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Jozef Sawka, 94, of Pinellas Park, FL passed away June 29, 2018 after a brief illness. Jozef was born in Poland on July 27, 1923 to his parents Jozef and Mary Sawka. He was the youngest of 6 children. At the age of 16, Jozef, escaped Poland during the Soviet occupation during WWII and emigrated to Germany where he lived and worked as a baker and later a small business owner until he came to the United States in 1956. In the States, Josef arrived in Cleveland Ohio where he immediately began his career with Ford Motor Company as a core-fitter until his retirement in 1981. He also was successful and accomplished at buying and managing real estate. Jozef was married to Anne Herakovic, from 1959 until her passing in 1986, and raised a family; his beloved son Darryl and daughter Monica. He later married Jaroslawa Dzera in 2000. . He was known to his family as a hardworking ambitious man who was an excellent provider dedicated to providing security. Jozef was a loving husband and father. He was also known to be a kind, generous man to others as well and touched many lives. He is a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Church, St. Petersburg, FL. Jozef is preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and sisters and his wife Anna. He is survived by his wife, Jaroslawa and children: Son Darryl and his wife Iryna, their daughter Olga married to Alpir Jundež from Parma Ohio and his daughter Monica and her husband Bob Perino, Pinellas Park FL. Mass will be Tuesday, July 3, 2018, 10:00am at Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Church, 434 90th Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702 followed by burial at Calvary Cemetery 5233 118th Ave N. Clearwater, FL 33760.



Events

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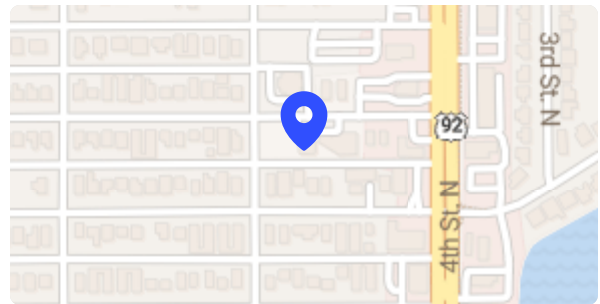
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Funeral Mass

 **Tuesday**, July 3, 2018

 10:00 AM ET

 **Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Church**
434 90th Ave N, St. Petersburg FL 33702





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Sawka family.



July 2 at 12:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sawka family.



July 2 at 10:04 AM



Andrea Muscarella posted:

Mona, The love you shared with your dad will go on forever. You were so lucky to have each other for all these years. You and Bob were a godsend for him in the end. So happy you were able to be there to share this time with him...sending our love and hugs, Jim and Andrea

July 2 at 6:13 AM



Donna Wilson lit a candle in honor of Jozef.

Monica, I am so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I am thinking of you and may you find comfort in knowing that your Father is at peace. With Deepest Sympathy, Donna



July 2 at 6:07 AM



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Teresa Sitko-Cole posted:

This man. This man who showed up in our driveway nearly 50 years ago. This man who somehow found out that he had relatives that lived in Ontario. Who packed his wife and kids up in a car and drove for hours, without introduction, to meet us. Who, despite having made a successful life for himself in a new country, sought out old connections. This man. Here's what I don't remember: I don't remember him complaining. Ever. Here's what I do remember: He worked hard. Shift work and maintenance work and jobs around the house. He believed in working hard. He was not prideful about it. It was a responsibility, a way of life for him. Also, he could fix anything. He loved to socialize. He had a way of bringing people into a conversation, of making people feel welcome. To sit and talk. To listen to old stories. To share new ones. To commiserate, to reflect, to laugh. He seemed to be the happiest when there was a group of people sharing time together. He loved to share food. I remember how he'd smack his lips when he ate caviar on buttered rye bread. Or sour pickles. Or vine-ripe tomatoes. I remember late-night plates of garden fresh cucumbers that he ate with such gusto that we'd beg to have some too. He loved good food, but mostly it was about sharing. For others to know just how good, good food was. I remember he had white shoes. And a white belt. Very stylish. He had a terrific smile and laughing eyes. He had great hair. He loved family. The mere existence of family. The very idea of family. Every thing he did ... every thing he believed ... every thing he looked forward to ... was about family. He was so proud of his family. He would have been a lost soul without you. Ahh, this man. Such memories. I am so glad he found us all those years ago. I thought he was going to live forever. Maybe he will.

July 1 at 2:18 PM

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Cathy Doyle lit a candle in honor of Jozef.

Józef really LIVED his life to the fullest. He loved family, was an excellent cook, spoke multiple languages, had a great sense of humor, and enjoyed summer get togethers in Andover Ohio. After my Dad died, Józef offered to be my second Dad, THATS the type of beautiful man he was. I will remember him fondly & dearly miss him. I was blessed to know him in my lifetime. ❤️

July 1 at 9:04 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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