



## Joseph J. Betka

March 25, 1928 - January 12, 2016

Joseph J. Betka, aged 87 of Ludington passed away on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at his home with his family by his side. Joe was born on March 25, 1928 in Ludington, the son of Joseph John and Regina (Maternowski) Betka, and served his country during the Korean Conflict with the United States Army. He retired from Dow Chemical and was a longtime member and five year Past-President of the Ludington Aerie Eagles Club. Joe was also a member of the Edwin Ewing American Legion Post 76, and the Ludington Boat Club. He was quite the “social butterfly” and was loved by everyone who met him.

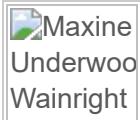
Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Joyce, his son Kevin Betka, and his sister Mickey Belke.

He will be greatly missed by his daughters Debbie Dunham, and Lorie (Chuck) Wingelaar, his companion Maxine Wainright, his grandchildren Lacey Brinley Lynch, Keith (Jody) Sarres, Jesse (Anna) Sarres, Maxwell Wingelaar, and Amanda Wingelaar, his great-grandchildren Aiden, Kieran, and Arin Sarres, Marion and Grayson Sarres, his brother Alvin Betka, his sisters Virginia Bentz, Arlene Barrett, and MaryAnn (Larry) Chaffee, his sister-in-law Lee Ann (Bob) Malec, several nieces and nephews, and many great friends.

A Celebration of Joe’s life will be held at a later date. Those who wish to remember him with a donation are asked to consider Hospice of Michigan –

Mason County.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maxine Underwood-Wainright lit a candle in memory of Joseph J. Betka*



Maxine Underwood-Wainright - April 29, 2016 at 03:47 PM



*Miss you everyday JB..... <3*

Maxine Underwood-Wainright - April 29, 2016 at 03:48 PM

DD

“ *Daughter, Debbie lit a candle in memory of Joseph J. Betka*



daughter, Debbie - January 17, 2016 at 11:38 AM

MW

“ *Maxine Wainright lit a candle in memory of Joseph J. Betka*



Maxine Wainright - January 17, 2016 at 07:36 AM

JL

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Joe's family. Joe is my cousin but I do not know his daughters. We were close when we were young but have not kept in touch. Sorry for your loss, he was a very nice person.*

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**Joyce Maternowski Larsen** - January 13, 2016 at 11:17 AM

DZ

*Never even knew such a person existed, and he was supposed to be my cousin. My heartfelt condolences to the family.*

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**DONALD ZUCHOWSKI** - January 16, 2016 at 11:32 AM

ME

“ *Marguerite Engfer lit a candle in memory of Joseph J. Betka*



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**marguerite engfer** - January 12, 2016 at 11:09 PM

ME

*Joe always smiled when we would see each other and say Hi. I remembered Joe when he worked at Dow Chemical, with his wife Joyce for many functions at Dow. He really was a great man to know, along with his family. My prayers go out to the family, who he leaves behind, who misses him so much. I will not forget the great man he was.*

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**marguerite engfer** - January 12, 2016 at 11:14 PM