



John Malkowski

February 28, 1948 - April 9, 2025

John Malkowski Jr., age 77, of Royal Oak, passed away on April 9, 2025. He was born in Detroit on February 28, 1948 to John Malkowski Sr. and Janina Malkowski.

John grew up in Detroit and attended St. Rita schools from first grade through high school, graduating from St. Rita's High School. After school, he went on to work for Chrysler at the Warren Truck Plant (WTAP), where he stayed for 37 years before retiring.

In retirement, John kept busy flipping a couple homes and taking on renovation projects-something he truly enjoyed. He remodeled all his children's homes and was always the first to lend a hand with any project, never afraid to jump in and start pulling things apart.

John was a big Yankees fan and loved watching old Westerns---especially those with John Wayne and James Arness---and classic movies in general. He was proud of his Polish roots and stayed connected to his heritage, especially through cooking. Whether it was Polish or Italian food, or something else, John loved being in the kitchen and sharing a good meal. He was also a strong supporter of Polish churches in Detroit.

John is survived by his wife, Susan; his children: John Malkowski III, Donald

(Melissa) Malkowski, Veronica (Steven) Lyles, and Daniel (Cher) Malkowski; his grandchildren: Emma, Gracie, Madeleine, Avery, and Cole; his siblings: Ken Malkowski, Darlene (Tom) Glaze, Kate (the late Mark) Turczyn, Donna Malkowski, and the late Carol Jones and James Malkowski. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation for John will be held on Tuesday, April 15, from 2 - 8 p.m. (Scripture Service at 6:00 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. The Funeral Mass for John will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at 10 a.m. (visitation 9:30) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Interment will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions in honor of John can be directed to the Preserving Sweetest Heart Capital Campaign. (preservingsweetestheart.org).

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 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/>

Scripture Service

APR 15. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

APR **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Malkowski.*



April 15, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ *the Able Plumbing Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of John Malkowski.*



the Able Plumbing Family - April 15, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Malkowski.*



April 14, 2025 at 11:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Malkowski.*



April 14, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ Love, The Mueller Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Malkowski.



Love, The Mueller Family - April 14, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Malkowski.



April 14, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Malkowski.

April 14, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Malkowski.



April 14, 2025 at 08:23 AM

HF

“ *Hatzigeorgiou Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Malkowski.*



Hatzigeorgiou Family - April 13, 2025 at 10:23 PM

TT

“ *Teresa & Tony lit a candle in memory of John Malkowski*



Teresa & Tony - April 13, 2025 at 06:35 PM

GB

“ *Sharing in your sadness as you remember your lost loved one. Wishing you strength and comfort through this difficult time.*

Gary Bonczyk - April 13, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Malkowski.*



April 13, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Malkowski.

April 13, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ Jones Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John Malkowski.



Jones Family - April 12, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ Rich, Jenni, & Ruth Kolakovich purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Malkowski.



Rich, Jenni, & Ruth Kolakovich - April 12, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ Rich, Jenni, & Ruth Kolakovich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Malkowski.

Rich, Jenni, & Ruth Kolakovich - April 12, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to You Sue and the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Nina Ratta Gonzalez

Nina Gonzalez - April 12, 2025 at 07:28 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Malkowski.*



April 11, 2025 at 10:28 PM



“ *Sending love to the entire family. Jim and I have such fond memories of Mr.Malkowski. My personal favorite memory was when he made a batch of his famous mastaccioli just for me! Man did that make me feel special! He was a great man.*

andrea murphy - April 11, 2025 at 10:24 PM



“ *Love, Jim, Drea, Graham, and Miles purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John Malkowski.*



Love, Jim, Drea, Graham, and Miles - April 11, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ *Brandon, Candi, Ethan & Owen Becker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Malkowski.*



Brandon, Candi, Ethan & Owen Becker - April 11, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Malkowski.* ”



April 11, 2025 at 09:18 PM

TT

“Dearest Sue, John, Vikki, Donald, Daniel & Family,
It is with the heaviest of hearts that we extend our deepest condolences in the loss of John. Words can't express the heartbreak we feel for your family. John was such an important part of our lives since we were children attending Guardian Angels School.

John was so loved, cherished and appreciated at Guardian Angels where he would fill in for teachers in the classroom and supervise on the playground. He was highly respected because of his demeanor and logical approach with children. He always kept an eye on us to ensure we were safe and happy both in/out of school. We have been Blessed to know him to be such a great father figure and friend into adulthood. John had an incredible sense of humor as everyone knows. He could befriend anyone with his witty character and infectious laugh! I am so thankful to have known him all of my life, he was always so kind and supportive of me growing up and through life's difficult times.

John was such a pleasure and fun to work with during his investment property searches and flips. I spent more time laughing than I did working. He spent time with me at my office hanging out with my clients and friends, which I looked forward to more than I did working. John lit up the room and made my day every day he came into my office for coffee and real estate updates! Everything he spoke about would hold your attention, his career at Chrysler, the stories, his interactions with his amazing wife Sue that would make me laugh for days, the experiences in life that he shared, his children who each carry some of his best traits that you can see in their eyes and sense of humor! He was always the light in the room!

If there is anything we know about John, it's that his personality was unsurpassed! A true one of a kind! There were two topics on his mind every time we spoke; his wife & children and real estate! John was always busy thinking about something, but when it came to his family... that was the one thing he thought and spoke about the most! John was devoted in his faith, and beneath his insurmountable strength and convictions, was a man with a genuine

heart and soul!

In life we often concern ourselves with the way someone delivers a message, but with John and the support he gave me, the message, no matter how it was delivered, was always rooted in common sense and love. There are some people in this world that touch your heart and mind in such a way that they quickly become unforgettable and forever a cherished part in the memory of your heart; that is who John is too so many.

It is impossible to depict the incredible loss this is for John's family and all of those who's lives have been touched by John, but make no mistake, he is a permanent fixture in our hearts. His legacy is imperviable.

May God Bless all of you and be with you as you navigate these difficult moments ahead. John taught us all strength, he would want us to remember when to be strong, and when to laugh. We will keep his strength and humor at the forefront each day as we miss him dearly. Know that you are all in our hearts and prayers. May God rest John's soul in eternal peace, he will forever be missed and never forgotten.

*With Sincerest Sympathy and Love,
Teresa & Tony Morabito.*

Teresa & Tony - April 11, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Malkowski.*



April 11, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Malkowski.

April 11, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ Cynthia Turner and Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of John Malkowski.



Cynthia Turner and Family - April 11, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ Steve & April Buerkel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Malkowski.



Steve & April Buerkel - April 11, 2025 at 09:18 AM