



## Edward Zagaiski

September 8, 1942 - March 7, 2023

Beloved life partner and best friend of Cheryl Filarski for over 29 years. Loving father of Karl (Angelique) Zagaiski and Dennis Farnam (Denna Colussi).

Cherished grandfather of Sarah and James Zagaiski.

Preceded in death by his parents Edward and Eleanor Zagaiski.

When Ed was young, his mom would take Ed and a crew of family members to work on the cherry orchards picking cherries for the owners in the Old Mission Peninsula of Traverse City. His father would fly up later to join them.

Ed was 50% Polish and 50% Chippewa Indian Sault Tribe. Jokingly, he would tell everyone that his tribal name was Running DumDum – he had an incredible sense of humor!

Ed was an avid bowler, bowling three times a week. He was awarded the MDUSBC Senior Tournament Team Champs in 2018 and 2022. He loved playing euchre and enjoyed country western dancing. It was at one of these dances that he met Cheryl. He loved Elvis's music, so much so, that in the early 80's, he did a couple of Elvis impersonations for local look-a-like competitions at local bars.

Ed enjoyed baking, something that him and his mom would do when he was

young. He often talked about the cookies that they would make together at Christmas time. Ed continued that tradition with his boys. Not only was he good at making cookies, but Ed had a flare for making a variety of no-bake pies. Chocolate, chocolate chip, chocolate mint are some to mention, but the most popular were his no-bake fruit pies. Give him a fruit and he would make a pie out of it. Watermelon pie was one of his specialties and highly requested by his friends. He also made a delicious Lemon Meringue pie, which was requested by family constantly. His diversity in baking, led him to enter the Michigan State Fair in the baking division in September, 2009 and he won 2nd place for his pineapple cake.

Ed "Alvis" retired from Chrysler Warren Truck Assembly Plant after 40 plus years of hard work, earning a much-deserved retirement. Yet, he took a post-retirement job at Meijer doing overnight stock for five years. It was there where he met some wonderful co-workers whose friendships still remain with him to this day.

He loved nature, taking rides to Stoney Creek to look for deer and turkey, enjoy a casual walk, watch the fireworks in the summer and just take in the beauty of nature. Especially the fish, he had a thing for always wanting to look for fish whenever we were by a lake, pond, river, or stream.

Ed also enjoyed his time on the road traveling around the country and all over our beautiful state. His memories of traveling with his dad was something that he talked about often. Whether they traveled by plane (his dad was a pilot) or by car, Ed would never say no to an adventure.

As an adult, with a family of his own, he made sure that traveling would be a memorable part of their lives, too. Ed and his family would go camping every chance they could to Jellystone Park in Traverse City. It was something everyone looked forward to and now cherishes as a memory. Once he met

Cheryl, the traveling continued, as they both loved being on the road. All around the country and especially up north to Sault Ste. Marie, where his mom was raised. The Kewadin Casino was operated by his tribe and he spent a considerable amount of time there. Ed always enjoyed collecting rocks on the beach and when he discovered "Yooperlites," searching the beach for them at night became a fun passion.

He was an attentive caregiver to Cheryl's mom for seven years. Sharing that responsibility took a lot of burden off of Cheryl, but that's the type of person he was, selfless, caring and loving.

Ed loved his kitties. He had a collection of feral cats that he would feed regularly on the back porch. He would name each and every one of them. Along with feeding the squirrels and birds, the back was beginning to look like an animal sanctuary. Of course the raccoons and possum had to join in once in a while.

Ed was an amazing father to his boys. Not only did he work a full-time job at Chrysler, but for many years, he had a part-time job working at Northville Downs. He wanted to provide for his family in every way possible. Both of his boys cherished their time together, with the fondest of memories growing up in a loving family.

Ed was the most selfless, generous, and kind person you would ever meet. He sacrificed so much for the sake of others' happiness. Ed never complained about anything. It was an absolute honor to know him and call him a friend. Ed will be dearly missed by his loving family and cherished friends.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter Catholic Cemetery

43755 Elizabeth Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48036

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Instate

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Lutheran Church  
37635 Dequindre  
Troy, MI 48083

## Funeral Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Troy, MI 48083



# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Zagaiki*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Ed was a real character, we had our little banter when we were bowling together he was Muhammad Ali and I was Joe Frazier. Whenever we got together for bowling he would tell me I was going down in three, we always joked. Ed and I worked at Warren truck assembly I would always see him walking around joking laughing talking to people and they would always call him (Elvis) maybe because he had the hairdo and always dyed his hair black with the sideburns. For the people that knew him he will be missed. My condolences to the family. Butch*



**Melvin (Butch) Stroud** - March 11, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *Ed , Thank You for all your help and support, from one of the many Warren Truck employees that you have supported.*

**Mike Saad** - March 10, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Rest In Peace my friend, years of working together and sharing the same birthday will never be forgotten.*  
*J.Hairston*

**Jeffery Hairston** - March 10, 2023 at 03:48 PM

LF

“ Eddie sorry that you are gone you will be greatly missed, I know that you are in a much better place with no aches an pains an a smooth road to travel on, an yes the guys did stick me last Tuesday, GOD BLESS YOU (ROCC)

leonard f franks - March 10, 2023 at 03:30 PM

DD

“ I bowled in a few leagues Ed bowled in, but never got to see everything Cheryl mentioned. What I personally observed the years of knowing Ed, was that he treated everyone with respect. He was a gentleman, and yes, I even detected a dry sense of humor at times. I consider him a true friend, and I will dearly miss him. God bless

Dave Duff - March 10, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Zagaiski.



March 10, 2023 at 12:29 PM

DL

“ Hi Cheryl and Family of Edward. God bless, comfort and strengthen you all in the Homegoing of Edward. It was an honor to have know Ed. I met him at Local 140 playing cards and just instantly became friends, bowling partners in which we won a championship. Yes to know Ed was to love him. Thanks for sharing the rock stories, card tricks and everything Ed. I salute you.

Deacon Cordell Lovelady - March 10, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Zagaiki.*



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March 10, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Cheryl I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Ed very well but I wish I had.*

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**Bob Singer** - March 10, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *I only knew Ed and Cheryl for the past 8 months and he and were not as good of friends as we would have become but what a great guy and comedian.  
Ed loved playing Euchre at the Lions Club which was where we met and St Lawrence church which he told me to come and play.  
Last December Ed and Cheryl joined the Chrysler bowling tournament for the first time and while nearly everyone was given a 150 average, Ed jokingly convinced the guys running it that my average was 175 and it was changed from 150. My team took last place even though I bowled good but I never got mad at him, he was that type of guy.  
I'll miss him but know I'll join his heavenly team in the future.  
Good by for now buddy,  
William Freigruber*

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**William Freigruber** - March 10, 2023 at 07:56 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edward Zagaiski.*



March 09, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ *86 files added to the album Ed's pictures.*



**Cheryl** - March 09, 2023 at 09:26 PM



*Ed will always be remembered as a great player.He loved everything in life,Especially his family and friends.I will miss him greatly.*

**Ronald** - March 10, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Zagaiski.*



March 09, 2023 at 01:29 AM

GL

“ Ed was a beautiful soul, caring, loving and giving. I gave him empty egg cartons and he'd give me eggs. He was so good to Cheryl and for that I couldn't be more grateful. I will miss him. He's probably bowling with the angels in heaven. I'll think of him next time I hear thunder as he bowls a strike.

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**Gloria** - March 08, 2023 at 06:47 PM