



Janos Gardai

February 20, 1935 - January 5, 2020

Janos Gardai Age 84.

Passed away on, Sunday, January 5, 2020.

Visitation will be on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020, at St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 3965 Merrick Street, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48125 .

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Metro Detroit/ SE Michigan Chapter

24359 Northwestern Highway , Suite 225 Southfield, Michigan 48075

<http://www.jdrf.org>

St. Sebastian Catholic Church

20710 Colgate Dearborn Hts., Michigan 48125

Events

JAN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home
2640 Monroe Boulevard, Dearborn, MI, US, 48124

JAN **Rosary** 06:00PM

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JAN **Mass** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ My Uncle John came to America from Hungary with my father at age 21 in 1956! They only had each other and no other family here in the States. "Uncle John" as I called him wasn't an uncle by blood but out of respect and reverence. He really became my Uncle John and my confirmation father when I was in the 8th grade. He and my dad always told me they were altar boys back in Hungary. To this day I'm not sure if that was true but it didn't matter!

Uncle John was instrumental in my life in so many ways. He was a mentor as I grew up from a boy to a man. He gave me advice, some good, (some not so good) that I still remember and use today. Some was trivial but some advice was monumental. He shared with me "how to pick the right wife and what to look for". That was ironic as he was a bachelor until the age of 40!

He was a "steady light" for me and somebody to talk to when my childhood household was not so steady. In fact, there were times of real chaos that Uncle John helped me navigate thru. He also mentored me from deer hunting to snagging salmon! To water skiing and snowmobiling on his 1970 Johnson snowmobile that never would start! LOL

I remember hunting one opening day in Oscoda, MI. We had our "hunter's orange" on and Uncle John put me in my spot at dark in the morning and "don't move until I come and get you"! When it did get light I began to count between 4 or 5 other "pumpkins" or deerhunters within eyesight of me. It was good that a deer never came that morning! This was an instrumental day that prompted me

I also remember as a teenager just spending time with him going to the yard where his semi-truck was parked. He would have to do some work "on the truck" which was pretty regular so he could "get a load" this week. He got me to go with him by telling me that there were pheasants and I could use his pellet gun to shoot one if I ever seen one. There were really pheasants but I never got a shot at one (thank god).

Uncle John taught me how to cook as he was a good cook as a bachelor. I also learned how to drink by watching him and my dad Julius drink wine, "palinka" and anything else that was there! I also learned how to make wine by watching too.

I can honestly say that my great love of deer hunting was nurtured by Uncle John. I was a bit sad that later in life when i bought my own land that he didn't want to come hunting. Uncle John was extremely instrumental in my childhood but after I graduated, married and had our two boys, we lived over an hour away. We have lived too far away to see each other frequently but we did manage to stay in touch usually annually and at big events like my boys graduation, there 25th Wedding Anniversary and holidays!

We shared good times and "not so good" times, like the news when our youngest son Matthew contracted Type 1 Diabetes or Juvenile Diabetes at age 4 and then again when his older brother Michael got it at age 18 just 8 years later! I will miss him but hope to see him again with Christ as HE IS LOVE AND SO WAS MY UNCLE JOHN!

With Love,

Tommy (Tamas) Kanalas

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