



Bernard "Coach Gus" Gasiewski

March 30, 1942 - September 8, 2016

We lovingly remember Bernard Alphonse Gasiewski. Born on March 30, 1942 at Wyandotte Hospital. He was a dedicated son and loving brother to his sisters, Lorraine and Patricia and to his brother, Kevin. At 74 years old, Bernard passed away on September 8, 2016, while on vacation with his family in Traverse City.

Bernard was married to his high school sweetheart, Nancy (Rickle). Bernard and Nancy enjoyed 51 years of marriage, celebrating their 50th anniversary with a family trip to Florida last spring. Bernie was a dedicated and loving Husband, Father and Grandfather. They have 3 daughters: Sharron, Stacey and Andrea. Together, Bernard and Nancy enjoyed spending much time with their 7 grandchildren: Austin, Alysa, Ashley, Nina, Bryan, Beatrice and Emmy. Bernard worked at Detroit Edison from 1968-2007. He was a dedicated employee and tremendously hard worker. "Bernie" relished in the friendships he had developed over his years there and was still dedicated to golfing and getting together with his buddies as often as he could. Bernie absolutely loved his trade and took great pride in his work accomplishments.

Known to many in the community as "Coach Gus", he dedicated many years to coaching Ladies Volleyball and Softball at Mt. Carmel High School. He also coached softball at St. Michael's Grade School in Livonia. While Gus worked hard with his teams on skills and fitness, win or lose, he always asked his players "Did you have fun today?" That was always the name of the game. He was a mentor as well as a coach. Gus liked to remind his players that playing

sports developed skills for life; respect for self and others were paramount. He strongly believed in helping student athletes succeed in all aspects of their lives. His teams celebrated many successes and state championships. For Coach Gus' dedicated and conscientious contributions to student athletes, he received several awards for his coaching, including the Wyandotte Athletic Association, Catholic League Coach of the Year, and Michigan Catholic League Hall of Fame.

Bernie was also very active in his neighborhood, community and Mt. Carmel School and Church. He believed in maintaining his community and created many friendships throughout the years. Always willing to help, Gus was a true neighbor and friend to many.

Most important of all, Bernard took extreme pride in his family, and it was his greatest joy to celebrate every occasion with them. Bernie was always looking forward to the next get-together and would travel to the ends of the earth to be with his family. "Family is the most important", he always said. "You will always have your family to celebrate your greatest joys and help you through the toughest times."

While we are extremely sad over the loss of Bernard, we invite you to join us in celebrating his life. Please stop by and share a story or two about Gus. He loved a good joke, a story and had a great sense of wit and humor.

The family kindly suggests Memorial Donations be made in Bernard's honor to the Michigan Make-A-Wish Foundation.

By Mail: Online:

Make-A-Wish Michigan www.michigan.wish.org

7600 Grand River Ave. Suite 175 click Donate

Brighton, MI 48114

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Gasiewski, Bernard "Coach Gus" of Wyandotte. September 8, 2016. Age 74. Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father of Sharron (Randy) Blazic, Stacey (Jim) Lombardi, and Andrea (Scott) Lasky. Dear brother of Lorraine Cicotte, Patricia Smith, and Kevin Gasiewski. Proud grandfather of Austin, Alysa,

Ashley, Nina, Bryan, Beatrice and Emmy.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Carmel Cemetery

Wyandotte, MI 48192

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Czopek Funeral Directors  
2157 Oak Street  
Wyandotte, MI 48192  
(734) 285-9000  
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## Rosary

SEP 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Prayers

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SEP **13**. 9:30 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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SEP **13**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Scapular Parish  
976 Pope John Paul II Blvd.  
Wyandotte, MI 48192

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard "Coach Gus" Gasiewski.*



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September 12, 2016 at 12:47 PM



“ *Bernie will be missed by all who ever came in contact with him. A truly caring person who never had a harsh word towards anyone. I've taken care of the Gasiewski's vehicles for the past 30 years, all through that time Bernie and Nancy always treated me as part of their family. A great loss is putting his passing lightly, I'm sure that he is in his eternal home with the Lord. My prayers are with your family for strength through this sad time. God bless you all. Mike "K" Koslakiewicz*

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**Mike Koslakiewicz** - September 12, 2016 at 10:35 AM



“ *I worked with Bernie at Monroe Power Plant through the 80's and 90's. Bernie was a great tradesman and leader. He was tireless and his hard work made everybody else's work easier. He had a positive attitude always. His lighthearted exchanges with Paul 'Nut' Payne were priceless entertainment!*  
*Rob Stoiber, DTE Energy*

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**Rob Stoiber** - September 12, 2016 at 07:19 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard "Coach Gus" Gasiewski.*



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September 11, 2016 at 09:06 PM



“ *Coach Gus was a very patient man that never gave up on any of us. He was always happy making us run that extra lap and then making up for it by packing us sandwiches and snacks for tournaments. Always keeping tabs on us all and making sure we did our school work too! Driving us around in the MC van playing music that he wasn't so sure about, and always taking us to 7-11. RIP coach Gus. You will surly be missed and I was lucky to have you as a coach. I learned so much from you!!*



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**Amy (Heft) Wambergue** - September 11, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ *As a Detroit Edison employee, I had the privilege of knowing Bernie for a long time both at work and at play. He was a great human being, role model and loyal friend. I thought about him often and regret we hadn't talked more since his retirement.*

*Rest in Peace Bernie..... You were one of a kind*

*Sincerely,  
Joe McCormick*

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**Joe McCormick** - September 11, 2016 at 07:41 PM

LE

“ Love, Matt, Meredith, Gavin, Owen & Evelyn purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bernard "Coach Gus" Gasiewski.



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**Love, Matt, Meredith, Gavin, Owen & Evelyn** - September 11, 2016 at 06:39 PM

ME

“ We send our deepest condolences to your family. Knowing Sharron and her amazing, kind and caring family, we know that Gus was a very special and loving man who is missed and loved by many. You are all in our prayers. Sincerely, Matt & Meredith McGuire

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**Meredith** - September 11, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bernard "Coach Gus" Gasiewski.



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September 11, 2016 at 11:50 AM

NI

“ The Mt. Carmel community was so lucky to have Coach Gus. He was an amazing coach and formed such a great friendship with all his players. He was the nicest guy.



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**Nicole** - September 11, 2016 at 08:55 AM

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“ *The Mt.Carmel community was so lucky to have Coach Gus. He was an amazing coach and formed such a friendship with all his players. I'm thankful for our time together on the court. He will be missed.*



**Nicole** - September 11, 2016 at 08:51 AM

BT

“ *In memory of a tireless role model, as a mentor, and "coach" at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel H.S. I'll always remember your sincerity, and genuine kindness. Thoughts, and prayers for Nancy, and family. I am saddened by your loss. Sincerely, Bob and Rita Toboy*

**Bob Toboy** - September 11, 2016 at 08:17 AM

MF

“ *Mark and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard "Coach Gus" Gasiewski.*



**Mark and family** - September 11, 2016 at 07:39 AM

AN

“ *Coach Gus was such an amazing man! He was well loved and will be missed by many! Rest in Peace Coach Gus!*

**Antoinette** - September 10, 2016 at 06:47 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard "Coach Gus" Gasiewski.*



September 10, 2016 at 06:41 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard "Coach Gus" Gasiewski.*



September 10, 2016 at 04:58 PM



Suzanne Chojnacki

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear about Bernard. I remember him as a fun loving guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your daughters.*

Suzanne Chojnacki - September 10, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ *Jo Ann Lybik lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Coach Gus" Gasiewski*



Jo Ann Lybik - September 10, 2016 at 02:47 PM



*So Sorry for your loss. Remembering you and yours in my prayers.*

Jo Ann Lybik - September 10, 2016 at 02:48 PM

RH

*I remember Bernard from High School he was a fun loving person and grew into a kind and loving man. May you Rest in Peace Bernard.*  
*RonHaener*

**Ronald Haener** - September 11, 2016 at 08:38 AM

JH

*We were Bernard's neighbor on 17th Street and grew up with him in the 40s and 50s playing baseball in the vacant lot on the corner and hockey in the street during winter. The Gasiewski family was special to us. We are sad to learn of his passing.*

*Jim, Karen, Kyle & David Hudson*

**Jim Hudson** - January 18, 2017 at 05:52 PM

BA

“ *Rest in peace my brother*

**bill albart** - September 10, 2016 at 12:49 PM

JD

“ *Condolences to the Family. Bernie was a true gentleman and wonderful person. I worked with him at Monroe Power Plant and, for a time, car pooled with Bernie and others. He will be missed by all. Love and God Bless. John Drozdowski*

**John Drozdowski** - September 10, 2016 at 12:45 PM

MW

“ *So sorry for your loss. How well I remember you and Bernard at all of OLMC events. You were quite the couple. May he rest in Peace.. Marsha (Szymanowski) White*

**Marsha White** - September 10, 2016 at 11:47 AM

FO

*WORKED WITH GUS FOR 26YEARS ONE OF THE AND NICEST  
BEST FRIENDS I HAD HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL FRANK J  
OSMULSKI*

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**FRANK OSMULSKI** - September 10, 2016 at 02:22 PM

SS

*Coach Gus was the best! Such a great man and wonderful coach. I  
learned so much from him in high school. Prayers for his family.*

*Shannon Shafer (Horvath)*

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**Shannon Shafer** - September 10, 2016 at 09:48 PM