



Frank Parcheta

JAN 16, 1920 - JAN 20, 2021



Scan to Visit

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Events	Page 5
Tribute Wall	Page 6
Media	Page 8



Frank Parcheta

JAN 16, 1920 - JAN 20, 2021

Frank Parcheta passed away at his apartment in American House of Spring Lake on the 20th of January, four days after his 101st birthday. He was born in 1920 in Chicago, the youngest child of Adam and Victoria Parcheta of Poland. His mother died when he was eight months old and he was cared for by relatives until he was two years old. His father then decided to move to Robinson Township near Grand Haven where he could raise his six children on a farm. Adam placed Frank with his neighbors, Nellie and Bruno Pytlinske, while he looked for a wife. But by the time Adam found a wife, Frank was firmly ensconced with the Pytlinske's, so he remained with them. He met his brothers and sister often to play and go to school, so he always felt as if he had two families. Frank graduated from 8th grade at North Robinson School and decided that he wanted to go on to high school in Grand Haven. He and Bruno took odd jobs for two years while also running the farm, so he could purchase a Model T Ford to drive to school. In high school, he applied for an apprenticeship with Kel-ler Tool Company (now known as Cooper Industries), and worked half a day for four years - yet he still graduated with straight A's.

Frank married Lucille Pelton of Robinson Township in 1940 in Grand Haven. They lived across from Felix Pytlinski's store on Stern's Bayou for a few years while Frank drove into Grand Haven to work. As WWII dragged on, Frank decided to join the Navy to help out, even though they now had three of their eventual five children. Frank took his basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Chicago in August of 1944. He served aboard the U.S.S. Mervine, a destroyer used to protect merchant ships around North Africa. The ship was then fitted with mine-sweeping equipment and was sent to Okinawa in the Pacific. Two months after the war ended, he was discharged and returned home. Frank continued working for over thirty years at Keller Tool in Grand Haven, rising to supervisor of the Tool Machining Division.



Obituary

Frank Parcheta

JAN 16, 1920 - JAN 20, 2021

Frank and Lucille built a house on Green Street in Robinson Township and Frank took an interest in community activities. He was on the Robinson Township Planning committee for ten years, the hospital board for seven, was a committee member of the Boy Scouts for sixteen years, and a master for the cub scouts.

Frank's wife, Lucille, died just 11 months ago, after 79 years of marriage. Frank's brothers, Matthew (Henrietta), Harry (Eve), John (Florence), and Joe (Olive), all predeceased him, as did his only sister, Helen Witkowski (Stanley). He leaves his five children, Sharon DeWreede (Robert), Douglas Parcheta (Sandra), Terry Parcheta (Susan), Susan Novak (Bill), and Sally Parks, Jr. (Paul). He is survived by his 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

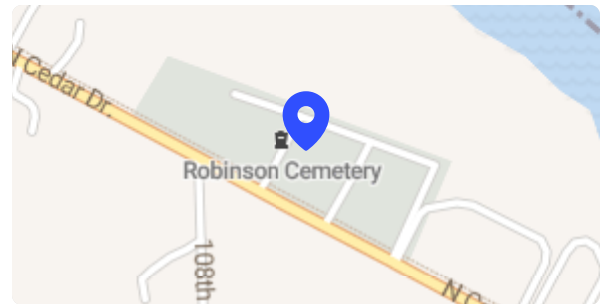
Frank's children and grandchildren will remember his love of playing golf, bowling and dancing. He will especially be remembered for his basement tool shop that produced many finely engineered projects as well as a bicycle boat used for fishing and swimming in Stern's Bayou. Frank was a long-time member of the Eagles and had many memorable occasions there. After the children left home, he and Lucille bought a camper and travelled around the United States, sometimes attending golf tournaments and sometimes visiting their far-flung children. Frank will be missed for his positive attitude, his never-ending energy, and the time he devoted to his children, his relatives, and his friends.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff at American House and North Ottawa Hospice. Without their endeavors, Frank and Lucille would not have been able to stay together as long as they did. Our parent's devotion to each other will forever be an ex-ample to follow.



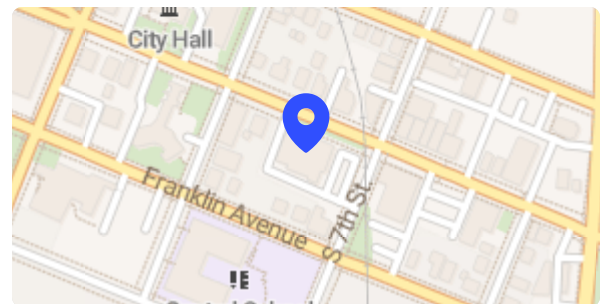
Graveside Service

- 📅 **Saturday**, September 17, 2022
- 🕒 11:00 AM ET
- 📍 **Robinson Township Cemetery**
10780 N. Cedar Drive, Grand Haven MI 49417



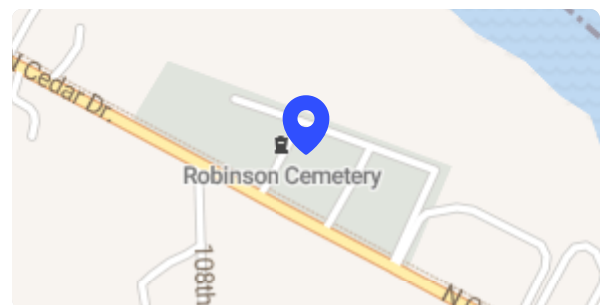
Celebration of Life Open House

- 📅 **Saturday**, September 17, 2022
- 🕒 1:00 PM ET
- 📍 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The VanZantwick Chapel**
620 Washington, Grand Haven MI 49417



Cemetery Details

- 📍 **Robinson Township Cemetery**
10780 N. Cedar Drive, Grand Haven MI 49417





Tribute Wall

Frank Parcheta

JAN 16, 1920 - JAN 20, 2021

DE

Desiree shared 5 photos to the **Family gatherings** album.



September 17 at 7:23 AM

CH

Carol Hulka posted:

At Uncle Frank's 90th. Birthday dinner, I wished him a "Happy Birthday and many more." He said to me, "not too many more!" I miss you Uncle Frank and the card games you were trying to teach me.

September 16 at 9:38 AM

DE

Desiree shared a photo to the **Family gatherings** album.



September 16 at 7:58 AM

DW

Desiree Witkowski posted:

Uncle Frank and Aunt Lucille were a kind, supportive, always there for you part of my childhood. At the age of 16 I lived with them for two years, until I graduated from high school. Uncle Frank was a salt-of-the-earth -solid, quiet, caring, a real gentleman. On Valentine's Day he brought all his daughters a rose, including me. My first rose. I was so very touched. He was a real craftsman with his lathe and wood tools. I so appreciated a covered wood container he made for me. It was quality, like himself. When Uncle Frank was at home on Green Street, he would make these delicious balls with bourbon in them and gave them away at Christmas every year. I'm so glad I asked him for the recipe. Here it is: Uncle Frank's BOURBON BALLS
12 oz. box vanilla wafers, finely crushed
1 cup confectioner's sugar
2 tbsp. cocoa
1 cup finely chopped walnuts
2 tbsp. corn syrup
1/4 cup bourbon or rum
granulated sugar
Combine cookie crumbs, confectioners' sugar, cocoa and walnuts. Mix well. Stir in corn syrup and liquor and mix well with your hands. Roll into 1" balls, then roll in confectioner's sugar. Store in covered container.

September 15 at 7:06 PM



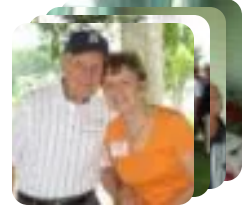
Tribute Wall

Frank Parcheta

JAN 16, 1920 - JAN 20, 2021



Desiree Witkowski shared 4 photos to the **Family gatherings** album.



January 23 at 8:47 AM



Dean Nash lit a candle in honor of Frank.

My sympathy to the Parcheta family. As past secretary of the Eagles #925, Frank was our longest member joining in 1941 at the age of 21. He and his wife would come for our weekly fish fries.



January 25 at 8:49 AM



Sharon Kieft lit a candle in honor of Frank.

Dear Parcheta Family: Sending my thoughts & prayers in the passing of Frank. It was truly an honor to get to know Frank & Lucy when they lived at Stoneybrook of American House. I always enjoyed our conversations, they always seemed so caring. I know how much they loved each other & their family. I considered Frank & Lucy my family. They will always have a special place in my heart. Take Care & God Bless. With Friendship & Sympathy. Love & Hugs, Sharon Kieft ❤️❤️



January 23 at 8:47 AM



Media

Frank Parcheta

JAN 16, 1920 - JAN 20, 2021



Desiree shared 5 photos to the **Family gatherings** album.

September 17 at 7:23 AM





Media

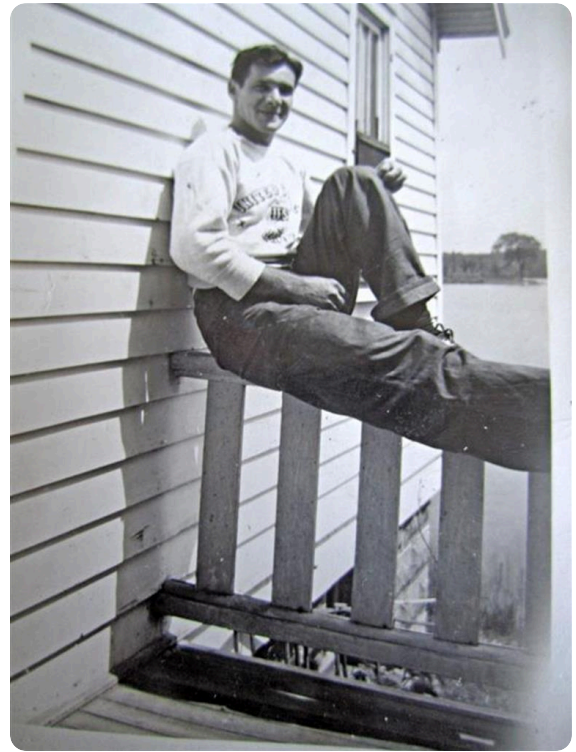
Frank Parcheta

JAN 16, 1920 - JAN 20, 2021





Honeymoon in Chicago





Media

Frank Parcheta

JAN 16, 1920 - JAN 20, 2021



Desiree shared a photo to the **Family gatherings** album.

September 16 at 7:58 AM



Summer 2014



Desiree Witkowski shared 4 photos to the Family gatherings album.

September 15 at 6:58 PM



2012 at Fricano's



2014 Parcheta/Witkowski Reunion



2014 Reunion - Frank and Rosalie



Memories only last if you share them

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



Scan to Visit