



## Howard J. "Howie" Walch

August 10, 1930 - January 17, 2023

Howard J. "Howie" Walch, 92, died Tuesday January 17, 2023 at Mercy New Life Hospice.

He was born August 10, 1930 in Mc Kees Rocks, Pennsylvania, moved to Garfield Heights in 1964 and lived in Lorain County since 1971.

Howie graduated from St Mary High School in Mc Kees Rocks where he served as an altar boy and was responsible for ringing the school bell.

He managed Faflik's Shoe Store in the Midway Mall for over 20 years. Later, he worked at Giant Eagle and Kmart.

Howie was always helping his wife Margaret prepare food for holiday gatherings. He was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates and kept stats for his favorite players such as Ralph Kiner. He was also a fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Indians. He enjoyed Duck Pin bowling. He was a member of the former St Stanislaus Catholic Church in Lorain, past member of St Peter Catholic Church in North Ridgeville and current member of Nativity BVM Catholic Church in South Amherst.

He is survived by his children: Deb Rak (Edward) of Amherst Township, Jim "Chief" Walch (fiancé Kathy Lanier) of Elyria and John Walch of BrookPark;

grandchildren: Michelle Cooperider (Rob), Megan Cosentino (Greg), Jordan Rak (fiancé Jim Cahlik) and Jakob Walch; great grandchildren: Evan & Ian Cooperider, Olivia & Zoe Cosentino and Silas, Basil & Prudence Cahlik and brother Don Walch (Susanne) of Florida. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 ½ years Margaret Walch (nee Jencik) in 2021, father Howard F. Walch in 1974 and mother Mary E Walch (nee Olejar) in 1993.

The family will receive friends Sunday January 22, 2023 from 2:00-6:00 pm at the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway, Lorain. Funeral services will be held Monday January 23, 2023 at 10:15 am in the funeral chapel followed by the mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am at Nativity BVM Catholic Church, 333 S Lake St, South Amherst. The Rev Timothy O'Connor, pastor, will preside. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Lorain.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

555 N Ridge Rd  
Lorain, OH 44053  
<https://clecem.org/Cemeteries/CalvaryLorain.aspx>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 22.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel  
3224 Broadway  
Lorain, OH 44055  
(440) 246-2118  
[gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com](mailto:gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com)  
<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

## Funeral Service

**JAN 23.** 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel  
3224 Broadway  
Lorain, OH 44055  
(440) 246-2118  
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<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

## Funeral Mass

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JAN **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church  
333 S Lake St  
South Amherst, OH 44001

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I fondly remember him ‘ringing’ his shoe horn at the sidewalk sales!* ”



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