



Rev. Walter L. Matuszak

May 27, 1931 - August 31, 2021

August 31, 2021. Beloved son of the late Vincent and Sophie (nee Swiniarski) Matuszak; dearest brother of the late Chester (late Jean) Matuszak, late Irene (late Henry) Wnuk, late Dorothy (Richard) Kosmoski, late Edward (late Eleanore) Matuszak and late Florence (late Frank) Stone; survived by many nieces and nephews. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Thursday, September 9th from 1-4 & 5-8 PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.). Fr. Matuszak will lie in state on Friday from noon – 1 PM at Resurrection R.C. Church, 130 Como Park Blvd., Cheektowaga, where a concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial will immediately follow at 1 PM with Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher, Bishop of Buffalo, presiding. Interment in St. Adalbert Cemetery, Lancaster. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations in Fr. Walter's name may be made the Felician Sisters, 600 Doat Street, Buffalo, NY 14211 or Resurrection RC Church. At the request of the family, face coverings and social distancing required at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

St. Adalbert Cemetery - Lancaster

6200 Broadway
Lancaster, NY 14086

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Visitation

SEP 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Lie in State

SEP 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Resurrection RC Church
130 Como Park Blvd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Resurrection RC Church
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Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Just Learned of Fr Wally's Passing. We are certain he has close seat in Heaven to the Lord and Blessed Virgin-he had to after religiously caring for all us Villa Girls!
Karen '75, Rene '76*

Karen Slazak - September 14, 2021 at 03:53 PM

CH

“ *Hearing of my cousin Father Walter's passing saddens my heart. His passing brings up fond memories from my early teenage years of him playing the accordion out at my grandmother's house in West Valley, NY. Our paths crossed several times since my grandmother's passing. When I attended high school at Villa Maria, he was the pastor at the time. Blessed he married my husband and I. Wished an opportunity arose where our paths could have crossed again later in life. I will always remember you as such a loving, kind soul with a beautiful smile. An angel sent from above to shine a light on this world.*

Love & Prayers, Cheryl Hynes



Cheryl Hynes - September 09, 2021 at 05:49 PM

JK

“ *What a great priest and friend to all! Father Walter touched so many lives and was such a caring person! He was always there for us and he will be missed. We're sure that Our Dear Lady swooped him right up into heaven to be with her Son, Jesus!. Thank you Father Walter for all your love and caring! Even Alice, your accordion. misses you! Thank you for being there for the Kochmanski family out here in Darien and thank you for being our priest and our friend.*

With all our love and prayers to your family,

The Kochmanski family of Darien.

PS: hate to bother you, but you're not done yet!. Now that your in heaven, please pray for us. Thank you!

And the famous Fatherr Walter short prayer: I can't, You can, please do, thank you!

John Kochmanski - September 09, 2021 at 04:16 PM

DC

“ *To the Family of Father Walter, Thank you for sharing him with us. We knew him from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Darien Center. Talking after mass one day we realized our families both grew up on Titus Ave...He was so sweet and so very kind. We will miss him!*

The Cmor Family - Joe, Dawn (Nitkowski) and Jessica

Dawn Cmor - September 08, 2021 at 09:09 PM

MS

“ *The Kalina singing Society is deeply saddened by the death of Father Walter. He could be called an “honorary “ Kalinki because of his continued support of our Polish women’s chorus. We called upon him to say the blessing at our concerts, dinners and Wigilias. As was his way, Father never refused us. When he was pastor of Resurrection Parish, I, Michele Cofield, then president of Kalina, spoke to him about Resurrection giving Kalina.a home for music and rehearsals. He agreed to it. KALINA used the basement of the parish center for many years. Father Walter would stop in to say hello and talk to us.*

KALINA is very thankful for his presence in our singing history. He was loved and is missed already. Wiecznie Odpoczynek.

Michele Cofield, president Kalina singin - September 06, 2021 at 04:01 PM

JF

“ *Fr Walter was our 'morning man' for several years at Saint John Kanty's Morning mass, as well as for some holy days. You always left Mass with a message! He was a wonderful and kind person and touched many while serving Saint John Kanty Parish.*



Judy Felski - September 06, 2021 at 03:51 PM

EN

“ Wonderful memories of Father Walter. My husband and I were married by Father Walter and he also did the marriage ceremony for our daughter. I have known him my entire adult life. Wonderful caring man. I still exchanged Christmas cards with him. I will miss him 🙏

Elaine Nowak - September 06, 2021 at 12:57 PM

KK

“ Father Walter was my religion teacher at Villa Maria Academy. I graduated in 1972. He was an awesome teacher and a wonderful person. Later in my life when I was married and had children, he came to our parish and was our paster. I remember he would come over to our home for morning coffees, dinners and even to watch football games. I have a fond memory of him, sitting in our living room and our daughter at the time was about 3 years old and she loaded his lap with every doll she owned. How we laughed. I also remember him coming over with his accordion (Alice) which he named, and would play it on our front porch. Once he retired, we kept in touch with xmas cards and pictures. He called me last xmas and we talked on the phone. That was our last conversation. I feel blessed to have known this incredible person. He will forever be in my heart. Fly high, Father Walter.....till we meet again

Karen Kut - September 06, 2021 at 10:29 AM

JF

“ I am terribly saddened for myself and the world to have lost Father Wally. He was undoubtedly one of God's most special ones. He was a part of my life from the day he baptized me nearly 56 years ago, even though he may not have always known just how much he meant to me. He was so happy to be celebrating his 90th birthday the last time we talked, and I am grateful we had a chance to re-connect. I will miss our talks.

Sincere condolences from the entire Ford family - thank you for always sharing Father Wally with us. The world is now a bit dimmer without his bright guiding light.

Love & Peace, Jackie Ford



Jackie Ford - September 05, 2021 at 09:35 PM

MW

“ The smile on Father Walter's face shows what he was.....caring, kind, a friend to all, always willing to say a prayer for a family member or friend or to lead a group saying grace.

Celebrating his 90th birthday with a lunch at a neighboring restaurant, he didn't want to wear his roman collar out of a desire not to be recognized, but "it didn't work" ---he didn't fool anyone, and several people recognized his friendly smile and said a hello.

We will miss his blessings and his friendship May he smile down from heaven and continue to bless us from above.

Maria and Richard Walczak

Mary Walczak - September 05, 2021 at 08:32 PM