



William A. Chmielewski

June 24, 1956 - October 26, 2025

William “Bill” Andrew Chmielewski, 69, of Canton, Michigan passed away on October 26, 2025.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, to William and Angeline Chmielewski, Bill built a life defined by faith, integrity and love for his family. He spent his entire career with General Motors, working in skilled trades in various positions. Always driven to learn and grow, he went on to earn his Master of Arts in Theology from SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in 2018 - a reflection of his deep faith and thoughtful nature.

Bill participated in and donated his time to a number of organizations. He was a Scout Master with the Boy Scouts of America, an apheresis donor at the American Red Cross, an avid supporter of the Archdiocese of Detroit, and a lifelong member of the UAW.

Bill had many passions that brought him happiness. He loved the peacefulness of the outdoors, frequently setting aside weekends dedicated to hunting, fishing, and tending to his cabin in the Upper Peninsula. He also enjoyed a number of creative outlets such as photography, playing saxophone in a polka band, woodworking, and was a season ticket holder of Broadway in Detroit since the age of eighteen. In recent years, he discovered a talent for cooking and became known among family and friends for his phenomenal

meals. Above all, Bill cherished time spent with his family, especially his five grandchildren, who brought him endless pride and joy.

He is survived by his beloved wife Maria Cynthia, son Andrew and daughter in law Amanda, son Timothy and daughter in law Julia, daughter Katherine and son in law Aaron, and his five grandchildren Stanley, William, Eleanor, Max and Lidia. Bill is also survived by his sister Vera and her husband Tom, and half-brother Al and his wife Penny. His steadfastness, generosity and unique sense of humor will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 31st from 2 PM until 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. The Rosary service will be Friday at 6 PM.

Bill will lie in-state starting at 9 AM until the 10 AM Funeral Mass on Saturday, November 1st at St. Francis D'Assisi Catholic Church, 4500 Wesson Street, Detroit.

Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Francis D'Assisi – St. Hedwig Parish, 3245 Junction Street, Detroit, MI 48210.

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Cemetery Details

St. Hedwig Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 31. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary Service

OCT 31. 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Lie in State

NOV 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis D' Assisi Catholic Church
4500 Wesson
Detroit, MI 48228

Funeral Mass

NOV 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis D'Assisi Catholic Church
4500 Wesson Street
Detroit, MI 48210

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jennifer F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Chmielewski.

Jennifer F. - October 31, 2025 at 03:02 PM

BS

“ Had the pleasure of first meeting Bill when he was the Cubmaster of Saint Micheal's Pack 271 and had the pleasure of working with him when he accepted the Scoutmaster position for the Troop. Bill time and devotion to scouting were formative to the lives of the many scouts and parents that he interacted with. Rest in peace Bill.

Butch Sharples

Butch Sharples - October 31, 2025 at 12:49 PM

MM

“ Marson M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William A. Chmielewski.



Marson M. - October 31, 2025 at 12:48 PM

MM

“ Marson M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Chmielewski.

Marson M. - October 31, 2025 at 12:48 PM

GF

“ FROM: GAMIAO FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Chmielewski.

GAMIAO FAMILY - October 31, 2025 at 11:41 AM

GF

“ GAMIAO FAMILY purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of William A. Chmielewski.



GAMIAO FAMILY - October 31, 2025 at 11:41 AM

MF

“ Mario Canestraro and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William A. Chmielewski.



Mario Canestraro and family - October 31, 2025 at 11:00 AM

TF

“ The Benington Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Chmielewski.

The Benington Family - October 31, 2025 at 09:37 AM

TF

“ *The Benington Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William A. Chmielewski.*



The Benington Family - October 31, 2025 at 09:37 AM

RC

“ *Eternal rest grant unto Bill O Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May he and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen! Our heartfelt condolences to Cynthia and the family. May God give you comfort, strength and peace during this difficult time. Roy and Lucy Coloma*

Roy and Lucy Coloma - October 30, 2025 at 06:15 PM

AK

“ *Alina and Lukasz Kostrzewa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Chmielewski.*

Alina and Lukasz Kostrzewa - October 30, 2025 at 02:12 PM

AK

“ *Alina and Lukasz Kostrzewa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William A. Chmielewski.*



Alina and Lukasz Kostrzewa - October 30, 2025 at 02:12 PM

TF

“ The Haydon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Chmielewski.

The Haydon Family - October 30, 2025 at 12:56 PM

TF

“ The Haydon Family purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of William A. Chmielewski.



The Haydon Family - October 30, 2025 at 12:56 PM

RF

“ Ricky-Dolly Rosales & Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of William A. Chmielewski.



Ricky-Dolly Rosales & Family - October 30, 2025 at 11:54 AM

TK

“ The Thompsons (Adam, Julie and the kids) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Chmielewski.

The Thompsons (Adam, Julie and the kids) - October 30, 2025 at 11:35 AM

TK

“ *The Thompsons (Adam, Julie and the kids) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William A. Chmielewski.*



The Thompsons (Adam, Julie and the kids) - October 30, 2025 at 11:35 AM

DM

“ *Dane, Adrien, Jeff & Lindsay MFC purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William A. Chmielewski.*



Dane, Adrien, Jeff & Lindsay MFC - October 30, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A. Chmielewski.*



October 30, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William A. Chmielewski.*



October 30, 2025 at 07:58 AM

RK

“ Robert & Olga Kramer purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William A. Chmielewski.



Robert & Olga Kramer - October 29, 2025 at 12:37 PM

PM

“ I remember Bill from Boy Scouts at St. Michaels. I believe he had two sons in the program with my boys. He made his way up to Scout Master, a tough job to be sure. I remember him as a good man and my prayers are with the family. Rest in peace Bill. - Pat Maher

Pat Maher - October 29, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William A. Chmielewski.



October 29, 2025 at 09:32 AM

SK

“ Shannon, Teri, Gabby, Amy & Kevin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Chmielewski.

Shannon, Teri, Gabby, Amy & Kevin - October 29, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William A. Chmielewski.*



October 29, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *Your Progressive Companies Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William A. Chmielewski.*

Your Progressive Companies Family - October 29, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ *Your Progressive Companies Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William A. Chmielewski.*



Your Progressive Companies Family - October 29, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ *Ed and Marilyn Nummer, thyssenkrupp planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William A. Chmielewski.*

Ed and Marilyn Nummer, thyssenkrupp - October 29, 2025 at 08:01 AM

ET

“ *Ed and Marilyn Nummer, thyssenkrupp purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William A. Chmielewski.*



Ed and Marilyn Nummer, thyssenkrupp - October 29, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A. Chmielewski.*



October 29, 2025 at 03:12 AM