



Leo "Podge" W. Kwiecien

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Leo W. Kwiecien, aged 95, of Roosevelt Park, passed away Monday, June 1, at American House in Spring Lake. Podge (to all those near and dear to him) was born in Muskegon on September 21, 1924, to Anna (Samek) and Frank Kwiecien, Sr. He graduated from Muskegon Heights High School in 1942 and the very next day enlisted in the US Navy, repairing LST props in the WWII Pacific theatre until 1946. Podge worked for Leo Lappo's gas station on Lakeshore Drive, before joining the Muskegon Heights Fire Department in 1950, retiring in 1988 with the rank of Captain. On April 14, 1956, Podge married Yvonne Poort, who died too young in 1999. They had two daughters. Podge was a lifelong member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and sang in the men's choir. He loved dancing and belonged to the Polish Falcons Nest #276, the Muskegon Eagles, the Moose Lodge, Polish Union and the American Legion post in Grand Haven. Leaving to mourn Podge are his two devoted daughters, Sue Kwiecien of Kalamazoo, MI and Joan (Thom) Sruba of Spring Lake, MI, and two granddaughters, Alyssa (fiancé Mitchell Gabriele) Sruba and Casey Sruba. Also survived by sisters-in-law, Iris Poort and Rosemary Poort, numerous nieces and a nephew. Podge was preceded in death by his parents, beloved wife, and brother, Frank Jr. A private interment at St. Mary's Cemetery's Mausoleum has taken place. Mass and wake to occur at a later date. Memorials may be made to the WKBZ Polka Melodies Radio Show (2301 South Hilltop Dr., Muskegon, MI 49441). Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49441. Please share a memory with the family online at www.sytsemaf.com.



Events

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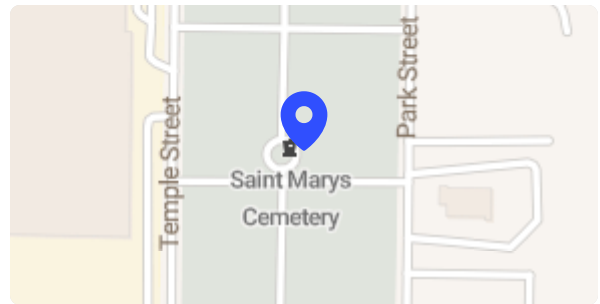
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Cemetery Details



St. Mary's Cemetery

1915 Park St., Muskegon MI 49441





Tribute Wall

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Chris posted:

I enjoyed seeing Leo outside in the neighborhood. It won't be the same without him.

June 12 at 6:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Kwiecien family.



June 10 at 6:11 PM



James Bauer posted:

Will miss seeing Leo at the Union on Tuesday poka night JB

June 7 at 3:18 AM



Collette Bachtel shared 4 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



June 5 at 1:01 PM



Collette Bachtel June 5 at 5:23 PM

Such great memories of Uncle Leo. Enjoyed our boating adventures on the Red ski boat and the "Polish Navy" boat. A funny memory of Uncle Leo and Uncle Hank teaching me to fish, except I wouldn't touch the slimy fish...they got a kick out of that. My love to Susi, Joni and family.



Sytsema Fh shared an album called **Memories Album**.



June 5 at 1:01 PM



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June 5 at 5:13 PM



Leo and Yvonne Palm Desert, CA



Leo at Disneyland on the fire truck.



Uncle Leo at my wedding in Long Beach, CA



Uncle Leo at my wedding 1984.



Media

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Sytsema Fh shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

June 5 at 1:01 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leo "Podge" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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