



Robert Edward Parko

October 2, 1946 - May 16, 2026

Robert Edward “Ed” Parko of Sterling Heights passed away peacefully on May 16, 2026 following a short illness at the age of 79, surrounded by his family.

Ed was born on October 2, 1946, in Detroit to John and Mary Louise (Sims) Parko. He proudly served in the Air National Guard before building a long and successful career as a software engineer with IBM.

Above all else, Ed was a man devoted to his faith and his family. He was a loving and dedicated husband to his wife, Patricia “Pat” (English), and a proud father to Veronica (Dominic), Ken, and Jeremy. He cherished his role as grandfather to Dominic III, Nina (Dimitri), Jacob, and Robert, and great-grandfather to Gianna and Giulia. His family was the center of his life, and he was always there with endless love, guidance, and support for his children and grandchildren.

Ed enjoyed gardening, reading, cars, and sports, especially hockey, which he loved both playing and following throughout his life. Those who knew him will remember his gentle spirit, patience, humility, and unwavering kindness. No matter what life brought his way, Ed remained genuine, steady, and full of love for others.

He leaves behind a legacy of faith, strength, compassion, and devotion to

family that will continue to live on in all who knew and loved him. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

MAY 21. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Instate

MAY 22. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Rd
Utica, MI

Mass of the Christian Burial

MAY 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Burial with Military Honors

MAY **22**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
25800 W 10 Mile Rd
Southfield, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert Edward Parko.



May 20 at 10:37 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert Edward Parko.



May 18 at 03:35 PM