



George A. Schwarz

July 3, 1921 - April 19, 2017

George A. Schwarz, age 95, a resident of Sterling Heights since 2006, passed away April 19, 2017 at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy. He was born July 3, 1921 in Detroit to the late Emil and Alice Schwarz.

George lived in Berkley from 1948 to 2006 and was a member of Our Lady of La Salette church. He entered the Army in December of 1942 and served honorably in the Pacific through the end of WW II having being shot once and on another occasion being wounded by mortar fire. After returning home to Detroit and his job at J. L. Hudson Co. he met his pen pal Mary Ragona and they were married in 1946.

He continued with J. L. Hudson Co. until 1954 when he decided to become a self-employed milkman with the Ira Wilson Dairy. He retired in 1984 but missed meeting and conversing with people of all walks of life so he found a job with Frenz Hardware in Royal Oak. Finally, at the age of 84 they moved to their condo in Sterling Heights and he retired for good.

He was extremely active with the Troy Clawson Elks becoming its Exalted Ruler. He also had a love for veterans. He founded the Adopt a Vet program with the Troy Clawson Elks and expanded it into a national program that is now a part of Elks Clubs throughout the country.

He also loved northern Michigan, especially his home at Cathead Bay near Northport. Whether for a long weekend or upon retirement spending months at a time, he couldn't wait to sit on the porch and take in the views of the passing freighters on Lake Michigan. And, of course, he needed to see, meet, and converse, so in addition to being one of the boys at Barb's Bakery he ended up with a summer job at the local golf course as a starter ranger.

He made many friends throughout his life but his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchild were most important to him.

Beloved husband of the late Mary; loving father of Keith (Lois) Schwarz, Joyce (Leonard) Palmeri, Kathy (Paul) Dougherty and the late Cherry Ann Schwarz; proud grandfather of Maria Wilson, Christina Palmeri and Caitlin Dougherty; great grandfather of Ethan Wilson; and dear brother of the late Louis and Catherine Schwarz.

Visitation Monday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Tuesday 10:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 11 a.m. at Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, Berkley. Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials to the American Heart Association or Neurofibromatosis Foundation are appreciated.

Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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Scripture Service

APR 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church
2600 Harvard Road
Berkley, MI 48072

Tribute Wall

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“ *My heartfelt condolences to Kathy and her whole family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Deneice Sheldon

Deneice - April 24, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of George A. Schwarz.*



April 24, 2017 at 01:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George A. Schwarz.*



April 24, 2017 at 11:07 AM

TC

“ *Tyler and Felicia Cathey purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of George A. Schwarz.*



Tyler and Felicia Cathey - April 24, 2017 at 07:43 AM

LB

“ Keith, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the passing of your father.
I remember well the few times he played golf with us. His vitality was to be admired.
I find it hard to believe that someone born in the "roaring 20's" was still going strong today. You have some strong genes in your family. God bless that. I regret that I will be unable to attend the funeral mass due to medical appt. that I cannot change. But, know that my thoughts are with you and your family. Lionel

Lionel Blogg - April 23, 2017 at 10:48 PM

JS

“ Always remember our golf games up north and the battle to win the \$1. It was always a pleasure knowing George.

Jim Smyth

Jim Smyth - April 23, 2017 at 04:18 PM

DM

“ Don and Ruth Maxim purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of George A. Schwarz.



Don and Ruth Maxim - April 21, 2017 at 01:45 PM

RM

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Ruth Maxim - April 21, 2017 at 12:53 PM

LT

“ Love, Carol and Tom purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of George A. Schwarz.



Love, Carol and Tom - April 21, 2017 at 10:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of George A. Schwarz.



April 20, 2017 at 08:15 AM