



Leonard "Lenny" Ratajczyk

July 8, 1929 - May 14, 2013

Funeral mass Monday May 20 2013 10:30 AM at St Francis Borgia Church
8033 W Addison St. Interment St Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 3 PM-
9 PM

Tribute Wall

MG

“ We were so saddened to learn of Lenny's passing. He was such a special person here in the St. Francis Borgia community---someone who truly cared about others, always wanting to make someone smile. He truly enjoyed being an usher at SFB's masses and always looked out for others' needs. His smile and gentle words will be sorely missed. He was so proud of his Polish heritage and enjoyed traveling around the neighborhood on his tri-wheeler. We remember seeing Lenny many a time leaving the parish after Mass on his bike proudly displaying his Polish and American flags. A poem comes to mind that may offer some comfort to those closest to him:

Life is but a Stopping Place

*Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord!
Author unknown*

Our sincerest sympathy and condolences to Lenny's family and friends. We are truly blessed to have made his acquaintance here at SFB and to have known such a truly caring gentleman. His presence in the many lives of those he touched will not be soon forgotten.

Michael, Carol and Laura Gryfinski - June 13, 2018 at 09:30 AM

AS

“ Lenny holds a special place in our hearts. Many times spent together at SFB parish functions through the years and Lenny was always willing to lend a helping hand...from scouts to rummage sales! He ushered with Frank, as well as serving on the board of the Holy Name Society together. Lenny made me feel like I was a second Betty Crocker when I'd bring a plate of homemade cookies to him! He was a kind and caring man; we will miss seeing him at church or riding his bike through the neighborhood. May he rest in God's comforting arms and be at peace.

Anita & Frank Segreti - June 13, 2018 at 09:30 AM

RD

“ To our great neighbor & friend Leonard

*You can shed tears because he is gone, OR
you can smile because he has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back, OR
you can open your eyes and see all he's left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, OR
you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, OR
you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember him only because he is gone, OR
you can cherish his memory and let it live on*

We already miss seeing your smiling face as you sit on your front porch watching over us and all the activity on the block. Heaven's gain is truly our loss.

Roy & Cathy Dunsmore - June 13, 2018 at 09:30 AM

DR

“ Leonard was part of our neighborhood family. He was a kind, sweet man. We will miss him terribly.

Diana Rocuant - June 13, 2018 at 09:30 AM

TF

“ Lenny and Harry were great friends. Harry passed away a couple weeks ago. They are together sharing their wonderful stories. Harry and his son (Kenny) always spoke highly of Lenny. He truly was a great man and will be missed. Our Condolences to the family during this difficult time.

The Pietroczyński Family

The pietroczyński family - June 13, 2018 at 09:30 AM

JD

“ Over a year has passed by, I still expect to step out of the front door and see you sitting on the front steps enjoying the weather, waving hello. You would leave gifts for my little Julia on our steps every so often. A small gesture but I knew how hard it was for you to get across the street, let alone up the steps. That is what meant so much and I hope you know that. Such a big heart on you, continue riding your tricycle around heaven.

Jose Davila - June 13, 2018 at 09:30 AM