



William Szypa

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William Szypa, a cherished father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2025.

Born on August 31, 1924, in Burr Oak, KS, William was the son of Alex and Anna Szypa. He honorably served in both World War II and the Korean War, reaching the rank of Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy. Specializing in electrical shipboard communications on destroyer escort ships, he later built a successful career in electrical contracting.

William married his beloved Stella Cegelnick, and together they raised six children: Theresa, William Jr., Stephen, Michael, Judith and Patrick. He began his career with the City of Hamtramck's Traffic Signal Department before founding his own electrical contracting business—a venture that thrived for over 65 years. Deeply passionate about his craft, William generously shared his expertise, mentoring not only his sons but also countless electricians, many of whom achieved the honor of becoming Master Electricians, just like their revered mentor.

A lifelong resident of Hamtramck, William was an active member of the Ukrainian American Veterans Post 101, the U.S. Naval Destroyer Escort Sailors Association, the International Association of Electrical Inspectors, the City of Hamtramck Dept. of Public Safety Retirees Association, and a devoted parishioner of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Rite Byzantine Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Stella, in 2004 and his granddaughter Lisa in 2010. He is survived by his daughter Theresa of Roseville, MI; sons William Mark and Stephen (Teresa Ann) of Clinton Township, MI; son Michael (Nancy) of Sterling Heights, MI; daughter Judith of Silver Spring, MD; and son Patrick of Eastpointe, MI. He was grandfather to Alex (Jacklyn), Josh (Katelyn), Gabriel, and Eli Szypa, as well as Angela (Tyler Schmidt) of Rockwood, MI. He was also blessed with great-grandchildren: Delilah, Stella, Jacob, Nicholas, Alaina, and Brooklyn.

The family kindly requests any memorial donations be made to:

- ◆ Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church
- ◆ Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Schools Refugee Support Fund (providing tuition assistance for refugee students)

Private funeral arrangements are under the care of Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors (3801 Eighteen Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314). Visitation on Friday, Feb. 14 from 3:00-8:00 pm, with Panahyda at 7:00 pm. Liturgy will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15th at 10:00 am at Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church.

William's legacy of service, hard work, and dedication to his family, community, and country will be remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 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

FEB 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Instate

FEB 15. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church
11700 McDougall St.
Hamtramck, MI 48212

Funeral Mass

FEB 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Chapel Service

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
17100 Van Dyke (at 6 Mile Road)
Detroit, MI 48234

Tribute Wall

JS

“ 1 file added to the album William Szypa memories



Judith Szypa - March 24, 2025 at 03:45 PM

LC

“ I had the privilege of calling William my Friend, we developed a warm bond while he was at Meadows. His room was across the hall from my Mother and he would come to listen to the stories I would read. “Dear God, I’m having a senior moment” He had me on speed dial for graham crackers and Ricola cough drops all of which it was my honor to make him smile! See you in heaven and thank you for your friendship!!

Linda Charbonneau - February 15, 2025 at 01:12 PM

TH

Thanks for doing that for my dad!

Theresa - February 17, 2025 at 08:37 PM

JH

“ William is someone you meet and never forget. There was always a story to be told or a song to be sung. He will be dearly missed by all his friends and staff here at the Meadows.

Jennifer Hiller - February 14, 2025 at 12:48 PM

JS

“ Please note: the version of William's obituary posted here on the afternoon of Thur. 2.13.25 contains some errors in dates and names - a corrected version will be reposted soon. Thank you.

Judith Szypa - February 13, 2025 at 05:43 PM

GJ

“ Geoff and Maryanne Johnson purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of William Szypa.



Geoff and Maryanne Johnson - February 13, 2025 at 05:34 PM

GJ

“ Geoff and Maryanne Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Szypa.

Geoff and Maryanne Johnson - February 13, 2025 at 05:34 PM

VD

“ I sure will miss you ❤️ very much 🥺. We had great laughs 🤪 and I will miss talking to you and seeing you smile all the time. I will always love you my friend. I will miss you talking about the war you were in. you are a wonderful and very good man. Love you and I miss you ❤️ always.

Vickie Drumm - February 13, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Szypa.* ”



February 13, 2025 at 03:27 PM