



## Thomas Gajewski

November 21, 1923 - March 16, 2024

Thomas Gajewski, age 100, passed away on March 16, 2024; born to Veronica and Thomas on November 21st of 1923; beloved husband to Helen Marie Szamborsk for 81 loving years; dear father of the late Sylvia Catherine Gentile; cherished grandfather of Veronica Ortmann, Erika Charbeneau, Emily Langevin and the late Stefanie Gentile; loving great-grandfather to Isaiah Ortmann, Cordelia Ortmann, Xylia Ortmann, Camden Langevin, Cullen Adcock and Elliana Charbeneau; preceded in death by his siblings Casimir, Wallace, Rose, Agnes, Celia, Eleanor, Bernard and Leonard.

Thomas was an avid member of the Knights of Columbus and his local VFW. He was also a proud, retired World War II Combat Veteran. His favorite past time was enjoying sports of all kinds!

The family will greet friends at Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors of Sterling Heights on Thursday, March 21st from 3:00pm until 8:00pm with a rosary service at 6:00pm. Instate 11:00am Friday, March 22nd at S.S. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church until the time of mass at 12:00pm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 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

## Rosary

MAR 21. 6:00 PM (ET)

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*\*With Military Honors\**

## Instate

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church  
41233 Ryan Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314-3937  
(586) 726-6911

## Mass of the Resurrection

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MAR **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church  
41233 Ryan Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314-3937  
(586) 726-6911

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Helen and Gajewski family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was such a kind-hearted man and I always loved his greeting, "Good morning" in a way only he could say. We were said to see you and Tom move next door but understood that's what was needed. He will definitely be missed!  
Sending my sincere condolences.  
Beth Stipek - Receptionist @ Oakmont Manor*

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**Beth Stipek** - April 06, 2024 at 10:22 AM

CM

“ *Oakmont Sterling staff and residents are very saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Our hearts and prayers are with Helen in this time of loss.*

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**Claudia Mills** - March 20, 2024 at 04:52 PM

EL

“ *So many memories of my grandpa. Staying the night and playing dominos with him while eating a late night snack of Rice Krispies with banana or edys French vanilla ice cream. Going to the park and him spinning us mercilessly on the roundabout ride, ice skating, trips to metro beach playground. Being woken up to him singing "oh how I hate to get up in the morning, oh how I hate to get out of bed". His rotisserie bbq chicken. What I will miss most is his laugh and how he was such a jokester.*

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**emily langevin** - March 20, 2024 at 01:41 PM

VG

“ When I think of Grandpa, the memories tumble through my brain in such volume that it’s difficult even to grab onto favorites. There were innumerable trips to the park near their house, Grandpa taking us ice skating, flying the snoopy kite. Grandpa laying in the floor watching baseball when we would come over, allowing us to climb all over him. Grandpa sitting on the swing, barbecuing his amazing rotisserie chicken, while “just resting” his eyes and listening to the radio. Taking trips downtown with him and Grandma, just to ride the People Mover, and visiting the Detroit Historical Museum. He once rescued a turtle and briefly put it in a baby pool in his backyard so all the grandkids could see it. He played a special part in my childhood and beyond, even into the lives of his great grandchildren. I love him.

Veronica Gentile - March 20, 2024 at 10:04 AM

SS

“ I will always remember the fun times at the family reunion picnics and other family gatherings. Uncle Tommy and Aunt Helen always made me feel welcome and so glad to have a part of their lives!

Sharon Skorupski

Sharon Skorupski - March 19, 2024 at 11:51 PM

RF

“ Rosemary, Jim & Carol, Jeanne & Tony, Mary & Bill, Paul & Ellen, Len & Jewel & their families purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Thomas Gajewski.



Rosemary, Jim & Carol, Jeanne & Tony, Mary & Bill, Paul & Ellen, Len & Jewel & their families - March 19, 2024 at 04:37 PM

TT

“ Uncle Tom - I am sure your family has many great memories for I know we have many and you will live on thru those memories. Great stories, picnics, and just some great laughs. You're the oldest person we have every known in our lifetime and on Saturday I went to mass praying that you wouldn't suffer too long and that evening you passed. Thank you for your service in the U.S. Army and all the places you were and action you seen - *SERVED IN THE 9TH ARMY INFANTRY, PLATOON LEADER IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER: BIRMINGHAM AND FALMOUTH, ENGLAND, BELGIUM, RHINE RIVER, KREFELD AND ELBE RIVER, GERMANY PER WW2 Memorial site.* Only someone that was there could explain it as it happened and you still remembered it all. God Bless you and your family. You and your family were and are in my daily prayers! Tony and Jeanne Trotta

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**Tony & Jeanne Trotta** - March 19, 2024 at 03:47 PM

SF

“ Szamborski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Gajewski.

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**Szamborski Family** - March 19, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Gajewski.



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