



## Michael Petrusha

November 18, 1936 - January 17, 2026

Michael Petrusha, age 89, passed away on January 17, 2026, in Clinton Township, Michigan.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Switlana, his devoted children, Lisa Hawkins, Andrew John (Laurie) Petrusha, Helene (Zenon) Zarewych, his loving grandchildren, Roman, Zachary, Matthew, Ava, and Viyka, and one treasured great-grandchild, Luna.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Oryna, his brothers, Mykola and Ivan (Evdokia), his son-in-law, Brad, and his niece Valia.

Michael was born in Zolotonosha, Ukraine in 1936. As a boy, he left Ukraine with his mother and brothers during World War 2. After the war, they immigrated to America to follow the dream of freedom and opportunity. The family settled in the Detroit area. After high school, Michael proudly served his country in the United States Army and later owned a tool and die company with his brothers. Michael's church and the Ukrainian community were very important to him and he actively supported both throughout his life.

Michael was a compassionate and generous man who truly embraced life. He married the love of his life, Switlana, and they spent 61 wonderful years together. His family was always at the center of his life and he counted his

three children as life's greatest blessing. Michael was dedicated to his large extended family and fiercely loyal to his friends.

Michael enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, travelling and good times with family and friends. His motto in life was "work hard and play hard." He taught us that life was to be lived to the fullest and the relationships you make along the way are what matter most.

Вічна йому пам'ять!

A visitation will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2026 from 4 -8pm at the Sterling Heights Chapel of Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, with Panakhyda at 7pm. A funeral service will take place at St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 9:30am with an Instate time of 9:00am.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider Razom for Ukraine ([www.razomforukraine.org](http://www.razomforukraine.org)) or Ukrainian Children's Aid and Relief Effort ([www.ucareinc.org](http://www.ucareinc.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

Woodward South of 8 Mile Road  
Detroit, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 20.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Panakhyda

**JAN 20.** 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate

**JAN 21.** 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral  
21931 Evergreen Road (between 8 & 9 Mile)  
Southfield, MI

## Funeral Service

JAN 21. 9:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Lifting you in prayer. Dan Beckwith & family*

Dan Beckwith - January 20 at 12:54 AM

KF

“ *Korol/Mcmullen Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Petrusha.*

Korol/Mcmullen Family - January 19 at 05:36 PM

KF

“ *Korol/Mcmullen Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Petrusha.*



Korol/Mcmullen Family - January 19 at 05:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Petrusha.*



January 19 at 10:54 AM

MF

“ Mike Wasylenko & Suzi (Wasylenko) Fritz purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Petrusha.



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**Mike Wasylenko & Suzi (Wasylenko) Fritz** - January 19 at 09:38 AM

JG

“ I will always remember Michael's smile! He lit up a room with it! Always a big hug and kiss when I saw him. He adored his family and grandkids and would always talk about how proud he was of all of them. He would always tell me how blessed he was to be able to serve his country. Always proud though of his heritage. He used to tell me how Susie was an angel to put up with him and how much he loved her. A Beautiful angel now looking down and smiling and protecting all his loved ones.

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**jenni glaspie** - January 18 at 08:12 PM

TF

“ Todd & Jenni Glaspie & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Petrusha.

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**Todd & Jenni Glaspie & family** - January 18 at 08:03 PM

TF

“ Todd & Jenni Glaspie & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Petrusha.



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**Todd & Jenni Glaspie & family** - January 18 at 08:03 PM

BS

“ *Bob, Kim, Chelsea and Abby Shaner purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Michael Petrusha.*



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**Bob, Kim, Chelsea and Abby Shaner** - January 18 at 06:58 PM