



## Clemens E. Bykowski

August 5, 1924 - October 22, 2015

Bykowski, Clemens E., October 22, 2015 Age 91 of Canton. Beloved husband of Ruth for 70 years. Loving father of Linda (Larry) Anderson, David, and Karen (Loren) Zaleski. Proud Grandfather of 11 and Great-Grandfather of 7. Clemens was a World War II Veteran, retired Detroit Police Officer, former Wayne County Commissioner, and former State Representative. He was a member of MSGR Hunt K of C #3312, and Retirees, D.P.O.A., PLAV #169, DAV #113, VFW Police and Fire, Stitt American Legion Post, Polish Century Club, and past State Commander of PLAV. Visitation Saturday 3-8 PM and Sunday 12-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Rosary Sunday 6 PM. In state Monday 10:00 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, (west of Sheldon) Canton. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Visitation

OCT **25.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
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## Rosary

OCT **25.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
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## In state

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OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
44800 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

## Funeral Mass

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OCT **26**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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44800 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clemens E. Bykowski*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I am a Minister of Jehovah's Witnesses my wife and I would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your loved one. We would like to leave you with these words of encouragement from Gods word the Bible. At Job 14:14 it ask the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?," The bible makes the promise: Your dead love ones will live...They will rise up. The bible also says, The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19;Psalms 37:29. May you find comfort in these scriptures and in the loving memories of your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at [ctksdk@yahoo.com](mailto:ctksdk@yahoo.com) Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy*

Carlos and Sandy - October 31, 2015 at 06:03 PM

RF

“ I'm going to miss you, Uncle Clem, my polka partner. I will think of dancing with you n your 90th birthday every time I hear the Clarinet Polka. I know my Grandma, your sister Elizabeth, was waiting to welcome you into Heaven - give her a hug from me. Peace be with you....  
Love, Rita



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**Rita Foley** - October 25, 2015 at 02:24 PM

RA

“ We were blessed to have Clem in our lives. We were always moved by the true devotion Ruth and Clem had for each other. His generosity with friends and family and his beloved Veterans is something we should all strive for. He touched many lives and once you met him, you never forgot him! What a truly special man. We will miss him so much. Our love to his beautiful family.  
Rick and Janet Anderson

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**Rick and Janet Anderson** - October 25, 2015 at 09:39 AM

JD

“ Clem was a great neighbor and did a lot for the subdivision. We met him many years ago when we were working on setting up the subdivision homeowners association. His contacts and knowledge of the area politics were very helpful in the establishment and operating of the subdivision. Our thought and prayers for Ruth and the rest of the family.  
Jim and Zeffa Darling

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**Jim and Zeffa Darling** - October 24, 2015 at 11:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Clemens E. Bykowski*.



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October 23, 2015 at 04:44 PM

LZ

“ He served Detroit as a policeman till 1975, was there during the riots saving people and getting them to safety, he comforted the homeless when it got cold by taking them in for the night in a holding cell for dinner and a warm breakfast in the morning before being released. Giving blankets out that he bought when he could afford them on his meager policeman's salary. After he got injured and left medically retired, he ran and got elected as a Wayne county commissioner. One of the items he voted for was the phone call box system installed during the height of I94 attacks on drivers in the Detroit section so they could call for assistance in the rougher area of Detroit. It was during this era he started the Palm Sunday visits to the veterans hospital near Grand Rapids to help the veterans with socks, underwear, toiletries, a small band for music, and bingo. Many of the prizes that were given came from his successful home business called "Clem's Place" - belt buckles, belts, hats, all had the Polish eagle - showing the pride in Polish heritage of giving. The PLAV post 169 group has made this trip with Clem for 47 years, Clem missed the last 2, but his donations still made it to the veterans. When Casmir Ogonowski was removed from office, who was working on the Magnum oil issue, Clem ran to replace him. He won with the absentee vote, forms that he made available during his campaigning at senior centers and hospitals who wanted them. As a State Representative for the people of Wayne County,he stood up and voted for the Grand jury investigation into the Magnum oil scandal but it cost him his seat in the house due to the politics at the time. He then was appointed to the Wayne County Soldiers Relief Fund where he assisted veterans and provided the relief to the families of Wayne County that lost their veteran spouses and could not afford to bury them with dignity. He served without recognition, that was not his thing. I would like him remembered for his caring, his being a dad, a mentor, his "Peace be with you" attitude. We love him and miss him.

*Peace be with you, Clem!*  
*Loren Zaleski, son in law*

**Loren Zaleski** - October 23, 2015 at 09:56 AM

SE

“ We have wonderful memories of Uncle Clem. My first memory is of when Uncle Clem and Aunt Ruth came to California with our Grandmother, Emily Rybski. I was probably about 8 years old. My favorite memory is when my Mom, Esther, and me, along with my son, Zach, came to Michigan for the wedding. We had so much fun laughing with Uncle Clem. A remarkable man with a loving wife and dedicated family.



*Our sincere condolences from your family in Southern California.*

*Suzy and Wayne Elliott  
Zach, Kaylee and Breann & Jordan*

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**Suzy Elliott** - October 23, 2015 at 09:18 AM

LA

*Wish you could be here...But we know that you are praying for Mom and the Family. He was the light of the Bykowski Family. He was never to busy to help others even when he worked 2 jobs. He will be missed, but never forgotten. God Bless my All American Dad.*

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**Linda Anderson** - October 23, 2015 at 02:29 PM

LG

“ *Clem was a great guy. I remember was I was a kid helping campaign in the neighborhood. It's was great fun especially attending the victory parties. Good times and great family! May he be a peace in heaven watching over all of us.*



*Thoughts and prayers*

*Lynda foley Gilbert*

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**lynda foley gilbert** - October 23, 2015 at 07:44 AM

VF

“ *OUR LOVE AND SO MANY HAPPY MEMORIES..ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS..MANY OF THEM.*

*MAY HE BE RESTING IN THE ARMS OF OUR DEAR LORD.*

*OUR THOUGHTS TO THE WHOLE FAMILY.*

*PATRICK AND VIVIAN*

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**VIVIAN FOLEY** - October 23, 2015 at 04:24 AM

JB

“ *Joey, Chris & Wendy, Eric & Jayme, Katie Bykowski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Clemens E. Bykowski.*



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**Joey, Chris & Wendy, Eric & Jayme, Katie Bykowski** -  
October 22, 2015 at 07:49 PM

WB

“ We're so happy and fortunate to have gotten to spend and enchanted evening with the family this summer during Eric and Jayme's lovely wedding, we chatted, took...dare I say- "selfies" with them, and Jayme and I even did a little jig with him on the dancefloor! His infamous wit was apparent to his last long days and may his body and soul be at peace. Sending love to our family, and especially keeping Grandma Ruth in hearts at this time.

*All Our Love, Always*

*The Bykowski's, Chris & Wendy*



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**Wendy Bykowski** - October 22, 2015 at 07:12 PM

LA

*A couple in love for 70 years. It was a hard journey to make that day to the wedding. But he loved being with His Family. He danced a little slower but he smiled with love for His grandchildren. And the twinkle in His eyes never left when He was with my Loving, Caring, Mom. She is known as St. Ruth, a lady that truly cared for and adored my Dad.*

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**Linda Anderson** - October 23, 2015 at 02:35 PM