



Stefan Szemetylo

January 6, 1926 - March 30, 2018

Stefan Szemetylo, 92, of Zanesville, Ohio died Friday morning, March 30th, 2018 at Genesis Hospice at Morrison House. He was born to Very Reverend Protopresbyter Ipolit and Matushka Glikeria (Hrud) Szemetylo in Pochiev, Ukraine on Orthodox Christmas Eve January 6, 1926.

After living many years in Ukraine, the family lost their home during World War II and became refugees in a Displaced Persons Camp in Germany. There, at the age of 19, he met his wife to be, Antonina. His family was accepted and immigrated to the United States, specifically New York City. However, Antonina's family was accepted and immigrated to Canada. Regardless, Stefan found her and after marrying in Canada, the couple resided in New York City.

Shortly before his wedding, Stefan was drafted into the United States Army. He was stationed in Germany during the time of the Korean Conflict. He spoke several languages - Ukrainian, German, Russian, Polish, and English. Upon completing his service he became a United States citizen. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from New York University as a benefit of the GI Bill. He often juggled two jobs, school, and family. Upon graduation, he worked ten years for New York Testing Labs followed by twenty-two years at Amstar Domino Sugar from where he retired as a chemist in 1991.

Stefan was noted for his hobby as a photographer. He enjoyed photographing rustic landscapes in the western United States, the local theatrical productions that his grandchildren were involved in, and other important events. "Two Flash, Two Flash!", are words that will remain in many of our memories. He and Antonina relocated from Flushing, Queens to Zanesville in 1998. Since Thanksgiving 2014, he made his home with Dr. Victor & Kristy Szemetylo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Antonina (Plawycz) Szemetylo, his wife of 50 years; 11 brothers and sisters, most recently, Witalij Szemetylo, Reverend Father Wsevold Shemetylo, and Tatiana (Szemetylo) Czurkyn.

He is survived by his daughter, Anna (Szemetylo) Seniw, Glen Spey, NY; daughter/daughter-in-law Olga Szemetylo & Sue Schroeder, Burien, WA; son/daughter-in-law Dr. Victor & Kristy (Kazemekas) Szemetylo, Zanesville, OH; Grandchildren: Maria (Seniw) & Gary Muller, Centreville, VA; Natalie Szemetylo, Washington,DC; Stephanie Szemetylo, Sheboygan, WI; Alexander Szemetylo, New York, NY; Mark Szemetylo, of the home. In addition he is survived, by special family members Janet (Kazemekas) and Sam Debray, Zanesville, OH and New York, NY and several nieces and nephews.

Hillis, Combs, & Nestor Funeral Home are handling funeral arrangements for the family. Calling hours will be held at the church one hour prior (9am-10am) to the funeral on Saturday, April 21st, 2018. At 10:00 a.m. a Ukrainian Orthodox Funeral Mass will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 144 N. Fifth Street, Zanesville with St. Thomas's Pastor Father Jan Sullivan and Father John Nakonachny, Pastor of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, Ohio presiding. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Genesis Hospice or the Szemetylo Donor Advised Fund, Muskingum County Community Foundation, 534 Putnam Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701. To sign the online guestbook or

leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemtery

1676 West Main Street
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
144 North Fifth Street
Zanesville, OH 43701

Funeral Mass

APR 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stefan Szemetylo*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *My condolences to the Szemetylo family. May your cherished memories give you comfort and a smile.*

Luanne Shull - April 05, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy to the Szemetylo family. Thinking of you.*

Sue Thuma - April 05, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ *Blessings to you all during this most difficult time. Such a wonderful patriotic citizen who leaves behind a family who gives back to the community -- what a legacy to leave.*

CShaw - April 05, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Wayne and Janice McMillan*

Janice McMillan - April 05, 2018 at 11:16 AM

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“ *Our Sincere Sympathy to you, Dr Szemetylo and your family, in the loss of this wonderful man. How proud we are to recognize him as a naturalized American citizen. He had a history that was awe inspiring.*

Lee and Rebecca Wilson

Rebecca Wilson - April 04, 2018 at 07:09 PM

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Deepest sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Szemetylo and family . May you find peace and comfort at this time. What a beautiful legacy you have been given.

Julie Hinds

Julie Hinds - April 10, 2018 at 01:09 PM