



## Ralph P. Ratowski

April 20, 1958 - June 30, 2023

Ralph Ratowski (04/20/1958 - 06/30/2023) was the beloved father of Matt Ratowski and Nick (Julie) Ratowski, Step-Father to Chris Urquhart, brother to Tim (Jennifer) Ratowski, Lynn Rios, and Karen Laws, Godfather of Tiffany (Jake) Bowman, and an amazing Uncle, Great-Uncle, and cousin to many. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Ralph and Gertrude Ratowski, and his big brother, Gary Ratowski.

Ralphie grew up in Taylor, MI, and lived most of his adult life in Hamtramck, MI, but his true happy place was his family's Up North retreat in Oscoda, MI. Sitting around the campfire with his boys, surrounded by family, was where you would find him most of the summer. However, many will always remember his Christmas party as the best day of the year.

As the glue of the family, he will be sorely missed. His loved ones will gather on Saturday, July 29th from 12:00-2:00 pm for visitation and funeral at E.J. Mandziuk & Son Sterling Heights, with lunch to follow.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

JUL **29**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph P. Ratowski*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ralph P. Ratowski.*



July 26, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph P. Ratowski.*



July 26, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *"Remembering You" 30" Solar Sonnet was purchased for the family of Ralph P. Ratowski.*



July 21, 2023 at 08:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph P. Ratowski.

July 18, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph P. Ratowski.



July 18, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ I lived right next-door to the ratowskusMy entire life and Ralphie was a nice young man. We have a Lotta great memories as kids playing together? We're so sorry to Lynn, Karen and Tim love patty, danny and rex barringer

Pat barringer keilman - July 12, 2023 at 10:54 PM



Darn spell check ratowski lol

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💔 So saddened by the news of Ralphie's death. My thoughts and prayers 🙏 are with the entire grieving family.  
Love, cousin Juli xo

Juliana Yandell - July 14, 2023 at 11:35 AM

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*I grew up down the street from Ralph. Loved playing games in the field. But most of all, when we got older, jobs and cars, we used to go to his parents cabin up North and having a blast. Ralph was taken too early. Fly High Ralph.*

*Robert & Jamie Daffron*

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**Robert Daffron** - July 26, 2023 at 06:06 PM

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*So sorry for your loss. Ralph was funny and enlightening. We had a great childhood on Robert Street, many memories. ❤️*

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**Gail Sower** - July 29, 2023 at 10:18 PM