



## John Zettner Jr.

May 11, 1922 - January 12, 2016

John Zettner, Jr. age 93, a longtime resident of Sterling Heights passed away January 12, 2016 at his home. John was born May 11, 1922 in Hungary. John is a Veteran of the United States Army and served our Country during WWII. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Engineering and went of to work for the General Motors Corporation as a Mechanical Engineer for 35 years. John was a member of the Carpathia Club in Sterling Heights where he enjoyed dancing and fellowship. His hobbies included reading and walking, especially in the woods, doing yard work on his land planting and trimming trees. John was a night owl who was often up late and enjoyed sleeping in. John's family say's that "he could fix anything". He would recycle and repurpose parts to make quick fixes on things in need of repair. One of John's fondest memories was dancing the Jitterbug with his sister. They were and unbeatable team. John was a good catholic man and also a member of the St. Matthias Knights of Columbus.

Beloved husband of 46 years to the late Helen. Loving father of John (Debra Choly), Mary (Jim) Schumacher, Anne Marie (Bill) Wilds, and Jean (Don) Precour. Dear grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of one. Loved brother of Rose Marie Ciccone. Visitation Friday from 4-8PM at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 Blocks East of Van Dyke) Utica, MI. Funeral service Saturday at 12:30 P.M. at the funeral home. Additional visitation Saturday 11:30 A.M. Interment Cadillac Memorial

Gardens East, Clinton Township, MI. Memorial contributions are appreciated to the Catholic Relief Services, 228 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201 OR Disabled American Veterans (DAV), P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH, 45250. Please share a thought or memory with John's family at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
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Utica, MI 48317  
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## Visitation

JAN **16**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Services

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JAN 16. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

WA

“ To the family of John Zettner: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. While we don't know one another, experiencing the devastation of losing a loved one is something we all face in our lives. The Bible promises a time when "death will be no more" (Rev 21:3.4) and assures us that God hears our prayers (Ps 55:22). I hope this brings you some peace during this difficult time.

Wanda - January 19, 2016 at 09:17 AM

MS

“ My condolences to the family. May you find comfort in knowing that God is near to those that are broken at broken.-Psalms 34:18

Ms.Dee - January 17, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ John was a member of the Administration Commission at St. Matthias when I came to work there in September of '85. John and a few others others guided Fr. Tom Sutherland and myself in matters concerning Building and Grounds Maintenance around the Church. John would come around often and we would get into many discussions on many matters and we sometimes even talked about maintenance. I was often invited over to his house for lunch or just to talk. When I retired,I missed John and we lost touch over the years. He was a delightful friend, who talked about his Helen and their children often and he was very profound of them all. Rest in peace John. Sincerely, Don Northrup

Don Northrup - January 16, 2016 at 05:29 PM

JF

“ Jim Kudela & Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Zettner Jr..



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**Jim Kudela & Family** - January 15, 2016 at 05:59 AM

HC

“ Home Instead Senior Care purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of John Zettner Jr..



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**Home Instead Senior Care** - January 14, 2016 at 01:47 PM

BW

“ John and I disagree about this, but I have a vivid memory of his dad planting two maples on Larkins when the Choly-Zettners bought the house. What I remember was the hole filled with muddy slip, a fluid moving mud, that he put the tree into, maybe even bare-rooted and moving it up and down like a butter churn; then filling in the dirt til sollid. I think it got all the roots awakened and in the right place. Those were fast growing (silver?) maples that are shade trees today.  
Bill W-K

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**Bill Wylie-Kellermann** - January 13, 2016 at 08:20 PM

SH

Bill, Those silver maples were from Ed and me. We found the saplings on Lake Huron and passed them out to the houses around us. I remember the cherry tree in the back yard being planted by John and his dad.

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**Susan Therese Horvats** - January 17, 2016 at 07:18 PM