



## Lawrence Valentine Leja

November 4, 1945 - January 13, 2025

Larry Valentine Leja “a gentle giant” age 79 passed away on January 13, 2025. Dearest and kindest husband of Maggie for 50 years. Brother of the late Joanne (Jerry), Tom; brother-in-law of Mary Ann (Jim) Burger; former brother-in-law of Jerry Pfeifer. Loving uncle of Margaret (Robert), Kathryn (Ian), Kristen, Colleen (Keith), Michael (Kim), Tony (Patty), Ellen (Mark). Great uncle of ten nieces and nephews. Also leaves many cousins and friends. Larry proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. After retiring from Ford Motor Co. at The Power House; he did volunteer work for 15 years. He loved animals and kept many he rescued during his lifetime. He cooked his famous kielbasa and sauerkraut for numerous church and family events. Larry was truly a God send to all who knew him especially to “His Maggie”. He will be missed more than words could ever say. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted with Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Cemetery Details

**St. Hedwig Cemetery**

# Tribute Wall

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“ Larry, an all around Good Guy! I enjoyed getting together with Him and Margie for an occasional Lunch at the Rose Garden! Larry made the best Chicken Soup you'll ever eat! I know He was Margie's Life! God Bless them both! 🙏💜



Patty Picano (Schneider) - January 27, 2025 at 12:40 PM

MP

“ I remember when my mom passed Larry made cards in plastic coating with my moms picture and obituary which I still have on my dresser. Fly high Larry you are now at peace in God's arms.

Marie Piepsney - January 17, 2025 at 04:12 PM

ML

“ Dear Uncle Larry,  
I will never forget the fun times that I shared with you and Bobbie in my 20's. You always were so generous. Your love for your animal friends will always be remembered by me and others. Rest in Eternal peace with our Lord.

Margaret Lincoln - January 17, 2025 at 03:59 PM

JP

“ when i first was hit with type 1 diabetes it was a scary time! i needed support so i called Big Larry he made the trip to my home with margie..he explained to me in detail the ins and outs of this disease i carry his teaching today from 2007..thanks big man your one guy ill never forget..R.I.P.

JIM PIEPSNEY - January 17, 2025 at 02:31 PM

MP

So sorry for the huge loss of such a nice man. May he rest in the Lord's most Perfect Peace.

Marie Piepsney - January 17, 2025 at 02:49 PM

JU

“ Jerry and Richard Urban purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Lawrence Valentine Leja.



Jerry and Richard Urban - January 17, 2025 at 01:32 PM

KP

“ Uncle Larry always had a warm smile on his face! RIP, we will miss you!

Kristen Pfeifer - January 17, 2025 at 09:49 AM

MB

“ Larry was my brother-in-law. He was good natured and a very kind man to everyone. He will be sorely missed in our family.

Mary Ann Pfeifer Burger - January 16, 2025 at 11:56 PM

KP

*RIP Uncle Larry. We love you.*

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**Kristen Pfeifer** - January 17, 2025 at 09:48 AM

JL

*Larry's many memories will live in my mind and heart forever He was one special man. Eternal rest grant unto Larry and let perpetual light shine upon him*

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**Jessie Leja** - January 21, 2025 at 03:41 PM

RI

*Larry was such a kind, thoughtful and giving man. Margie and his family are in my prayers.*

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**Ricki** - January 22, 2025 at 07:10 AM