



Wallace Michael Ozog

September 27, 1940 - February 28, 2026

Wallace Michael “Wacek” Ozog, age 85, was born on September 27, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan, to Polish immigrant parents Joseph Ozog Sr. and Mary Szczypek. The ninth of thirteen children, he was preceded in death by his siblings Frank, Stanley, Thaddeus, Stella, Ann, Anthony, Lottie, John, Joan, Eugene, and Dorothy. He is survived by his brother, Joseph (Nina) Ozog Jr.

On August 12, 1966, Wallace married Joann Shirley Kushel, and together they shared 59 years of marriage. He is survived by his children Michael (Deanna), Mark, and Christopher (Barb); grandchildren Ryan, Grace, Olivia, Cassidy, Ian, Jack (Ashley), Jonathan, Taylor (Michael), and Madison; great-grandchildren Bjorn and Primrose; sister-in-law Camille Ozog; brother-in-law Dr. Thomas Carson; and many nieces and nephews.

Wallace earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from the Detroit Institute of Technology and spent 32 years with the Michigan Department of Social Services as an analyst and consultant, retiring in 1998. Shortly after retiring, he became National President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA), following 12 years of service as National Non-Resident Vice President. From 1998 to 2010, he and Joann lived in Chicago while maintaining their home in Warren, Michigan.

Wallace’s dedication to PRCUA began at age 18 and continued throughout his

life. His involvement spanned sports programs, cultural initiatives, Polish language and dance schools, and membership growth. A lifelong promoter of Polish culture, he proudly represented the organization and met numerous dignitaries, including Pope John Paul II, Polish President Lech Wałęsa, various U.S. Presidents, Cardinal Józef Glemp, and other religious leaders.

He was a longtime member of PRCUA Societies Fr. Al's (1493) and St. John Paul (1593), where he organized sporting tournaments, fundraising events, and community activities. Known for his Polish babka and his veal and pork meatballs, Wallace brought joy to gatherings with his humor, warmth, and genuine positivity. He remained deeply involved in his sons' lives, attending their activities and offering steadfast support. He and Joann worked as true partners throughout their marriage.

Wallace was also a member of Friends of the Cardinal, Michigan FICs, Lifetime member and Chairman of the Polish Museum of America, Lifetime member of Polish American Cultural Center, Polish National Alliance(PNA) longtime member, Friends of Polish Art member, PAC Scholarship President, Ambassador and on the Board of Regents at Orchard Lake St. Mary and oversaw the Detroit Polish Festival and Detroit Tigers Polish American Night for many years.

Wallace passed away peacefully from pulmonary fibrosis under hospice care and the compassionate support of Teresa Budnik.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to:

- Orchard Lake Schools – Wally and Joann Ozog Endowed Scholarship Fund
- DeLaSalle Collegiate – Wally and Joann Ozog Endowed Scholarship Fund

· Sr. Ann Ozog Scholarship Endowment Fund

· The Polish Museum of America (Chicago, Illinois)

Bóg Zapłać, Wacek. God Bless, Wallace. You will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 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 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Instate

MAR 9. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Anne Catholic Church
32000 Mound Rd
Warren, MI 48092

Mass of the Christian Burial

MAR 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BA

“ Extending my sincere condolences to Joanne and Wally's entire family.

B. Adamkieiwcz - April 09 at 04:49 PM

MS

“ So many good Polish memories with Mr. Ozog! My condolences and prayers to the family!

Meg shalawylo - March 08 at 08:03 PM

MM

“ My Deepest Sympathy to is wife and to he's family my he Rest in peace 🙏. From Martha Madro retired PRCUA employer

Martha Madro - March 08 at 04:03 PM

JS

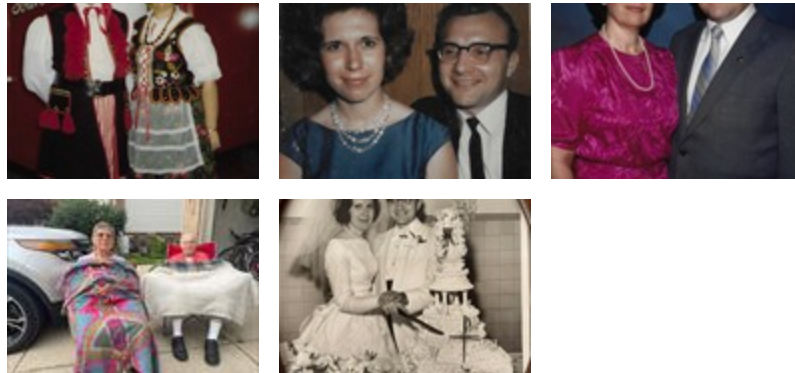
“ Joan Smuda and Norm Schroeder purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Wallace Michael Ozog.



Joan Smuda and Norm Schroeder - March 05 at 04:24 PM

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“ 31 files added to the album Main



Mike Ozog - March 04 at 04:32 PM



Your father was such a wonderful man. I was lucky to know him.

Celina Kabicki - March 04 at 05:14 PM



“ We extend our sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of the deceased.

May the memory of his dedicated service and of his family roots reaching back to Nienadówka remain a lasting testament to the bonds connecting the Polish-American community with the homeland of its ancestors.

May he rest in peace.

<https://nienadowka.jimdofree.com/2026/03/04/wallace-m-ozog-dzia%C5%82acz-polonii-ameryka%C5%84skiej/>

Boguslaw Stepień - March 04 at 01:57 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Ozog, your husband was such a good and generous man. He did a lot for the Polonia community. He will be missed. God bless, the Kabicki Family

Celina Kabicki - March 02 at 05:48 PM

RY

“ To Mike, Mark, Christopher and your entire family the Yustick family would like to share how sorry we are to hear of the passing of your father. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers during this time of mourning. Woodhouse has lost a long time neighbor and he will be missed

Robert Yustick - March 02 at 04:49 PM

MO

Thank you Rob. We had so much fun growing up on Woodhouse.

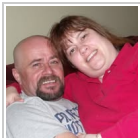
Mike Ozog - March 04 at 04:44 PM

TF

“ The Shelton Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Wallace Michael Ozog.



The Shelton Family - March 02 at 03:28 PM



“ I was devastated to hear about Uncle Wally's passing. I have him and Aunt Joanne (& family) in my prayers through this time.



Alice Johnson - March 02 at 02:11 PM

GR

We will always remember the days of Polish Dancing that you coordinated...Great Times and Memories. Till we meet again!
Ger and Jackie Rys

Gerald A Rys - March 02 at 07:02 PM