



## Joseph C. Szarkowicz Jr

May 6, 1952 - April 12, 2024

Joseph Szarkowicz Jr., age 71, was called home on April 12, 2024. Joseph was preceded in death by his mother- Genevieve Wilczynski Szarkowicz; father- Joseph Chester Szarkowicz, Sr.; brother- Allen Szarkowicz. He is survived by his wife- Brenda; sons- Ryan Szarkowicz, Sean (Stephanie) Szarkowicz, Dan (Manuela) Miley, Robert (Jillian) Miley and Madan Divaker and extended family; my sister-Kathleen (Robert) Carlson; brothers- Donald (Deanna) Szarkowicz, David (Pam) Szarkowicz; sisters-in-law- Freda Black, and Carla Szarkowicz; grandchildren- Connor Szarkowicz, Nolan Miley, Nyla Miley, Oliver Miley, Elliott Miley, Julian Miley. Joe graduated from the University of Chicago. He was a talented architect and was the designer of the Munster town center, Bethel church in Crown Point, and other prestigious projects. His greatest accomplishment was his belief in the good in everyone and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it. He saw the best in everyone. Joe and Brenda enjoyed camping and boating and have been guests at Hemlock Lake campgrounds in Marcellus, MI for 23 years. Visitation will take place on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral at 12 p.m. Rev. Thomas Mischler officiating. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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## Funeral Service

APR 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

YF

“ Your ACL family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph C. Szarkowicz Jr.

Your ACL family - April 18, 2024 at 10:20 AM

YF

“ Your ACL family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph C. Szarkowicz Jr.



Your ACL family - April 18, 2024 at 10:20 AM

KH

“ We had the best weekends boating and camping! He had 2 sons and always treated me like his daughter. If Ryan and Sean were gonna do it so was I. He was the best Dad and Uncle! Xoxo

Kara Hickey - April 17, 2024 at 10:46 PM

FB

“ Joe was more than my brother in law, but also a great friend! I'll miss you!

Freda Black - April 17, 2024 at 09:26 PM

RK

“ Joe has been a client of mine for 12 years. When he came in to do a bank transaction, he was always in a great spirits. He will be missed.

Rob Kramc - April 17, 2024 at 05:32 PM

RL

“ Roger and Cindy Lain purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Joseph C. Szarkowicz Jr.



Roger and Cindy Lain - April 17, 2024 at 01:50 PM

LD

“ Love, The Donaldsons purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph C. Szarkowicz Jr.



Love, The Donaldsons - April 17, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joseph C. Szarkowicz Jr.



April 17, 2024 at 10:53 AM

LM

“ Laura Makarowski purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph C. Szarkowicz Jr.



Laura Makarowski - April 17, 2024 at 10:46 AM

WT

“ *With Love, Stan and Tonya purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph C. Szarkowicz Jr.*



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**With Love, Stan and Tonya** - April 17, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ *Joe you will be missed by so many people including Jim and I. You were a good friend, the best Father, loving husband, loyal brother and, talented Architect. Rest in Peace.*

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**Jane Riordan Williams** - April 16, 2024 at 07:38 PM

RS

“ *Randy and Susan Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph C. Szarkowicz Jr.*



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**Randy and Susan Smith** - April 16, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ *My husband Rick and I met Joe and Brenda in Punta Cana, because their hotel room was near ours and we spent a ton of time talking and laughing in the pool and courtside. We loved them so much, and we so wished that we could have met up with them on another vacation because we really got along great! My heart goes out to Brenda and everyone that loved Joe.*

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**Karen Shimko Capron** - April 16, 2024 at 02:26 PM

TK

“ *Brenda and Joe came over to take Gerry and I for a pontoon ride at Hemlock Lake...Joe kept driving around the lake and we were enjoying the ride so much we never told him to stop...so he took us round and round...it was just lovely to spend time with this wonderful couple.*

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**tamara sue kil-myers** - April 16, 2024 at 02:07 PM