



# Lawrence Vincent Grzelak

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Lawrence “Larry” Vincent Grzelak, age 92 of Barryton, formerly of Canadian Lakes, passed away September 29, 2019. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, October 3rd, at Noon, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Remus, with Father Tom Boufford as Celebrant. Visitation will be held from 11:30 AM to the time of service at 12:00 PM. Larry was born June 15, 1927, the son of the late Vincent and Clara Grzelak, in Detroit, MI. He proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Corps, and was a steel plant worker for many years. Larry was president of the UAW in Detroit for 28 years before he and his wife, Bertha, decided to move their family to the Canadian Lakes area. A devout catholic, he was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church where he was an usher for over 20 years. He enjoyed his time at the senior center, especially when they took bus trips to the casino, and developed numerous great relationships during his time there. Larry kept busy in retirement driving school bus for Chippewa Hills’ events, hunting, fishing, and his bowling league at the Remus Bowling Alley. Anything that involved community togetherness interested Larry, especially music in the park. Left to cherish his memory are his son, Mark Grzelak; brother, Leonard J. Gee; sister-in-law, Emily Grzelak, and granddaughter, Lyndsey. Larry was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Bertha, and his parents. Those desiring may direct memorial contributions to St. Michael’s School, The Mecosta Village Free Methodist Church breakfast fund, or to the family. Envelopes will be available at the church.



## Tribute Wall

Lawrence Vincent Grzelak

DG

**Don Gillis** posted:

Don Gillis posted a condolenceGot back from vacation yesterday, and heard of the death of Uncle Larry today from my sister Nancy. It was a sad day! Like everyone I have so many fond memories of him. From the days back in Detroit, to working with him at Borg and Beck, to when he first built the cottage at Canadian Lakes. Then there was the hunting and fishing and who could ever foreget those days of going to church on Sunday. When he and the uncles started singing (and sometimes us kids) it was a thing a beauty. They sang louder than anyone in the church. I'm sure the walls of the church shook and the gates of heaven opened to enjoy this great vocal experience. Then when is was all over it was back to the woods for more hunting. Uncle Larry was one of the great ones and brought so much joy to this family. I'm sorry I couldn't be at the church for the services, and to honor his life, but he will always be in our hearts. God Bless You Uncle Larry, You will be missed, Thank You for the great memories.Don Gillis

October 6 at 8:00 PM

RG

**Raymond S Grzelak** posted:

RAYMOND S GRZELAK posted a condolenceSome of my best memories as a child are at deer hunting camp. Uncle Larry was always fun, and when it came to Sunday mass,we never missed. He ensured that everyone attended no matter how tired they were and accepted no excuses. If something funny happened in church you would make sure Uncle Larry did not see you (catch you) laughing. He always had time to talk to you even as a child and was a caring person.Uncle LORNIE will be missed.

October 1 at 8:00 PM

LM

**Luke Montgomery** posted:

Luke Montgomery purchased flowers

October 1 at 8:00 PM

CS

**Cathy Snider** posted:

Cathy Snider posted a condolenceSo sorry to be out of town and unable to say a final goodbye to him at his funeral. He was a pillar of our church and always ready with a smile. He will truly be missed.Cathy Snider

October 1 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

The family of Lawrence Vincent Grzelak uploaded a photo

September 30 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Lawrence by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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