



Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr.

March 11, 1940 - December 9, 2025

Maurice Cyril Hellebuyck Sr., age 85, of Macomb Township, Michigan, passed away peacefully on December 9, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born in Utica, Michigan, he lived a full and meaningful life devoted to hard work, simple joys, and the people he cherished most. A proud father of five and beloved grandfather to nine, his greatest happiness came from time spent with his family and friends.

He worked for many years as a truck driver with Messina Trucking Company, where his dedication and strong work ethic were admired by all who knew him. Yet his true passion was farming, a calling that reflected his love of the land and the satisfaction of honest labor.

Outside of work, he found joy in the outdoors - whether hunting, fishing, or tending to his garden and yard. He also loved playing cards, especially euchre, where his competitive spirit and laughter brought friends and family together around the table.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Clara Hellebuyck and his eldest daughter, Karen Marie Hellebuyck, whom he continued to love and miss every day.

He is survived by his four children, Maurice Hellebuyck Jr. (Cheryl), Susan Leidlein, Michael Hellebuyck (Amy) and Amy Cardinale (Kevin), and nine grandchildren, Sara, Sabryn, Alyssa, Holden, Mallory, Kara, Landon, Averie and Hudson and their mother/grandmother, Mary Hellebuyck, his former spouse. He also leaves behind his two sisters, brothers-in-law, many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who will miss him greatly.

In addition to his devotion to family and farming, he gave back to his community. As a Constable for Macomb Township, he served as a long-time volunteer firefighter, earning the honor of Firefighter of the Year in 1981 for his professional excellence and abundant heroism. He was also a faithful church usher for over 60 years at St. Isidore Catholic Church. His commitment to helping others and serving with integrity left a lasting impact on those around him.

He will be remembered for his kindness, his humor, and the deep love he held for his family. His legacy lives on in the lessons he taught, the traditions he passed down, and the countless memories shared with those fortunate enough to know him.

Friends and family will gather to celebrate Maurice's life with a visitation at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica, Thursday, December 11, 2025, from 2-8 pm with a St. Isidore Ushers and K of C Council #7200 Rosary at 7 pm.

Maurice will lie in state on Friday, December 12, 2025, 9:30 am at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 18203 23 Mile Road (at Romeo Plank Road), Macomb Township, until the time of mass 10:00 am

Interment St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Utica, Michigan

Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence Cemetery

Auburn Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

St. Isidore Usher & K of C Rosary

DEC 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Instate At Church

DEC 12. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

DEC **12**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Margaret H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..

Margaret H. - February 06 at 05:06 PM

KA

“ Karen A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..

Karen A. - December 11, 2025 at 07:09 PM

PL

“ Paul, Alicia, Ashleigh, Quinn & Liam purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



Paul, Alicia, Ashleigh, Quinn & Liam - December 11, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



December 11, 2025 at 09:52 AM

DD

“ Dawayne, Bernadette and Douglas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..

Dawayne, Bernadette and Douglas - December 11, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



December 11, 2025 at 09:03 AM

AF

“ Angie and Neil and family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



Angie and Neil and family - December 11, 2025 at 08:38 AM

LM

“ Love, The Munyans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..

Love, The Munyans - December 11, 2025 at 07:54 AM

LM

“ Love, The Munyans purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



Love, The Munyans - December 11, 2025 at 07:54 AM

CC

“ Claudia, Lou, The Michels and The Compos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..

Claudia, Lou, The Michels and The Compos - December 10, 2025 at 10:50 PM

CC

“ Claudia, Lou, The Michels and The Compos purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



Claudia, Lou, The Michels and The Compos - December 10, 2025 at 10:50 PM

TT

“ The Ally Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



The Ally Team - December 10, 2025 at 09:31 PM

LF

“ Love, The Stinson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..

Love, The Stinson Family - December 10, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



December 10, 2025 at 07:59 PM

TG

“ Michael's dad "MOE" was the "Coolest MAN on the PLANET" that I have ever met! Solid, Kind, and my "John Wayne"! He gave my father Stan Guitar a handmade "Corn Husk Ice Fishing Pole". Said Stan, go fishing "Ol' School" with Tim! We never did, but I have the Pole. Stan and Moe are now gone, but I will find it and go fishing this winter with "Moe and my pops Stan and Michael!" Thank you, Moe! Cheers: "Up to it, down to it, give it to "Moe and Stan", they are used to it!" Nostrovia!

Tim Guitar - December 10, 2025 at 07:26 PM

BL

Awesome

Betty Lake - December 10, 2025 at 08:04 PM

BL

My brother Maurice was one of a kind....loving, faithful, strong willed, a character, a son, a brother to his two sisters , a father of 5 children, a husband, A uncle and a friend.

Maurice was a prankster, he loved being a clown at the fire hall with his squirting flower, very dedicated to ushering at his church, volunteer fireman and good at it. He loved music and lived to sing., outdoors he loved to be either gardening, cutting grass, hunting, fishing or just be a great neighbor.

I'm missing my brother already he always had a smile, a story to tell and genuine love and friendship.

R.I.P love you!

Betty (Hellebuyck) Lake

Betty Lake - January 12 at 07:33 AM

WJ

“ *Uncle Moe was a person with a big heart and full of Love. He was a person that full of passion and you always knew how he felt and where he stood. He always was gracious and willing to teach and help. Uncle you will always be in all our hearts and will be missed. Hope your smile is big, with your mom, dad and most of reunited with Karen. May your walking into the Lords gardens be full of blessings and you always be in those hearts you have touched here on earth. You are in the Fathers blessings and may those blessings over flow through the hearts of those grieving. God's blessing and love to all my cousins families at this time of celebration.*

Wayne Lake Jr - December 10, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..*



December 10, 2025 at 03:05 PM

GF

“ Glisky Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..

Glisky Family - December 10, 2025 at 03:05 PM

AD

“ Maurice was a man who loved life completely. He was caring and always had a smile. He loved his whole family and my dad Leo had much respect for Maurice and the whole Hellebuyck Family. He is now surrounded by his family and friends and no doubt in my mind they are all celebrating. So Maurice, till we all meet again save us some beers!
My condolences to the family. Peace and love to each of you!

Ann Niedzwiecki Dylewski - December 10, 2025 at 02:47 PM

TL

“ Tommy & Chandra Lanthier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..

Tommy & Chandra Lanthier - December 10, 2025 at 02:42 PM

TL

“ Tommy & Chandra Lanthier purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



Tommy & Chandra Lanthier - December 10, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



December 10, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ I have some good memories of Uncle Moe. Prayers to the Hellebuyck family. ❤️

Patricia Biermann and family. - December 10, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Tammy Lake & Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



Tammy Lake & Family - December 10, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ I have loved my brother it seems like forever. I will dearly miss his love, friendship, his smile and his pranks! I know God called you home to be with him, you can dance with the angels and be with your daughter Karen once again. I love you Maurice and you will always be in my memories. Rest in Peace ! Your sister...Betty



Betty Lake - December 10, 2025 at 10:32 AM

WL

Couldn't have asked for a better brother in law. My love and respect for Maurice will last an eternity. Love ya brother in law and get the party started up there as we know you will.

Wayne Lake - December 10, 2025 at 11:39 AM

MK

“ *Mark Krawczak purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..*



Mark Krawczak - December 10, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..*



December 10, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..*



December 10, 2025 at 09:19 AM

CK

“ Cassie, Jeff and the kids. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



Cassie, Jeff and the kids. - December 10, 2025 at 07:30 AM

CK

“ Cassie, Jeff and the kids. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice C. Hellebuyck.

Cassie, Jeff and the kids. - December 10, 2025 at 07:30 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..



December 10, 2025 at 07:20 AM

BL

“ Bob, Mia, Rob, Justin, Elaine and Linda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice C. Hellebuyck.

Bob, Mia, Rob, Justin, Elaine and Linda - December 10, 2025 at 07:20 AM

TP

“ *The Popp's. Cheryl, Rich, Stacey & Poppy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice C. Hellebuyck.*

The Popp's. Cheryl, Rich, Stacey & Poppy - December 09, 2025 at 09:48 PM

TP

“ *The Popp's. Cheryl, Rich, Stacey & Poppy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maurice C. Hellebuyck Sr..*



The Popp's. Cheryl, Rich, Stacey & Poppy - December 09, 2025 at 09:48 PM

SD

“ *Maurice always made me feel safe ,sound ,secure most genuine loving cousin I always could and my family could ,count on him , God knows I will miss him soooo much,so empty without his smile,,,*

sharon dennis-skupny - December 09, 2025 at 05:49 PM