



## Lawrence MacDonald

September 5, 1919 - April 16, 2016

Lawrence MacDonald Age 96, April 16, 2016

Beloved husband of the late Edith (nee Hack) and Virginia Boedeker. Loving father of Gary (Eileen), Diane (Bob) Pilarski, Dennis (Cathy Alfafara) and Judy (Ron) Pomorski. Proud grandfather of Michelle (Chris) Lamphear, Scott (Jennifer) Pilarski, Katie Pilarski, Cortney MacDonald, Devin (Jim) Snyder, Andrew MacDonald, Thad Steyskal, Lauren Steyskal, Megan MacDonald, Lauren Pomorski and Matt Pomorski. Great-grandfather of Kevin McKay, Veronica Pilarski, Ian Lamphear, Claudia Pilarski, Corey MacDonald, Edie Pilarski, Ava Lamphear, Cameron Lamphear, Grayson Lamphear, Owen Snyder and William Snyder. Dear brother of the late Hilda Cameron, Donald, Stanley, Margaret, John Howard, Sarah Rollins, Howard and William. Brother-in-law of Betty Hack and Eugene (Dolly) Hack. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Dear friend to many. Born in Glen Norman, Ontario, Canada, one of nine children, he and two of his older brothers lived in Canada with grandparents and joined their family in 1931 (when he was 12). He became a U.S. citizen in 1942 to enlist in the army and fought proudly in WWII as a member of Patton's Army. One of Larry's first jobs was delivering telegrams on a bicycle for Western Union in downtown Detroit. After he returned from the war, Larry worked in the automotive industry his entire life and also co-owned and operated a family business, the Northerner Motel, at Mullet Lake from 1979 to 1989. Mr. MacDonald was an avid golfer and bowler who in his time maintained a 170 bowling average and on January 2, 1998 had a hole-in-one

at Cedar Glen Golf Course. He was a lifelong Detroit sports fan holding season tickets to the Lions since 1952 and at one time the Tigers honored him as their "fan of the game". Visitation Thursday 2-8 p.m with a 7:00 p.m. Scripture Service at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica. Funeral Mass Friday at 10:00am. Instate at 9:30am at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 21201 E 13 Mile Road, St Clair Shores. Memorials appreciated to Henry Ford Hospice or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter Cemetery

43755 Elizabeth Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Prayer Service

APR 21. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## **In State at Church**

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**APR 22.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church  
21201 E 13 Mile Road  
Saint Clair Shores, MI 48082

## **Funeral Mass**

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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Goodbye to the Gentleman  
By jjs

*Larry stole our hearts*

*with his simple ways*

*a firm handshake and handsome smile*

*listening intently as we shared stories*

*about golf, the Tigers or*

*all those unimportant things*

*that make life worth living*

*he left a secret that echoes*

*now inside each memory I hold*

*and whispers in his gravelly voice*

*“be kind to each other”*

*“love more than you think you can”*

*“most of all...have fun!”*

*“And I will never be gone”*

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**John Schalter** - April 22, 2016 at 06:47 AM

PD

“ *Diane, Bob and family: Please know of my prayers and thoughts as you mourn the passing of Mr. MacDonald. Lovingly, Pat DeBruce*

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**Pat DeBruce** - April 21, 2016 at 04:30 PM

MD

“ *My condolences to the family. May you draw close to God in prayer and he will sustain you.-Psalms 55:22*

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**Ms. Dee** - April 21, 2016 at 06:26 AM

JS

“ *I am forever grateful to have known and loved Larry. I will always remember him in the stands at the SHHS football and basketball games, wearing his tan overcoat. What a father and what a Thorns fan!*

*He was always so proud of all of his children and grandchildren and talked about them often. He was such a wonderful Tiger, Lion and Piston fan and I will miss talking sports with him.*

*Most of all I will be forever grateful for the wonderful companion he was for my mother Beatrice Schalter for all those years. They made such a handsome couple, both full of smiles and full of love for life.*

*Thank you Larry... We will never forget you. You lived with such class and such dignity. A pretty damn good golfer too! Please take good care of my mom in Heaven. Big hugs to both of you. You are the best!*

*Love,*

*John Schalter.*

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**John J Schalter** - April 20, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence MacDonald .*



April 19, 2016 at 07:50 PM



“ *Mike Cyplik lit a candle in memory of Lawrence MacDonald*



**Mike Cyplik** - April 19, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ *The Rollins Family purchased the Stately Lilies for the family of Lawrence MacDonald .*



**The Rollins Family** - April 19, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ *from Rick, Lisa and Anna purchased the Spring H as Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Lawrence MacDonald .*



**from Rick, Lisa and Anna** - April 19, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence MacDonald .*



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April 19, 2016 at 08:29 AM



“ *Larry was a customer at cvs . He was always kind and a patient man. He was always smiling. We at cvs are going to miss him dearly. R.I.P. Larry Marie G and The Cvs Crew*

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**Marie G** - April 18, 2016 at 08:36 PM



“ *We have been friends with Larry for many many years. He is an inspiration to us and many others. Hopefully, he will find a bowling lane and green golf courses in his heavenly world. May God bless Larry.*  
*Don and Joanne Beebe*

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**Don & Joanne Beebe** - April 18, 2016 at 05:47 PM



“ *Good friend and bowler. Going to miss you. RIP Sue H*

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**sue** - April 18, 2016 at 10:01 AM