



Lawrence "Larry" Rokitka

September 3, 1949 - August 25, 2022

August 25, 2022 of Cheektowaga, NY. Beloved husband of 47 years to Norine A. (nee Piduch); loving father of Andrew (Denise) Rokitka and Mary Beth (Aaron) Powell. Cherished grandfather of Nathan, Alex, Grant, Elliott and Meredith; dearest son of the late Eugene and Alice Rokitka; dear brother-in-law of Judy (Ronald) Piatasik; also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Larry was a 53-year active member of the Doyle Hose Company #2 where he was current Secretary and past Chief and Commissioner. He was also a proud member of IBEW, Superintendent of NYS Office of General Services, and 24 year lung transplant survivor. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Sunday from 2-8PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 9:30AM in Our Lady of Czestochowa R.C. Church, 2158 Clinton St., Cheektowaga. Please assemble at Church. Interment in St Matthews Cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Larry's name to Connect Life, Blood and Organ Donor Network. Please share memories and leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com

Cemetery Details

St. Matthew's Cemetery

180 French Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
(716) 668-3122
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 29. 9:30 AM (ET)

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

Please Assemble at Church

Tribute Wall

IS

“*Norine and Family...I was so very sad to read about Larry's passing. He was an awesome guy always making us laugh and a true inspiration to many when he was our patient at Pulmonary Rehab before his lung transplant. Truly one of my favorites in my nearly 50 years of Nursing. Loved his sense of humor and his kindness. How lucky we all were to know him.*

Irene Stevens RN Kenmore Mercy Hospital

Irene Stevens - September 02, 2022 at 10:15 AM

TR

“*My deepest sympathy to the surviving family of Larry . He was a good friend at Hutch Tech . We had some great times at school . Sorry i will be unable to attend the services .*

Ted Ricciardelli - August 31, 2022 at 01:48 PM

KF

“*Dear Norine and Family, I am so very sorry to hear about your husband's passing. Please know that you have been in my thoughts. May God give you strength and peace as you go through this most difficult experience in your lives. In sympathy and friendship, Kathy Jaworski Furlong*

kathleen furlong - August 31, 2022 at 12:53 PM

MA

“*Dear Norine and family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that all the wonderful memories that you have help you through these very sad days.*

Maggie Q-S

Maggie - August 29, 2022 at 08:56 AM

GG

“ *Dear Rokitka family,
Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss. Although I had not seen Larry in the last 35 years I will never forget him. He helped me when NYS eliminated my job and essentially saved my career. A great man. God bless you and yours,
Gregg Gamble*

Gregg Gamble - August 27, 2022 at 02:48 AM

OP

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Opie - August 26, 2022 at 04:07 PM