gary for over 29 years. Gary had the biggest, most giving, generous, loving heart. He wasn't afraid to show his emotions - whether it be with laughing, smiling or shedding tears. He was a mentor to hundreds of people. He was one of my best friends, my buddy and my rock. He gave me strength when I had no strength. Gary is now in heaven; how could a man like him not be in heaven? He is now an angel to his 6 beautiful grandchildren, who meant the absolute world to him, as did Penny, Chad, Kyle and Adam and their wives. His shoes cannot be filled. Simply put, he was simply the best. He will be in my heart forever. I will love him forever. Rest In Peace my friend. Love you, Peggy Allman

Peggy Allman - May 29, 2017 at 10:10 PM

PC

“ I had the pleasure of playing football for Coach Rojaske back in 79 & 80. He was the best coach I ever had in any sport, and even a better man. He had an intensity and drive that was second to none. His will to win was contagious to the whole team. I learned how to truly hustle and when I thought I was out of gas, I wasn't, there was always more to give. We all loved him. He was intimidating in a good way. He got the best out of me and he was the last person I ever wanted to disappoint. More importantly than coaching, he set wonderful examples for all of us, at an impressionable age, about how to be a good man. His honesty, class, sense of humor, work ethic and dignity set examples for us all to follow. I look back at those years as some of my most cherished memories in my life. People like Coach Rojaske don't come along very often. He has helped countless boys become good men. A true gem. God bless the Rojaske family
Pete Curlett. Class of 81

pete curlett - May 29, 2017 at 05:18 PM

CL

“ My name is Chris LeClerc and I have been a barber and former owner of Steve and Dukes Barber Shop. Gary has been our customer for as long as I remember and I have been there for 41 years. No one has made me laugh more than he. Whenever Gary arrives all of us want to cut his hair. Such a personality. He had a great love of family and loved to coach. I will miss him more than I can convey. He was my friend and I will never forget him.

Chris LeClerc - May 29, 2017 at 08:40 AM

JP

“ I was in the 1st Class of Henry Ford II, and had the privilege of 4+ great school years around and with Coach Rojas. Together with his fellow coaches and friends they influenced the lives of many players and their families. I am confident my life would not be the same without the influence and experiences they gave me.

I was so very fortunate that our relationship continued and blossomed post high school. I had the rare opportunity to see our relationship transcend from coach and student to friendship. I remember during a couple's trip to Chicago we were in a stand still traffic jam, Coach rolled down his window and said to the person in the car next to us "Grey Poupon?". I could go on and on telling stories; both funny and serious about Coach and how he loved life and lived it to it's fullest.

It's difficult in these times to focus on the all the good, his physical absence will never fade, it will serve as a constant reminder of how great a person he was, and how much he will be missed. He will always be with us. He was a tremendous role model and mentor to everyone who had the privilege to spend time with him.

May God guide the family through this difficult time.

*Jim Purcell
Greenfield, Wisconsin*

Jim Purcell - May 29, 2017 at 06:53 AM

TM

“ I had the honor of playing on Coach Rojaske's first two UHS teams in 83 and 84. I was not a talented player, but Coach did not care. He was always supportive and he made me a better player. More importantly, he made me a better person.

It is because of Coach Rojaske that I became a teacher and a coach and I will always appreciate the two seasons that I was able to coach with him at UHS and Eppler. I will be forever grateful for all of the times we got to talk while I was student teaching. He loved to talk about football and what we were going to do at practice or what we should do differently next game or how teaching would get easier. He also loved to talk about Mrs. Rojaske, Chad, Kyle and Adam. He was ALWAYS willing to talk and listen.

It has been too long since I visited Coach and Mrs. Rojaske on a regular basis, but when I would run into them at Sams Club, Mexican Village or the Macomb Township Community Center or wherever, Coach made me feel like there was no one he would have rather run into. That was just the way he was.

Once at a football camp, Stevenson's Coach Bye called me "one of Rojo's Boys." He was right, back then and still today, I am proud to say, I am one of Rojo's Boys!

The world has lost an influential and wonderful coach and he will be missed by many. Mrs. Rojaske, Chad, Kyle, and Adam, thanks for sharing him with the rest of us!

*Tom Maes
UHS Class of 85*

Tom Maes - May 29, 2017 at 04:57 AM

DR

“ I had the honor of meeting Gary through my friendships with Chad, Kyle, and Adam. I had known of him as he coached a few of my friends and always had respect for him from afar. When I finally did meet him, he had an air about him that is hard to describe. It was apparent that he was different, a man that didn't command respect so much as you wanted to give him that respect. I would have loved to have played for him. He has left behind a legacy that reaches far and wide and positively impacted thousands of lives. His memory will live on through his beautiful wife and wonderful sons, daughter in laws, and his grand children. I will prefer to celebrate a life well lived rather than mourn one that has been lost. God Bless The Rojas family in this difficult time.

David Reid - May 28, 2017 at 08:42 PM

CT

“ Class of 86 Football Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary Anthony Rojas.



Class of 86 Football Team - May 28, 2017 at 05:18 PM

ST

“ Gary and I were classmates since the beginning of Junior High through High School. Gary was always fun and had time for everyone. He was a great Athlete and worked very hard at what he loved. He taught my baby brother at Henry Ford High School.. I remember him saying how tough Gary was as a Coach and when I told my brother how great Gary was as an Athlete and how he was dedicated to what he did, my brother changed his attitude and got really good at wrestling. You will be missed my dear classmate. Sincerely Sheila Tharl

Sheila Tharl - May 28, 2017 at 05:18 PM

JG

“ *John & Shari Goldwater purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Gary Anthony Rojaski.*



John & Shari Goldwater - May 28, 2017 at 01:58 PM

RS

“ *I was the Athletic Trainer at Ford HS for a few years and worked with Gary as he coached football. I also had the pleasure of being his student teacher. We had many laughs together, he taught me to enjoy my job as a teacher and not get too stressed about the little things. We had many laughs to and from football games and shared a seat often. I've always treasured my time at Ford and Gary was a big part of that. He will be missed.*

Rachel Schornak - May 28, 2017 at 01:09 PM

DT

“ *Gary was a great teacher, coach, father and husband. He touched so many lives by being an excellent role model for kids. It was an honor to know him and have him on the staff while at Eppler. Sympathy and prayers for his family.*

Dave Turrel - May 28, 2017 at 06:52 AM

BG

“ Gary and I started our careers many years ago at Sterling Junior High where we all hung around in Jim Barker's tiny office down at the gym. We all loved sports, and most importantly, we all had great wives who supported us and understood that much of our time would be spent in small gyms and on various practice fields. Those years are very special to me, and I realize now how lucky I was to have had such a fine group of people around me. The first time I met Gary, he made me feel like we had always been best friends. A man who makes others comfortable is a true gentleman. That was Gary.

During my time at Ford High School, one day especially stands out. Late in the spring one year, we had been hearing rumors that some fights were supposed to take place after school. I was chosen to go outside and make sure nothing happened. As I stood in the parking lot wondering how I was going to maintain order, about 100 yards away I noticed Gary heading to his car. Happily, he saw that I looked nervous and unsteady, so he decided to walk over and investigate. "What are you doing out here?", he said with that infectious laugh. When I explained that I was the designated enforcer, he started laughing harder. "You're not that tough. I better stay here with you." For the next 40 minutes, we talked about our families and reminisced about the old days. No one's company was ever more appreciated. As he always did, Gary stepped up and put others' needs before his own.

Penny and family, I am truly sorry for your loss.

Rest in Peace old friend, and thank you for always having my back.

Bob Gerhart

Bob Gerhart - May 28, 2017 at 05:49 AM

CI

“ We have such fond memories of our past neighbor. He was such a nice person. Everyone looked up to him. Our heartfelt sympathy to your family at this difficult time.

*The Machala Family
Jerry, Claire, Jay, Cindy Brian*

Cindy - May 27, 2017 at 05:30 PM

LF

“ Love, The Basner, Fournier, and Miller families. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gary Anthony Rojeski.

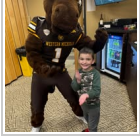


Love, The Basner, Fournier, and Miller families. - May 27, 2017 at 09:59 AM

ZK

“ I was so grateful to have Coach Rojeski as a teacher at Ford, super nice guy, really cared about us kids and always made his classes a lot of fun. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family, you certainly have a guardian angel looking out for you all. God Bless!

Zachary Konopka - May 27, 2017 at 08:58 AM



“ I had the privilege of having Gary Rojascki in my life during my most formative years. I definitely wasn't his greatest athlete and in today's day and age, people like me might be kicked to the curb by highly successful coaches who only want the best athletes. Coach Rojascki treated everyone who wanted to learn from him like family, I truly believe that. He didn't care if you were his top player or a practice player. He respected you in his way. Having been around the game of football for nearly 20 years, he is the most brilliant football mind I have been around.

The drive and enthusiasm that Coach Rojascki carried himself with was electric. I never met a man I was more deathly afraid of, but he would be the first person that I would take a bullet for. Coach Rojascki probably never knew this, but the drive I have in my life to be successful in College, my law enforcement career, my football officiating and City Management career, was a result of him. His drive captivated me, that whatever I have taken on and had a passion for I did with tenacity. He never quit on you and he always "looked at the big picture!" He was our Bo Schembechler and in today's day and age Jim Harbaugh (sorry MSU fans).

I have so many stories from being around him as my teacher and coach. Many of which, if done in today's day and age, he would be fired for. That being said, I have utilized many of his phrases in my life (i.e. he wouldn't know whether to s#\$% or go blind, make a gd preacher swear, eat the peanuts out of my S#\$t, god dammit, you're going through the f@#\$ing motions, if you don't like it go home and watch cartoons, etc).

I want to give my condolences to Mrs. Rojascki, Chad, Kyle, Adam, all of their spouses and grandchildren. A fine human being went to heaven yesterday. People like him don't come around everyday and I am sorry for your loss.

Regards,

Michael T. Burns
City Manager
City of Lowell Michigan

Michael Burns - May 26, 2017 at 09:17 PM

TM

One of his favorite sayings with us was "I've forgotten more about football than you will ever know!"

And he was right!

Tom Maes - May 29, 2017 at 05:00 AM

ML

“ Rest in Peace, my friend. Your time on earth was surely fruitful. Wonderful Family, great friends in teaching, thousands of students over all those years. You had a great passion for Football and sports all your life. Gary, God has now taken you into his fold in heaven. We shall never forget that contagious laugh and the never ending jokes. Thanks for giving your all in all you did. So, Rest in Peace my friend- God Bless your Family.

Coach Mike LeMerise and Family

Mike LeMerise - May 26, 2017 at 05:29 PM

RK

“ In 2010 I was involved in a rescue at work. A few days later I received a card in the mail. It read : " Ryan, You claim that you are not a hero, but as an old coach I want you on my team or in my foxhole covering my back. Job well done." That card was from Gary Rojeski. I framed that card and hung it on the wall next to the award I received from the city because his recognition meant as much if not more than that award. I respected him more than any of my other coaches and it was an amazing honor to receive that from him. Even though I never played a snap on defense, he was the last guy I wanted to disappoint on the field. I always wanted to tell/show him what I did with his card, especially when I found out he was sick, but regretfully I never got around to it. My deepest sympathy to Chad, Kyle, Adam, Mrs. Rojeski, and the rest of the family. Please find comfort in knowing the amount of respect he earned from everyone who played for him or knew him. Rest in Peace Coach.

Ryan Koehn



Ryan Koehn - May 26, 2017 at 05:00 PM

DR

Adam told him shortly after. I remember his smile and his classic "Really?" He knew how much you appreciated it. And we appreciate you sharing this. Love you friend. - Deja and Adam

Deja Rojeski - May 26, 2017 at 06:51 PM

KD

My husband, Gary, and I were former neighbors of the Rojascki's. when Gary drove past our house, if we were outside, he would ALWAYS stop even for a quick hello and he especially enjoyed bantering back and forth with my husband! Gary was loved by all in the neighborhood. His legacy lives on through his beautiful family and the endless life's he touched by being "coach". Our deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. Love, Karen and Gary DeHenau

karen dehenau - May 28, 2017 at 06:10 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the immediate family members, extended family and friend's of coach Rojascki. I'm deeply saddened to know of coach Rojascki's passing.*

Coach Rojascki was an awesome human being. While at Utica Ford I always enjoyed his humerus ways, his laugh and smile. In addition, he was always kind and welcoming to me. I was not one of his football players but was one of the team mangers my senior year. Knowing Coach Rojascki was an honor and a privilege.

Gods Pease and Blessings,

Philip Wadsworth

Kelly Woodruff - May 26, 2017 at 03:42 PM

TO

“ I am so very sad to hear of Gary's passing. He was someone that I have known for over 55 years. He was a true friend and someone who was like a brother to me. He had a great personality and everyone loved being around him. Many of the special experiences I have had in life I have shared with him. He stood up in my wedding and we stayed close as we raised our families.

We were especially bound together by our love of sports. He was a determined competitor and the ultimate teammate. We played football and baseball together at Sterling Junior High, Utica High School, in college and other organized teams for years afterwards. He was a gifted all around athlete who was a key player on three championship teams; football, basketball and baseball, our senior year in high school. I remember him as the go to guy that always made the big play in the clutch.

It was not surprising that he became a great football coach. He loved the game and the kids loved him.

Thanks Gary for all the special memories. I will miss you.

Tom Orlowsky

Tom Orlowsky - May 26, 2017 at 03:41 PM

BR

“ Barb and Rocky purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Gary Anthony Rojaski.



Barb and Rocky - May 26, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Anthony Rojeski.*



May 26, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ *Chad, Katie and Family - My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family during this difficult time. ~Monica Winchester*

Monica Winchester - May 26, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies are with all of the Rojeski family. I know your pain is deep, and I hope you will find joy in your loving memories of Gary.*
Rita Majerle-Klug (Auntie Rita)

Rita Majerle-Klug - May 26, 2017 at 12:17 PM

AC

“ There are not enough words to describe the positive impact Coach Rojascki had on the thousands of people who were fortunate enough to know him. Coach Rojascki had a unique ability of getting the most out of his players. You never wanted to let him down and you always pushed yourself to a level you never quite knew was there before. His tough love, sense of humor, passion for life and competitive fire all made him the legend he is today. I have never played for a coach who wanted to win so bad and wore his emotions on his sleeve. Coach Rojascki was instrumental in my decision to become a high school coach. It was an honor to not only play for him but to also have the opportunity to coach football with him at Ford after I graduated. My friends and I often talk about the many great memories we have of Coach Rojascki to this day.

Thanks for everything Coach!

*Alex Chirco
Ford "02"*



Alex Chirco - May 26, 2017 at 12:15 PM

SP

“ May the Rojascki family be consoled by Gary's legacy - on & off the "field of life", game well played!

Sandy Belanger Pontzious - May 26, 2017 at 12:13 PM

GF

“ *Graebner Elementary 6th Grade Students & families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Anthony Rojas.*



Graebner Elementary 6th Grade Students & families - May 26, 2017 at 11:45 AM

JK

“ *As a former student and football player he coached hearing this is very upsetting he is one of the best coaches i had. No words can explain how much of a loss this is. I always saw him push students to be better and football players to be the best we could be. He never settled for anything less. I may have no known him as long as others but when i tell stories of coaches i had he is one that always comes up and its nothing but happy memories about that man.*

James Kari - May 26, 2017 at 11:41 AM

AD

“ *Penny and boys, so sorry to hear the news about Gary. He was one of the good guys, a great, kind person and like a mentor to my son Bobby and many more young men Praying for strength for you to get through this tough time. He will be missed. Annie DeMeyere (Nowicki)*



Annie DeMeyere - May 26, 2017 at 09:28 AM

PC

“ Gary was a great competitor and a great teammate and co-worker. A wonderful family man. In 1965 at old Warren High their end kept blocking me in my face and broke my nose and Gary told the guy if he did it again he'd punch him out. The guy stopped. An honor to know him. Rest in peace.

Paul Chapoton - May 26, 2017 at 07:24 AM

JP

“ Just heard the news about Mr.Rojeski....Wendsday nite (5-24-17) I was in the kitchen, it was 5pm...I just got done talking to Jake about school and his gym class he had that day. I asked if he every played football in gym, he's only 5 but I just can't wait for him to start playing...I got to thinking about the friends I made in jr high and high school and how I miss all the guys and the bond we had. For some reason, I then thought of all of us wearing our jerseys at Mr.Rojeski's funeral...and that it would be so bittersweet to see all of my friends at his funeral. Mr.Rojeski taught me so much about football, and so much about growing up being a respectful man. He was old school, no bullshit. He defiantly steered us in the right direction on the field and more importantly off the field. I always felt like he took a personal interest in me, but I'm sure all the players felt the same. He would always yell at us to " look at the big picture" of the play...he would scream it at us all practice long. That sentence helped me understand the game more that any playbook ever could....thanks for that Mr.Rojeski. Josh pearson #80 Utica High School 1992-1995



josh pearson - May 25, 2017 at 11:03 PM

JK

“ Gary was always a nice person, kind and with a ready smile. RIP

Jane Kort - May 25, 2017 at 09:45 PM

AB

“ When I was a kid, my uncle told me that in life there would be 3-4 people who you will come across that will greatly impact your life and influence you to the point of wanting to be a better person.

Somewhere in all the memories we have together, Gary became one of those people. Looking back, I can't decide - whether it was all the nights over the last 14 years at Comerica Park; the beers at Rosie's waiting for JB so we can leave; playing cart golf as we traveled the right side of the course together; the broken umbrella; the annual 2...or maybe 3 Cream Puffs on the cold April buffets at the games; the hockey game flat tire; yelling at Kip to "Pass the cup;" draft days where it all worked out; or maybe it was all the calls of support during the tough time in my life, all the laughs in the car about old man issues, stories, and solving the Tigers problems. Or maybe it was just a month ago when I sat at your kitchen table for an hour talking about kids, family, life, and of course baseball and golf.

One of my fondest memories goes back to playing a round of golf with him at Sycamore Hills, where he purposely missed a 2-ft putt on the 18th hole, moments after I sank a putt, to break 80 for the first time. His putt would have given him a 79. In the round of his life he took the back seat and made sure that there was only one 70 on the card. I still have the golf ball I played during that round.

Gary was an incredible husband, father and grandfather - he was one of the greatest people I ever met. Gary Rojeski was my great friend and I will truly miss him, but to honor and remember him, I will live my life to try and be half the man he was.

Penny, Kip, Adam, Chad, and Kyle my thoughts are with you and I hold a heavy heart with you.

Andy Brodi

Andy Brodi - May 25, 2017 at 09:38 PM

DK

We are so sad today to hear this news. Prayers and condolences to the Rojeski family.

🙏 *From the Krenzel Family*

deborah Krenzel - May 26, 2017 at 07:01 AM

PW

“ *I am struck with grief this evening thinking of such a wonderful father, husband and coach. Your time spent with my son and yours during the Utica days in coaching was very memorable. My heart goes out to you, Penny and your family. Words can not describe such a lost. Your grief and sadness is ours. May you all stay as one holding on to cherished memories during this difficult time. Patricia and Ray Warner*



Patricia Warner - May 25, 2017 at 08:33 PM

BC

“ Ol’ Friend... back in the day great memories that always bring a smile ... crusing and playing the radio with no particular place to go, laughing, joking... Playing basketball – you were always high energy, you always guarded their best scorer. A champion that led us to a championship, undefeated season - back in the day. I salute you for the person you became, a great husband, father, grandfather and a mentor to thousands of young men through coaching football. You always had a positive attitude and were quick to laugh.

My sincere sympathies go out to Penny, Kip and your entire family. You will be missed but your Indomitable spirit will always be remembered by those who knew you.

Bob Christiansen

Bob Christiansen - May 25, 2017 at 08:27 PM

 Terry
Marshall

“ My heart is heavy this evening. The Ford II family has lost a legend, a mentor, a coach and a Father to all who played for him. His pregame speeches were legendary. In 78 & 79 🏈, we missed the playoffs two years in a row 8-1 in 78 and 7-2 in 79. I wanted to win those last games so much ...because i knew how much he wanted it for us; his teams! He inspired us to work hard (ITs), play hard and win or lose be a gentleman. I know my teammates, the class of 1980, will forever cherish our memories of coach Rojeski, his wife and his 3 sons. I remember our football picnic in the summer of 79. Spanky ate like 13 hotdogs with all the toppings and Chad and Kyle were in disbelief 😲. We had great times with Coach and my memories will never fade.

Sending our condolences to Mrs. Rojeski, Chad, Kyle and Adam.
You are in our prayers.

Rest in Peace Coach! 🏈🏈🏈🏈🏈

Terry Marshall - May 25, 2017 at 08:16 PM



Very sorry to hear the news about Mr. Rojeski. Forever grateful for the opportunities he opened up for our family. Sending our condolences to Mrs. Rojeski, Chad, Kyle and Adam. You are in our prayers.
Jim Langeloh

jim langeloh - May 26, 2017 at 06:09 AM



“ *Coach Rojeski left a positive influence in me that changed my life in High school. Through his discipline and hard work ethic he instilled in me as a football player I was able to carry his teachings into my life after high school.*

Doug Wilson
Ford "81"

Doug Wilson - May 25, 2017 at 08:16 PM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! Prayers and love to all of you during this difficult time.*

Natalie Jagels (Sal Warner's sister) - May 25, 2017 at 08:02 PM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Gary from our years at Sterling Jr High and thru Utica High School. He was always liked and loved football and baseball. I will always remember him.*

Keith Lanko
Class of 67

Keith Lankoi - May 25, 2017 at 07:37 PM

LU

“ The city of Sterling Heights and Utica are mourning the loss of a great man. My prayers go out to Penny and family. Always a smile on his face and a joke teller. Teacher, coach, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and friends to many. Open the gates of Heaven today as another Angel is coming. With love, Dennis and Marsha

lucht - May 25, 2017 at 05:53 PM

DO

“ Dr. Jeremy O'Shea purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Anthony Rojeski.



Dr. Jeremy O'Shea - May 25, 2017 at 05:29 PM

CP

“ Coach Rojeski your legacy as a teacher and a coach are second to none. Anyone that had the opportunity to play for him knows how much he loved the game and the students that played for him. I will never forget the vacation I was invited to spend with the family in Myrtle Beach, SC and trips to the dairy farm so many years ago.

With a heavy heart my thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

RIP Coach "Rojo"

*Chris Phillips
Utica 94'*

Chris Phillips - May 25, 2017 at 04:24 PM

DD

“ During the years I have known Mr. Rojeski I can honestly say that I've never seen him in a bad mood. He had a way of lighting up a room and making all around him feel welcome. His love of his beautiful wife, his sons, his daughter-in-laws, and especially his grandchildren is undeniable. He was a true man's man who impacted everyone around him. His tough love towards all of his athletes and students sent a message of commitment and integrity. He positively impacted my wife and I with his spirit, kindness, and passion. God bless you Mr. Rojo and may you always look down with pride on your wonderful family.

With Love - Don Dziuk and family.

Don Dziuk - May 25, 2017 at 03:37 PM

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David Reid - May 28, 2017 at 03:40 PM

GP

My condolences go out to the Rojeski Family. I had the privilege of coaching against Gary's Football teams many years as an assistant and head coach at Romeo HS. We had many a battle back in the 80's and 90's. Gary's teams were always well prepared, tough, disciplined, and always inspired. As they took on the persona of their coach. I can't imagine how many players and students lives were touched by this classy guy. I've played for and coached with and against many coaches and I often thought if I had a son, this is one guy, I would have felt blessed to have him play for.

Gary Parmentier

Gary Parmentier - May 29, 2017 at 04:15 PM