



Gregory Edward Piaskowski

June 6, 1944 - June 7, 2020

A mass to celebrate the life of Greg will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church beginning at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020. In compliance with current public health standards and in respect to those attending, face coverings and social distancing are required.

Traverse City – Gregory Edward Piaskowski entered into eternal life on Sunday, June 7, 2020 in the care of his loving family at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City. Greg was 76.

Greg was one of three sons born to parents Joseph and Emilia Piaskowski (née Rakowski) on June 6, 1944, in Detroit, MI. He was raised alongside his brothers Gerald and Larry. Greg graduated from Wayne State University and earned his degree in geography. Afterwards, Greg honorably served in the U.S. Army for four years. On September 2, 1967 Greg was united in marriage to Darlene Palucki. Greg and Darlene were proud parents to their daughters Lynn and Audrey.

Faith, family, and friends were of the utmost importance to Greg. He served as a role model to those who looked up to him with wisdom, giving spirit, and involvement with the community. Greg went on three separate trips to New Orleans to help build homes after Hurricane Katrina. Further, he volunteered his skills with woodworking to make toys for the Father Fred Foundation. His other involvement included: service as director of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwestern Michigan, Love INC., Women's Resource Center, Senior Center, and the City of Traverse City Zoning Board of Appeals. Outside of his community involvement, Greg greatly enjoyed movies and travel. Above all, he was deeply devoted to and loved his family.

Greg is forever loved by his daughters Audrey (Paul) Kalis and Lynn (Paul) Bennett, grandchildren Katherine Crewes, Zachary Crewes, and Christine Kalis, girlfriend Carol Sermon, brother Gerald (Delphine) Piaskowski, nephews Jason Piaskowski and Joel Piaskowski, and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife Darlene, parents, brother Larry Piaskowski, and sister-in-law Darlene Piaskowski.

Those wishing to make gifts of remembrance are asked to consider Love INC., Traverse City and the Father Fred Foundation.

Share a memory of Greg at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

Greg and his family are in the care of the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

JUN **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. Francis Catholic Church

1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ Audrey and Lynn - first I am sorry for your lost of your father. He was a kind and caring person. I had the pleasure of working for and with Greg from 1999 till his retirement at the AAANM agency. The one thing I will treasure the most was when he would come up to my office (in the "Loft") and sit in my old wicker rocking chair, rock, relax, and just share a conversation that wouldn't be work related. It was pretty much a weekly or more event - he said it helped him to refresh. Greg was also a good listener and cared about what a person had to say.

Another time the agency was on one of their Summer Picnics. We were floating the Platte and were almost to Lake MI when a thunder/lightening storm rolled in. My husband and I were trying out kayaks for the first time. Greg was just ahead of me and my husband when a large bolt of lightening came down near us - I moved suddenly and then found I was turned over in the river. For some reason I had been designated to carry the beer!!!! Greg was calling out to "get the beer" - the lightening storm didn't seem affect him! It was quite a scene with the 3 of us running as best as we could trying to catch the beer and get to the end of the river out of the storm. I was never so happy to be out of the water that day.

Last he always let me drive when a group of us were heading for Lansing for a conference or meeting. This was after he asked me if his driving was making me nervous.... and I said yes. We had many laughs and conversations that I will always treasure.

I know his work took him out of town a great deal. Just remember he made an impression and helped many people throughout the years. Thank you for sharing your father with us.

I am sorry I could not attend today's celebration.

Vivien Snyder

Vivien Snyder - June 15, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ I think about Greg almost everyday. He was a friend and neighbor for many years. When he started to downsize his belongings at his condo here in Midtown, I purchases some of his tools and a set of saw-horses. Recently, I've been building a house in Empire and use those saw-horses everyday. He was a brilliant and kind soul. ~ Bill Palladino

Bill Palladino - June 14, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Audrey and Lynn, I had the pleasure of working as a colleague with your wonderful day when I was the Director of the Department of Human Services and he was the Director of the Area Agency on Aging. He cared deeply about people and changed life for many in the Region because of his advocacy and his willingness to think outside the box. Years ago a friend told me that there are two important days in your life, the day that you were born....and the day that you discover why. Clearly, Greg had discovered why.....to serve people and his community. His legacy will live on for many years in the people who were touched by his leadership, his compassion, his love. May you find peace in knowing that he left this earth better in many ways. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mary Marois - June 14, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ I had the pleasure of being a colleague of and working with Greg through several gerontology-specific activities/organizations during the time he was the Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging. We had many good conversations as he helped me get better acquainted with the needs of older adults and aging-related organizations/services during the six years I spent as the Continuing Education Coordinator for Eastern Michigan University's Graduate Certificate in Gerontology Program offered through the NMC University Center. Greg was a wonderful advocate for his staff, their clients, and the agencies/organizations serving elders in the Northwestern Michigan area. I am saddened by his death, but treasure that our paths crossed professionally and personally.

C Joanne Grabinski
Mt. Pleasant MI

C Joanne Grabinski - June 14, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ A friend like Greg is something everyone should have!! He will be deeply missed. Love and prayers to you all Mike loved as a brother!
Blessings,
Mike and Becky Flees

Becky Whitefield-Flees - June 12, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ A really great person who did so much for the people of Northwest Michigan. He guided me in numerous ways while I was Director of the Antrim County Commission on Aging, and I will be forever grateful for his wisdom and humor. His kindness and caring will be missed.

Mike Neubecker - June 12, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ good friend sen George McManus

George A mcmanus - June 11, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ Lynn & Audrey,

My sincere condolences for your loss. You may not remember me. I used to babysit you two when you were very young. I enjoyed my time watching over you as your Mom & Dad would go on their many dates over the years. They were very special people to me. Every time I pass your home I have very fond memories of my time spent there.

Kim (Waldo) Riley

Kim Riley - June 11, 2020 at 06:52 AM