



Maryan 'Mario' Patrick Sawinski

July 11, 1926 - January 8, 2019

Maryan Patrick "Mario" Sawinski, 92, a man of generosity and a proud Marine, died January 8, 2019, in Charlotte. Born in Detroit on July 11, 1926 to Stanley and Mary (Dzendzel) Sawinski, he left high school and enlisted in the U.S. Marines to serve his country during World War II. He was very proud of memories from his youth when he worked at the Bowery Club, chauffeuring movie stars from the airport. Mario worked as a military tank inspector for General Dynamics in Detroit until his retirement. He loved to watch old westerns and to cook. In fact, he made sure no guest left his home without something to eat. Many will remember Mario's happy nature, big heart, and willingness to help others.

Mario is survived by his children, Gail (Patrick) McKay of Marshall, Dale Sawinski of Marshall, Glenn (Carol) Sawinski of Roseville, Sandra (Lonnie) Maguire of Almont, and Lori (Patrick) McClelland of Roseville; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores; daughter, Darlene Sawinski; his parents; and siblings, Joseph, Edward, and Bernadine Sawinski, Nell O'Brien, and Betty Helleck.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the any charity of choice. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Mario on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

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“ Papa, I have so many memories with you.. not only did you spoil us grandkids, you loved us unconditionally..

Without you, I wouldn't have my love for Bing Crosby or White Christmas, which I watch every year religiously with Lauren and Ava now, which also includes the story of how we would watch it together every year and you would be singing it from the kitchen as you cooked..

And damn it were you an amazing cook... from pancakes that you let me feed Tipper , to your homemade French fries to your bbq ribs or spaghetti sauce. You always made sure we all had enough to eat before you did..

And let's not forget about the banana splits and bowl of chips you would bring Grama Lala and I in bed watching tv!

Thank you for always being there for me and taking such good care of me.. You are very much loved and appreciated!!

Rest In Peace, Papa I love you..

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Tee LaForge - January 11, 2019 at 11:30 AM

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“Dad, you were always good to us kids, maybe too good. Whenever Mom said "no", we knew we could go to you for a "yes". I remember the ice rinks you built for me every winter because I loved to ice skate. You drove me to Aunt Betty's house every week because I wanted to take piano lessons. You used to come home from work for lunch with a cool Army truck or jeep and drop me back off at school. Boy, were the boys jealous! When I grew up and got married and had children, you spoiled them rotten! They loved going to "Papa's house". RIP Dad, the rest of your family will see you soon enough. Love you Dad.

Gail McKay (Jill)

Gail McKay - January 10, 2019 at 05:43 PM

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He will be greatly missed. I'm glad I was able to spend time with him at the family reunions and being able to check on him when he was at Sparrow. He smiled so big when I was there.

Krystal - January 10, 2019 at 06:28 PM