



## Joseph A. Schwanzl

May 8, 1960 - September 14, 2020

Joseph A. Schwanzl of Rockford, Michigan, (formerly of Toledo, Ohio), age 60, died at home on Monday, September 14th, surrounded by his loving wife, children, grandchildren and family. He was born to Robert and Carolyn Schwanzl, on May 8, 1960 in Toledo, Ohio.

Joe was a 1978 graduate of Bowsher High School. He always had a passion for cars and his first formal job was with Charlies Dodge, where he met his future wife, Shari Robinson. They married in 1982 and were blessed with four children and four grandchildren. Joe was an amazing and involved father and very special "Papa Joe" to his grandchildren. He was an active outdoorsman and loved hiking, landscaping and camping. Moving to Michigan and retiring shortly after allowed him to enjoy all those activities; as well as to spend time with great groups of friends at the Honey Creek Inn and the Gristmill.

Joe proudly served on the Toledo Fire Department for 25 years at a variety of stations; as well as being on several specialty teams. He retired as a Lieutenant in 2013.

Joe is survived by his wife, Shari Schwanzl; his children, Jillian (Todd) Gilsdorf, John Schwanzl, Mark Schwanzl and Emily Schwanzl; and grandchildren, Claire, Ethan, Benjamin and Jonah Gilsdorf. He is also survived by his siblings, Mike (Sue) Schwanzl, Marie (Phil) Mason and Angie

(Ed) Schweickert; as well as many nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and his nephew Andrew Schwanzl.

There will be a visitation at Pederson Funeral Home, 127 N. Monroe Street NE, Rockford, MI 49341 on Friday, September 18th from 1:00 pm until 8:00 p.m. There will be an additional visitation at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd, Toledo, OH 43614 on Sunday, September 20th from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be a Last Alarm Service at 7 p.m. on Sunday at Coyle Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 104 W. Broadway, Maumee, OH 43537 at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 21st. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Maumee.

The family would like to send a special thank you to Dr. Chandana and Emily Meyers of Lemmen-Holton Cancer Pavilion for their exemplary and personal care the last 3 years, as well as Spectrum Health Hospice for their support the last days of Joe's life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Toledo Firefighters Museum, 918 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH 43612 or Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, Spectrum Health Foundation, 25 Michigan St. NE, Suite 4100, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Please leave a condolence message at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 20. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Last Alarm Service

SEP 20. 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Mass

SEP 21. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph (Maumee)  
104 West Broadway Street  
Maumee, OH 43537

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Schwanzl.*



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September 19, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ *Victoria Valle purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph A. Schwanzl.*



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**Victoria Valle** - September 19, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Dear Shari and family all of my heartfelt sympathy for you on Joe's passing. It is a road no one ever wants to down but God knows when he wants to call us home. Please take care of yourself and take one step at time.*

*Coral Schantz Bollinger  
Nick's Aunt*

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**Coral Bollinger** - September 19, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Schwanzl.*



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September 18, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Shari...after so many years since our Parkview Hospital Days, I'm sad to read that you on a new life's journey with the passing of Joe. My prayers are for you and your family. God Bless you all. Barb Grochowski Torio*

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**Barb Torio** - September 18, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *My sympathy to you and your family. I remember when you first met Joe. I was visiting your Mother and you were wrapping Christmas presents for Joe.*

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**Ruth Lucius** - September 18, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *Dana Commercial Vehicle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph A. Schwanzl.*



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**Dana Commercial Vehicle** - September 18, 2020 at 11:18 AM

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“ Shari - I am so sorry for you & your family 😞 I fondly remember the story of how you determinedly caught Joes eye by walking back & forth in front of him at the dealership until he noticed you ! My thoughts & prayers are with you - until you meet again !

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**gail incorvaia brogan** - September 17, 2020 at 03:16 PM

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“ Shari & family, keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers in this incredible time of grief for you. Joe was a great firefighter but more importantly, a great man. I am privileged to have known him as a friend & a fellow firefighter. Lt. Steve Starkloff (ret.)

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**Steve Starkloff** - September 16, 2020 at 05:49 PM