Leo K. Quatro

November 13, 1932 - September 16, 2019

Leo K. Quatro, of Macomb Township, passed away on September 16th at the age of 86. Beloved husband of the late Teresa Thrush-Quatro. Loving father of Christopher (Debra) Thrush, Kathleen (Rich) Thrush-Shaginaw, Daniel (Kristine) Thrush, and Kenneth (Annette) Thrush. Proud grandfather of Mike (Zheng), Jeff, Steve (Ashlee), Joe, David (Jennifer), Ben, and Nick. Leo was predeceased in death by his son Andrew. Visitation will take place on Wednesday (September 18th) from 2pm -8pm, with a rosary service 7pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday (September 19th) at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 18203 23 Mile Road, Macomb, he will lie instate at 9:30am until the time of Mass at 10am. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials are appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association. www.alz.org

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 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/

Rosary

SEP **18**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
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Funeral Mass

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18203 23 Mile Road
Macomb, MI 48042

Tribute Wall

SQ

I love my Uncle Leo! He was so gentle and kind. When I lived with Grandma he came once a week to visit and take Grandma to church. I will miss him. Such a good man.

Sheila Quatro - October 29, 2019 at 01:15 PM

CV

My sister Celeste Riha Hanes and I attended St. Mary's high school. We are part of the Riha family that had a student at St. Mary's from 1960 to 1971 when Celeste graduated. Although i missed having Mr. Quatro as a teacher I remember him. My sister Janine Riha and my two brothers Mark and Steve also remember Mr. Quatro and his English classes and his involvement in sports especially baseball. Steve Riha was part of the baseball team under Coach Quatro. With the coach's encouragement Steve became a great pitcher for the team. After high school Steve played baseball for 2 years with a Detroit team that was regularly visited by talent scouts. Although Steve did not pursue a baseball career it was a great experience made possible by his coach.

Our sincere sympathy to the Quatro Family. We will always remember him.

Claudia Riha Voglrieder attended the funeral Mass Class of 1964
Celeste Riha Hanes attended the visitation at the funeral home

Claudia Riha Voglrieder - October 06, 2019 at 04:23 PM

Mike Wines lit a candle in memory of Leo K. Quatro

Mike Wines - September 18, 2019 at 11:13 AM

Great man!
He helped make St. Mary's a lasting memory

Mike Wines - September 18, 2019 at 11:15 AM

RZ

Leo, Mr. Quatro was my teacher, mentor, friend and my baseball coach for 4 years. He cared about people and was extremely generous with his time. He was a very genuine "good guy" and will be sadly missed.
Bob Zajdel class of 71.

robert zajdel - September 18, 2019 at 09:19 AM

Steven Thrush

Genuine "good guy"... couldn't have said it better myself!
Thank you for the kind words.
-Steven Thrush
Grandson

Steven Thrush - September 29, 2019 at 07:15 PM

CA

When asked online to answer the security question 'Who was your favorite teacher? ' my answer is always Mr. Quatro.
My only regret is that I never let him know.

Cathy - July 11, 2020 at 07:20 PM

DW

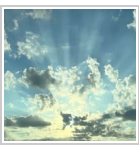
So many found memories of Mr.Quatro! I remember him teaching the freshman class of St. Mary's the school song. Along with English literature and yearbook and sports he always seemed pretty easy going.Many years later I had the pleasure of working with him again in the Ferndale school district. He had a delightful sense of humor and it was such a pleasure to know him.
Rest in Peace Leo.

David Wirth - September 17, 2019 at 11:34 PM

Steven Thrush

Thank you for your kind words.

Steven Thrush - September 29, 2019 at 07:13 PM



I got a unique perspective of Coach Leo Quatro as he took our baseball team into the C-D division championship at Tiger Stadium against Orchard Lake St Mary's 1977. In the last inning, with RO St Mary's leading, he put a freshman in the game (Rob Leger) at 2nd base. With their best hitters coming up and pro scouts looking at Jim Paciorek (the White Sox Tom Paciorek's little brother) the move was risky. As the inning progressed they had a man on first and third with two out and it was do or die for them. Their hitter swung and hit a screamer near the freshman. I was playing Center field and can still see that freshman stick his glove out and just get half of the ball in the web but instead of the ball blasting out, it kind of spun inward and just stuck on his mitt. The freshman then is just looking at his mitt like "woah" as the ump called the out and the Celebration began! Coach Quatro, also our teacher, taught me a very valuable lesson that day about player participation and what sports are really all about. Also, for the record, myself and a couple other players went down to Tiger Stadium to complain when the venue was changed to manz field due to weather issues-Coach Quatro was not involved and knew nothing about our escapade, that got on the TV news.

Patrick Keeley - September 17, 2019 at 10:45 PM

Steven Thrush

Thank you for sharing this! Grandpa Leo would tell us about the big game while watching the tigers games a few times. You could tell it meant a lot to him, a memory he cherished greatly. It was nice reading your perspective of the game and of my grandfather.

Steven Thrush - September 29, 2019 at 07:07 PM

TK

I remember during spring training one year, Leo gathered the team together to demonstrate the proper way to put together a jock strap and cup. He had the jock strap in one hand and the cup in the other. As he went to insert the cup into the jock strap pouch...he discovered a twenty dollar bill in the pouch he had squirreled away for a rainy day! Needless to say it was Cokes for the team after practice...lol!

Tom Keeley - September 17, 2019 at 06:46 PM

MS

Leo was my teacher, my coach, and my friend. We played softball together for several years for the KofC Royal Oak. I often think of him he will be missed but never forgotten. Mike Sherman Class of 67

Mike Sherman - September 17, 2019 at 07:40 PM

SC

St. Mary's would not have been the same without him. Always enthusiastic and positive, he was a great teacher, coach and mentor. He will be missed! Sue Copp-Debash class of 1978.

Suzie Copp-Debash - September 18, 2019 at 01:24 PM

HB

Teacher and Coach, Leo was always an inspiration to his students/players. His words and actions had a lasting affect. He will be missed! God bless you Leo! Hal "Harry" Butler class of 1969.

Hal Butler - September 19, 2019 at 12:02 PM

Steven Thrush

Thank you all for sharing!
The jock strap story had us laughing. I could picture him doing something goofy like that!
Great to see he inspired so many of his students as he did his family.
He was a great coach and mentor to me as well.
-Steven Thrush
Grandson

Steven Thrush - September 29, 2019 at 07:11 PM

MB

Mr. Quatro and I worked at St. Mary's (which was St. Mary Regional HS at that point). I was on leave from the seminary and ill-equipped to perform my duties with the ease and elegance of my colleague, Leo. He was a gentleman of the most distinguished kind - a true model of Christian discipleship. I often thought of him since. I am edified just looking at his picture here. God bless you Mr. Quatro. Your colleagues and student remember you fondly.

Michael Babcock

Michael Babcock - December 22, 2020 at 11:55 PM