



# Raphael Lagene Swiatek

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## Raphael Lagene Swiatek

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**M**r. Raphael Lagene “Ralph” Swiatek, age 86, passed away on Monday, November 16, 2020 in Muskegon, Michigan. He was born in Muskegon on January 3, 1934 to Franciszek “Frank” and Wyktoria “Victoria” (Macior) Swiatek and was a life-long resident of the area. On July 27, 1957, Ralph married the former Karlene Marie Koniarski at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Muskegon. Ralph proudly served his country during the Korean War from 1952-1956 while in the United States Navy. He was employed by Brunswick Corporation for 45 years prior to his retirement in 1997. Ralph was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Church and the Polish Union (PRCUA). He was an avid outdoorsman and valued the preservation of nature. He enjoyed hunting, camping, golfing and spending time with family. He was also a sports enthusiast and spent many years playing baseball and softball. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Karlene; three daughters, Louise (Brian Todd) Swiatek, Catherine Swiatek, and Susan (Douglas) Isenga; four grandchildren, Jason (Amanda) Isenga, Nicholas Isenga, Morghan Isenga, and Camille Isenga; four great-grandchildren, Lakelyn, Londyn, Zaxtyn, and Zayn; one sister, Lillian Chandonnet; brother-in-law, Karl Koniarski; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Edward Swiatek, Helen Frances “Frannie” Halasinski, Stanley “Spike” Swiatek, Arthur Swiatek, Alfred Swiatek, Walter Swiatek, and Genowefa “Jenny” Swiatek. Due to Covid-19 and concerns with social distancing, a PRIVATE GRAVESIDE SERVICE will be held for Ralph at St. Mary’s Cemetery. A LIFE CELEBRATION EVENT will be announced at a later date. MEMORIALS in his memory may be directed to Christian Care Nursing Center, the Fr. Thomas Hack Scholarship Fund or the Muskegon Humane Society. You may sign his online guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com) Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444.




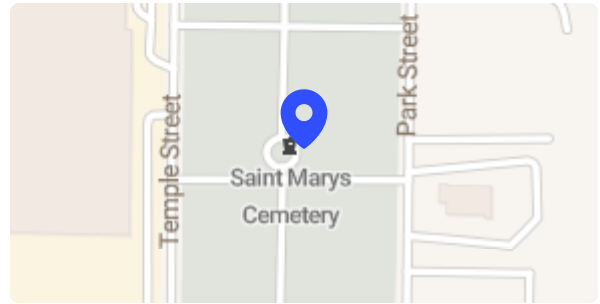
## Events

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### Cemetery Details

 **St. Mary's Cemetery**  
1915 Park St., Muskegon MI 49441





## Tribute Wall

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JE

**Jennifer** posted:

RIP my Ralphy! I loved taking care of you and getting to know you and your wife. Oh how I have a few years of memories I could go on and on. But the 2 that stick out are I would always call you my boy friend and u would wink at and with a shhhhhh! I would even get kisses on my cheek. The girls would say Ralph we are telling your wife and the man of few words would say BULL S\*\*\*! But you eyes when your wife and your girls would come in your room if unforgettable. I k ow right where to go if I was sad, upset or even mad I couldn't help but get my big bear hug and walk out smiling. Thoughts and prays to the family and friends. Love h lots!

November 30 at 5:16 PM

MH

**Martha W City Side Hair** posted:

Karlene and family, You a have my sympathy over the loss of Raphael. May God comfort you during this time.

November 19 at 3:13 AM

MD

**Marcia Dolle** posted:

Dear Karlene and family, We all have so many wonderful memories. Remember family reunions? Karlene, Every time I saw you and Ralph, even in the later years when he didn't remember me he would smile and want a hug ❤️ Most of all I remember being a flower girl in your wedding with my sister 63 years ago! Memories and LOVE are forever! May God Bless you all ❤️ Marcia(Petersen)Dolle

November 18 at 8:04 AM

ND

**Nancy Dunn** posted:

Karlene: We want to extend our deep sympathy to you. We are thinking of you and will keep your family in our prayers. May God grant you comfort and peace. Tony & Nancy Dunn

November 18 at 7:42 AM

CW

**Catherine Wiseman** posted:

Such a nice man and great dad. He was always friendly and kind to me when I would visit your house. Sounds like your family created a wonderful life full of warm memories.

November 18 at 4:36 AM



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**Michele' Crevier Ebeling** posted:

Sorry for your loss Louise!! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️

November 17 at 6:34 PM



**Michele' Crevier Ebeling** November 17 at 6:34 PM

Maiden name Crevier.



**Danna Lumley Pittman** posted:

Louise, I'm so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

November 17 at 5:12 PM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Raphael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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