



## Steven D. Socha

February 10, 1962 - February 14, 2019

Steven D. Socha, age 57 of Plymouth, MI, peacefully transitioned from this life to be with our Heavenly Father Thursday, February 14, 2019 surrounded by loving family members.

Family and friends may visit from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W., Plymouth, MI 48170. At 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus Fr. Victor Renaud Council 3292 will lead the Rosary followed by a Chalice presentation to the family by 4th Degree Pope John XXIII Assembly 1536. Steve will lie in state at 9 a.m. Monday at St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia. Mass of the Resurrection will be concelebrated 10 AM by Rev. Fr. Thomas Belczak, Pastor of St. Kenneth Catholic Church where Steve was a member, and Rev. Fr. Richard Perfetto. Burial with committal service will be at 2 p.m. at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Born February 10, 1962 in Port Huron, Steve was the son of David and Laura (Peters) Socha. He graduated from Marysville High School in 1980 and received a Associate Degree from St. Clair Community College in 1982. In 1984, Steve graduated from Wayne State University School of Mortuary Science, becoming a licensed mortician. Steve married Stephanie L. Beightol on November 29, 1997 at Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic Church in Royal Oak. Together, they raised five wonderful children: Tyler, Nicholas, Rachel, Sarah, and Rebecca Socha. Steve will be missed by his wife of 21 years and 5 children as well as his father and step-mother, David and Yvonne Socha of Bonita Springs, FL; three brothers, Dennis (Kristi) Socha, Bradley Socha, and

Randall (Julie) Socha; six nieces and nephews, Cameron, Brennan, Hannah, Maxwell, Lillian, and Benjamin Socha. Steve was preceded in death by his mother, Laura Socha. Steve worked as a funeral director in Plymouth for over 20 years, working at both Schrader Howell and Vermeulen Funeral Homes. In 2003, he left funeral service in order to run Socha Building Company full time as well as to have more time with his family. Steve's favorite part of owning his own business was the ability to continue helping others. He loved assisting the elderly neighbors and church members with their homes.

Steve was an active member of the Knights of Columbus for many years. In his time, he was Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight at Fr. Victor Renaud Council in Plymouth and was Faithful Navigator of Pope John XXIII 4th degree in Livonia as well as serving a term as District Deputy at the state level. He made many friends while being an active member and will be remembered for his work on many charitable events for Kids with Cancer with Fr. Russel Kohler and numerous dinners during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Anyone who knew Steve knows that he was an avid Michigan football fan, some might have called it an obsession. He was a season ticket holder for 24 years and throughout that time he only missed 2 home games. One of his greatest joys was taking friends and family into the Big House for the first time and seeing the look of awe as they entered the stadium. Over the years he also enjoyed visiting other stadiums with family to watch Michigan play. The only thing to bring Steve greater joy than Michigan football was his family. He loved any time he was able to spend with them and the best part of running his own business was that it gave him the flexibility to do so. He would attend their sporting events, choir concerts and plays and be their biggest supporter. He came to enjoy camping and one of his favorite pastimes was sitting around the campfire in the evenings sharing stories. He entertained them on the holidays with his amazing firework shows. Steve was happiest in his own surroundings and enjoyed creating a beautiful backyard oasis with many exotic flowers and plants that he grew from seed starting in the winter. He shared this space with friends and family and loved providing such an inviting

space. Steve's greatest gift left to his family is his faith. He and Stephanie taught their children the importance of a personal relationship with God. Their church family has been a huge source of support throughout Steve's illness. He shared his faith with others and was a source of support and knowledge to those who needed it. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to the family to assist with furthering his children's educational needs. To Share a memory with the family, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

680 Plymouth Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## K of C Rosary

FEB 17. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## **In state**

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FEB **18**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Colette Catholic Church  
17600 Newburgh Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

## **Funeral Mass**

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FEB **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Colette Catholic Church  
17600 Newburgh Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

# Tribute Wall



“ Steven D. Socha

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ I only recently heard of Steve's passing, and regret that we didn't keep our promise to each other to "keep in touch and get together." There are too many great memories to contain in text, but there are many photos of Steve's antics with some of us old classmates - George, Kirk and Vince. He will always be in our hearts and minds.

Michael Dowding - June 29, 2019 at 12:20 PM



“ How can I come up with one memory when I think about Soch and the times we had together. We were in band, when being in band wasn't cool, we were in Boy Scouts long after all of our friends dropped out, we sat the bench in Football though we loved the game and wouldn't dream of quitting....we were each others strength through the awkward teen years. When we were down, we would go to his basement and play records, such as Queen, Bob Seger and of course the Beatles. He knew the Beatles so well, that we would play a game where I would mention a name of someone who we both knew, and he would pick out the perfect Beatles song to match the person. We would lug his stereo over to the gym on Friday nights so he could DJ at the sock hops. He only played what he liked listening to, and nothing to dance to, so we didn't last long. We would go waterskiing in the summer, and cruising in our cars during the fall and winter. After High School, we went our separate ways and lost touch, much to my regret. Aloha my friend #72, until we meet again...#55

George Butler - February 18, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Steven D. Socha.*



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February 17, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven D. Socha.*



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February 17, 2019 at 06:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven D. Socha.*



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February 16, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ *Dear Stephanie and family,  
My deepest sympathy to all in this time of grief and sadness. Steven sounds like a wonderful husband, father, and friend and will be missed dearly by all those that knew him. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Kim Sprague (co-worker from Bentley)*

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**kimberly sprague** - February 16, 2019 at 06:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven D. Socha.*



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February 16, 2019 at 03:21 PM



“ *Stephanie,  
Just read of your loss. He passed much too young. Sympathy to you and your family.*

*Norma Darow (worked with you at Bentley)*

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**Norma Darow** - February 16, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steven D. Socha.*



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February 16, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven D. Socha.*



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February 16, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven D. Socha.*



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February 16, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ *I used to love driving around and being able to recognize the Socha Building Company truck wherever Mr. Socha went. When it was cold and we would wait for the bus to school in the parking lot at the Cap-n-Cork, Mr. Socha would always stop by to say “good morning” after getting his paper. Camping expert, firework extraordinaire, and master fryer, Mr. Socha always brought with him a sense of comfort and ease, reminding me to find the things in life that make me smile. Thanks for the smiles Mr. Socha. All my love to the Socha family*

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**Alayna** - February 15, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ *We send our condolences and will keep the family in our Prayers at this difficult time. from The Oncology Team at Henry Ford Health Systems.*

*Cortney*

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**Cortney Thomas** - February 15, 2019 at 02:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven D. Socha.*



February 15, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven D. Socha.*



February 15, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ *I think I only met Steve one time, but I'm thankful for it. My sorrow goes out to the family, especially to Nick whom I know from running and Sarah, whom I know from our Lake Pointe youth group.*

**Dean Johnson** - February 15, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven D. Socha.*



February 15, 2019 at 09:44 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steven D. Socha.*



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February 15, 2019 at 08:29 AM



“ *So many memories...Steve became our nephew, when he and our niece Stephanie were married in 1997. I learned quickly of his wry sense of humor, his strong Christian conservative principals, his devotion to his friends and family and his uncanny attachment to all things Maize and Blue. We were blessed to share meals, favorite books, and our love for the Lord. One of my favorite memories was when Steve took me on a tour of his garden; it was so beautiful! He considered it therapy but anyone could see it was much more.*

*I will miss you Steve, but I know that I will see you again someday; in the meantime I will be thankful for the time we had and the memories we shared.*

*Much Love,  
Auntie Karren*

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**Karren Graves** - February 15, 2019 at 07:32 AM