



## Karl D. Wojcikiewicz

September 27, 1947 - October 21, 2015

Karl D. Wojcikiewicz, 68, of Royalton Township, died peacefully on Wednesday, October 21st, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph. His sons were with him when he passed.

Mass celebrating his life will be held at 10 am on Saturday, October 24th, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph. Burial with military honors will follow in Lincoln Charter Township Cemetery. Following the burial, there will be a gathering to remember Karl from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Stevensville American Legion Post #568, 3093 Johnson Rd, Stevensville. Visitation will be from 5 pm to 8 pm on Friday at the Rose Center of the St. Joseph Catholic Parish, 301 Wayne St., St. Joseph. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Stevensville American Legion Post #568. Arrangements are by Florin Funeral Service. Please share memories, messages, or photos at <http://www.florin.net>.

Karl was born on September 27th, 1947, in Pittsburgh, PA to Stanley and Helen Wojcikiewicz. He served in the Marine Corps in Vietnam and attended Duquesne University with an Air Force ROTC scholarship. He retired from the Air Force as a Captain and moved to Michigan, where he raised his family. He retired from Bosch-Rexroth in 2009. Karl was a member of the VFW, the Marine Corps League, and the Stevensville American Legion Post, where he served two terms as commander. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Parish for 35 years, where he sang in the choir, served as a cantor, and joined the Knights of Columbus. He was a skilled woodworker and a collector of all things military. He also enjoyed target shooting and setting off 4th of July fireworks. Karl was a special person, caring and outgoing, and he touched many lives. He was well-loved by his family and his many friends.

He is survived by his sons, Steven Wojcikiewicz of Austin, TX, and Benjamin Wojcikiewicz of Bedford, IN; his brother, Daniel Wojcikiewicz of Hilton Head, SC; his sister, Wanda Hughes of Harmer Township, PA and his four grandchildren, Morgan, Rory, Paul, and Claire.

# Cemetery

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## Lincoln Township Cemetery

5055 St. Josph Avenue  
Stevensville, MI, 49127

# Events

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**OCT 23** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Rose Center of St. Joseph Catholic Parish  
301 Wayne St., St. Joseph, MI, US, 49085

**OCT 24** **Service** 10:00AM

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St. Joseph Catholic Church  
211 Church St., St. Joseph, MI, US, 49085

**OCT 24** **Luncheon** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Stevensville American Legion Post #568  
3093 Johnson Rd., Stevensville, MI, US, 49127

# Comments

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“ RIP Karl and ooorah brother !!! So sorry to learn of Karl's passing today from our Central Catholic Classmate Bob Stack....our prayers and heartfelt condolences, Rev Kenneth & Dr Mary Stevenson and the Saints at Everlasting Covenant.

**Kenneth Stevenson** - November 19, 2015 at 06:43 PM

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“ Karl, was an inspirational leader in the field of aluminum extrusion technology and its industrial applications and a true leader in the arena of being a good, honest, caring human being. We at Airline Hydraulics owe much to Karl, he touched many of us and for that we are deeply grateful. Rest in peace my friend and our prayers and blessings are with his surviving family members.  
-- Airline family.



**mark steffens** - October 29, 2015 at 05:09 AM

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“ Just heard the news. Best to his family, especially his sons who he was so proud of. I worked with Karl at Heathkit too. Shared some dinners and a beer or three. Funny, caring, everything others are saying. We stayed in touch by Christmas cards and lately Facebook. It's hard to think the Jokester will no longer regale us. He's in a better place, but dearly missed. RIP friend.

**Ron Halse** - October 26, 2015 at 02:31 PM

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“ I was out of town this past week when I found out about Karl. I had the pleasure to work with Karl first at Heathkit in the 70's when they were on Hilltop Road and then again at Bosch for 14 years. Our birthdays were only days apart and so we both retired from Bosch the same week when we turned 62. We threw an awesome retirement party together and invited all our friends. It was a blast that many people still talk about. I have so many good memories of Karl. He was a great friend and I am really going to miss his wit, humor and stories. My sincere sympathy to Steve and Ben his grandchildren and family. Karl touched so many lives; may God bless him and his family as they work through the loss of a great person.

Ron Putt

Ron Putt - October 26, 2015 at 08:33 AM

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“ I have so many fond memories of Karl, dating back to when I became friends with Steve at ND. One clear highlight was absolutely the Fourth of July that I finally got to witness Karl's homemade fireworks display. I'll never forget the twinkle he always had in his eye.

Tim Schank (And Bridge, Jack, and Grace)

Tim Schank - October 23, 2015 at 07:21 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album 2011-Karl Wojcikiewicz Fireworks Show



Chris Corbitt, Neighbor on Silver Oaks - October 23, 2015 at 06:29 PM



“ Though I didn't know Karl that well, he was the life of the neighborhood, especially on the 4th of July. You could always count on it be loud and noisy. It was funny to see all the debris in the drive way and street the next morning. But it was cleaned up religiously by the end of the day. Sorry his health got the best of him, but it didn't stop him from still getting around. Sandi and I send our best to his two sons and the rest of his family. God Bless, and thank you for his service to his Country. Semper Fi!!

Chris Corbitt, Neighbor on Silver Oaks - October 23, 2015 at 06:50 PM

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“ This is a picture of myself and Karl from Karl's retirement party--10/03/2009. We shared military stories--I was wife of an Air force Captain from Vietnam days. He was a dear friend for over 25 years and my mentor at Bosch. I had grandkids first --and then he did. All he did was talk/write about them. I know they and his sons were the blessings in his life. He never stopped bragging about them. I loved his stories of taking the train to Oregon--and beyond. He did love the train. Because he did not like to fly! Karl actually made a commercial plane trip to help me out with a client in Boston back in 1997. As you know--he preferred to drive. Stories galore of his days on the highways.

I just saw that he passed--seeing the pics with he and his grandkids--was just wonderful. He will be missed--God Bless

Sharon Brown  
Bosch Rexroth



Sharon Brown - October 23, 2015 at 05:24 PM

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“ I first met Carl in Morningside when I was 12 years old... Hard to imagine how quickly 54 years goes by. Remembering the wonderful teenage years, CYO dances, trips to Kennywood Park, going to the Prom, trips to the airport to pick him up and drop him off when he was in the Marine Corps and always waiting for the mailman to bring that special letter from Vietnam. I remember where I was and what I was doing when he told me he joined. He was so very proud to serve his country. Life's many twists and turns result in changes as time goes on. Can only imagine how happy he was with his family and to them I offer my most sincere heartfelt sympathy. Sending prayers to all. Most sincerely, Martha Coleman Stillwagon  
McCandless Township, Pennsylvania

Martha Coleman Stillwagon - October 23, 2015 at 04:57 PM

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“ Sending prayers for strength and comfort to Karl's family and many friends. He will live on in the hearts and cherished memories of all whose lives he touched. RIP Karl

Denise Varney Gersonde



Denise - October 23, 2015 at 11:54 AM

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“ Your MBCI- Product Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karl D. Wojcikiewicz.



Your MBCI- Product Team - October 23, 2015 at 10:21 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karl D. Wojcikiewicz.



October 23, 2015 at 09:21 AM

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“ Some of my favorite memories are with Karl and his two boys Ben and Steve. Whether it was one of his incredible 4th of July celebrations, or just listening to his stories over a SPAM breakfast at sunrise. I look back on my many years with Karl with more happy memories than I can recount. Karl's generosity was matched only by his quick wit. I lovely referred to him as “The Old Man”, but in truth he was always young at heart and in spirit. He was a loving father and a dear friend. You will be very truly missed.

Alex Okon - October 23, 2015 at 09:03 AM

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“ He was a wonderful Grandpa ! These pics are from our visit 2 weeks ago.



Abby Schneider Wojcikiewicz - October 22, 2015 at 10:56 PM

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“ So glad that Facebook brought me daily doses of Karl's wit and humor, and now so sad to learn that I can't look forward to his interesting take on the world. Thank you Karl for being one of a kind and challenging so many to keep up. RIP old friend.  
- Michele Gorman Boyd ( former Morningsider )

Michele Gorman Boyd - October 22, 2015 at 10:54 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karl D. Wojcikiewicz.



October 22, 2015 at 10:43 PM

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“ Karl was a strong supporter of his boys. They lived down Anthony Dr from us. Cathy & Steve were classmates all the way thru school. Karl had a great smile & definitely liked to decorate the yard for Halloween. He will be sorely missed! Maggie & Jim Perso



**Maggie Perso** - October 22, 2015 at 09:14 PM

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“ I went to grade school and high school with Karl in Pittsburgh. Lost touch, but a few years ago he tracked me down via the Internet and have been Facebook friends ever since. I will miss his humor. i am saddened by his passing. Seems there are fewer and fewer good people in the world. Boorah!

-- Michael Byrne

**Michael Byrne** - October 22, 2015 at 09:00 PM

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“ I met Karl when i was 18 and working at Olson Electronics in the same store as his brother Dan. We became friends instantly. I found him to always be ready for a good laugh.He went to the Marines while i was drafted to the Army. I pray for his family and i pray he will rest in peace. Thanks for your service Karl.  
Steve Kacin, Pittsburgh Pa.

**Steve Kacin** - October 22, 2015 at 08:11 PM

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“ I met Karl when he came to work at HeathKit. I considered him a friend and was quite concerned when mounting maintenance costs caused him and Carol to lose their home. I was please when he moved in down the street from me on Silver Oaks. We didn't talk much, but always waved to each other as we passed by. I will miss him.

**John Hubbard** - October 22, 2015 at 07:56 PM