



Leonard Lafata

September 8, 1942 - October 7, 2021

Leonard Lafata, age 79, resident of Utica, and passed away on Thursday, October 7, 2021, in Detroit, Michigan. He was born on September 8, 1942, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Anthony and Wanda Lafata. A proud United States Army Veteran. A retired Ford Motor Company employee with 28 years of service. Leonard enjoyed spending his leisure time bowling, golfing, and especially with his family. Beloved husband of Suzanne Lafata. Loving father of Darryl (Heather) Lafata, David (Michelle) Lafata, and Debra (Tim) Kreger. Dear step-father of Frank (Cindy) Brown, Pamela (Ronald) Prieur, and Lynda (Jorge) Sanchez. Proud grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather. Dearest brother of Fran (Jim) Rogowski

Visitation at the Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica Tuesday, October 12 from 2-8 pm.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, October 13 1 pm at the funeral home. Inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan.

Family request donations to American Cancer Society Metro Detroit Area Service Center-20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076 www.cancer.org or National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Inc. 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
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Funeral Service

OCT **13.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard Lafata.* ”



October 12, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leonard Lafata.* ”



October 10, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *Some of my favorite memories of Papa were when he picked on my sons. He would put on this “tough guy” facade and make them laugh. He would always claim to be “absolutely, positively outstanding” when I asked him how he was doing, even when things were very tough. He was patient and he was a gentleman and we love and miss him very much.* ”
Lisa and Jacob

Lisa Jones - October 09, 2021 at 10:41 AM



Leonard was my bowling team member for a lot of years. He also bowled with my parents years before. What a great guy! Definitely will be missed.

Helen Smith - October 10, 2021 at 10:31 AM

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My brother, Leonard, was a dear soul that was always kind and thoughtful. He would call me and say "hi, how is my baby sister?" He had a great laugh and loved to joke around with me while growing up. Shared many Saturday mornings on the floor in front of TV watching cartoons. As a boy he enjoyed watching wrestling matches, while eating his favorite oranges. I sweetly remember the times he would ask me to put his socks on him for 10 cents! I was devastated when he joined the Army but was so very proud of him and his service to our country. When he returned home he bought a Ford Mustang and if he thought I'd be careful I could drive it to school one time. So many wonderful memories. Leonard was my dear brother and I will continue to miss him terribly. God bless you, Len, may you rest in peace. You will never be forgotten. ❤️

Fran Rogowski (sister to Len) - October 10, 2021 at 11:42 AM