



## Paul Francis Opalka

September 14, 1955 - April 18, 2021

Paul Francis Opalka, age 65, of Goetzville, Michigan, died on April 18, 2021, in Petoskey, Michigan. He was born on September 14, 1955 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Lawrence Francis and Rosemary Jean (Maciag) Opalka.

Paul was a lifelong resident of Goetzville. He graduated from DeTour High School in 1973 and started working on machinery. Over the years he worked for Soo Coin, Robinson Fence Company, Drummond Dolomite, Postula Auctions, and Raber Township.

Paul enjoyed hunting, fishing, attending auctions, and collecting antiques and WWII memorabilia. He also played softball for many years, enjoyed working on antique John Deere tractors, and was an avid Tiger fan.

Paul is survived by his mother, Rosemary Opalka; sisters, Jean Opalka of Sault Ste. Marie and Amy (David) Devine of Texas; brothers, Tim Opalka and Duane Opalka, both of Goetzville; and nieces and nephew, Tasha, Tessa, and Jake.

Paul was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Opalka; sister, Diane Frankovich; niece, Jamie Frankovich and twin niece and nephew, Jennie and Scott Frankovich; and by his beloved dog, Alvin, his constant companion through his health troubles.

Services will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation, 24549 S M 129, in Pickford, Michigan. Visitation will be held from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM with the funeral service to follow beginning at 2:00 PM.

Burial will follow the service at St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Goetzville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Stanislaus Cemetery

12841 E Traynor Road  
Goetzville, MI 49736

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
24549 S. M-129  
Pickford, MI 49774

## Funeral Service

APR **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Francis Opalka*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Paul Francis Opalka*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Paul Francis Opalka*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Paul you will be missed by so many. We were such a close family and we have many memories to cherish. May God keep you in his care and the perpetual light shine upon you. Cousin, Pat Matheson*

**Pat Matheson** - June 13, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *Paul Francis Opalka Family,*

*Thinking of your family at this time of sorrow and wishing all of you strength as you face tomorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Dick and Louanne Soczek*

**Dick Soczek** - April 24, 2021 at 12:44 PM

JW

“ *Sorry for your loss, in our prayers, Jim and Cheryl Warner*

Jim & Cheryl Warner - April 22, 2021 at 07:40 PM

AP

“ *Paul was a great guy and a lot of fun to be around played softball with him for many years for a Raber big bar we had a Lotta good times, we didn't win a lot of games but we had fun I'm so sorry to hear about your loss and also Jayme God bless*

Audie Potter - April 22, 2021 at 09:55 AM

M&

“ *Our deepest sympathy  
Mike & Diane*



M&D - April 21, 2021 at 08:34 PM

MP

“ *Auntie Rosemary I am so sorry about Paul and Jamie . I know that it is taking a lot out of you and your familyThere are no words for me to say. I am sending you a lot of Angels and prayers.*

MaryAnn Plont - April 21, 2021 at 06:50 PM

DM

“ To Paul’s family,

*So sorry for your loss. Paul was a nice person and a very talented. Remember as a student and when he lived in DeTour for a short time, Also, remember him pitching in slo-pitch softball. RIP Paul you will be missed by family and friends.*

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**David Miller** - April 21, 2021 at 06:24 PM

GK

“ So very sorry Aunt Rosemary and family. In our prayers and thoughts. So much you have all gone threw this last couple of weeks. May god watch over you and hold you tight. Love Gary and Hallie.

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**gary kott** - April 21, 2021 at 03:54 PM