



Gerald J. Niedziela

November 12, 1944 - August 14, 2024

August 14, 2024, Unexpectedly, of Cheektowaga, NY.

Beloved son of the late Frank and Stephania Niedziela; loving brother of the late Frank (late Dorothy) Niedziela and Sylvia (late Raymond) Trzaska; also survived by nieces, nephews, and many friends. Jerry was an alumni of the State University College at Buffalo, and was a retired social studies teacher and swim coach with the Ken-Ton School District. He also enjoyed the theater, arts and music, his family, bowling and betting on the horses at OTB.. No prior visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday August 24th at 9:30AM in Our Lady of Czestochowa R.C. Church, 23 Willowlawn Pkwy, Cheektowaga. Please assemble at church. Interment in St Matthews Cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Jerry's name to St Francis High School , 4129 Lake Shore Road Hamburg, NY 14075 (<https://www.stfrancishigh.org/support-sfhs>) or the Covenant House (<https://www.covenanthouse.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate-now>) .

Arrangements by the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME. Please leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com

Cemetery Details

St. Matthew's Cemetery

180 French Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **24**. 9:30 AM (est)

Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church
2158 Clinton Street
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Please Assemble at Church

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Mr. Niedziela had a wonderful way of engaging his students and making his classes relevant for them. My son told me he was the best teacher he ever had. He made social studies come to life. I believe my son became the amazing Dad he is today in part because he learned the best method of how to teach his own kids. Thank you Mr. Niedziela. I believe you made the world better in more ways than you knew.*

Diana Augspurger - August 18, 2024 at 12:18 PM

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“ *I had the pleasure of working with Jerry at Kenmore Middle. He was one of my many "work Uncles" who helped me in the beginning of my career. Jerry loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was very thoughtful and tried to do the little things to make you feel important. His laugh and happy spirit will be missed.*

Kathy Russo

Kathy Russo - August 18, 2024 at 11:14 AM

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“ *Godspeed Jerry and rest in peace. Jerry has been a lifelong friend to our family. He taught us all how to bet at OTB by always betting the horse with the best jockeys! Sharing many visits to local theaters over the years; being an awesome bowler; coming over for dinner frequently; sharing his thoughts on Sabres Hockey; teaching us to win at the slot machines at local casinos; loving his teaching career at Kenmore Junior High School; joining us for the events in our lives...what more can you expect from a good friend? He was the best, always. His loss leaves us bereft, sad, and mourning. God Bless you Jerry. You lived a happy life.*

Marilyn Carmichael - August 18, 2024 at 10:19 AM

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“ Rest-in-Peace Uncle Jerry. 🙏
One of The Best Guys Ever! ❤️🙏
(Mr Ned was a beloved History Teacher at Kenmore West HS
known for playing “Jeopardy” on his overhead projector w/his
students. a devoted Boy Scout Leader, a Proud St Francis HS
Alumni, and the most fun babysitter ever! (Hide-n-seek in the dark!)
We simply called him “Uncle”.
He always sat w us kids at the “kids table” for Christmas Dinner and
we would fight over who’s gonna sit next to Uncle. ☐
Love You, Niece Diane Niedziela-Kowalak

diane Niedziela-kowalak - August 17, 2024 at 02:24 PM