



Raymond Joseph Mandziuk

July 19, 1933 - September 12, 2017

Age 84, of Sterling Heights, passed away unexpectedly on September 12. Beloved husband and best friend of Patricia (Skonieczny).

Loving father of David, Karen (Ryan) Patterson, Joseph (Angela Schaper), brother of Edward; Grandchildren, Lauren, Olivia, Audrey, Brooke, Adam, and Mia. Predeceased by Frank, Helen Lyczak, and Chester. Born in Hamtramck to Stanley and Stella (Sieczynski).

Ray was a science teacher at Pershing HS, a School Worker in Detroit Schools for 35 years. He had a BS, BA, and MSW. He was active in the community and church; he was a lector, EME, Funeral Ministry and Ray sang in all men's choir for over 50 years at Sts. Florian and Hyacinth; served 13 years on Hamtramck Board of Educ, active member of St. Florian, St. Clare of Assisi and St. Jane in Sterling Hts. He became a member of the Secular Franciscans St David Confraternity. Ray served in the US Army. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Amateur Mendicant Society of Detroit (a scion of Sherlock Holmes Baker St Irregulars).

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association - the greater Michigan chapter (http://alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp)

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Instate

SEP 16. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church
38750 Ryan Rd
Sterling Heights, MI

Mass of the Christian Burial

SEP 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Joseph Mandziuk*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Raymond Joseph Mandziuk*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM

PN

“ Truly one-in-a-million, Ray Mandziuk's compassion and empathy for the refugees and immigrant children who streamed into northeast Detroit during the 1980's Iraq-Iran War was incomparable. He often shared how their condition reminded him of the Polish immigrations of an earlier time.



During three successive summers, I was blessed to work with Ray in helping those refugee kids and parents traumatized by the bloodshed, bombs, upheaval of that time In the midst of their obvious fear and suffering, Ray Mandziuk imparted a compassion and insight that could only have come from the grace of knowing and truly loving the Lord Jesus Christ. Ray was not only a healer" of those broken lives, he was a powerful advocate for those kids, standing up for those who had wrongly been classified as "special education", and helping to identify those who would, indeed benefit from those services. One such child initially labelled as special ed, actually was gifted and went on to an early admission to U of M and eventually graduation from the School of Medicine.

Remembering you, Ray, and your wonderful family in prayer.

Dr. Phyllis Noda

Phyllis Noda - September 17, 2017 at 09:31 AM

TL

“ Tom and I were so very sorry to learn of Ray's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Pat and the rest of your family.



*With our Sympathy,
Tom and Sharon Lyons*

Tom & Sharon Lyons - September 15, 2017 at 02:45 PM

BM

“ Dear Pat and family - sending my love and thoughts in prayer. Ray was very special. He was always smiling and wishing everyone the best. He was so encouraging in the funeral ministry at St. Jane. Now the funeral ministry will serve Ray. I'm so happy to hear he was a member of the Secular Order of St. Francis. May God wrap His comforting arms around all of you. Eternal rest grant unto Ray.
Bernie Mikowski

Bernie Mikowski - September 15, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond Joseph Mandziuk.



September 14, 2017 at 09:52 PM

JS

“ Jim, Janet, Jack, Nancy, Diane, Sharon and Stan purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Raymond Joseph Mandziuk.



Jim, Janet, Jack, Nancy, Diane, Sharon and Stan - September 14, 2017 at 02:43 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Raymond Joseph Mandziuk.*



September 14, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ *From The Gates & The Stepeks Families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Raymond Joseph Mandziuk.*



From The Gates & The Stepeks Families - September 14, 2017 at 11:44 AM



“ *FANUC Central purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Raymond Joseph Mandziuk.*



FANUC Central - September 14, 2017 at 10:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Joseph Mandziuk.*



September 14, 2017 at 08:42 AM

CB

“ *What a lovely man Ray was. Always so helpful and caring for everyone he met. I hope I repeat the story as I heard it with as much accuracy as possible.*

One day he told me that he and his wife met Pope John Paul II before he was pope. He was Cardinal Wojtyla and he had come to Detroit for a visit. Pat and Ray were pushing a baby carriage and the future Saint came out to greet them and speak to them. Ray was amazed at how it seemed they were the only four people in the world. Karol Wojtyla spoke to them keeping his eyes fixed right on them. He knew this man would be remembered as great someday. And from that point on Ray tried to emulate that behavior and fix his eyes on the person he was speaking to. And I can attest that when you were talking to Ray, You two were the only ones that mattered in the world at that very moment.

Pat, you were so blessed to have this man by your side for so many years. I hope that your friends and family can hold you up in their arms as you have held us up in yours. Rick and I I have come to love you as family. God bless you. Cindy Belotti

Cynthia Belotti - September 13, 2017 at 06:40 PM