



# Gary Joseph Grittini

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**G**ary Joseph Grittini, age 67, of St. Clair, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on January 21, 2022. He was born October 7, 1954, in Detroit to the late Frank and Louise Grittini. He married Mary Start on April 9, 1994, Gary would say that God blessed him with his wonderful wife Mary, He often joked about the institution of marriage, the Husband-Wife jokes, but he always ended by saying that Mary was better than he deserved. Gary worked 31 years at the Roseville Post Office, 14 years as a financial adviser and 4 years as a bookkeeper at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair.

Gary was a baseball enthusiast, he loved being at the ballpark, Tiger Stadium, Comerica Park. He especially loved spring training in Lakeland and Sarasota, Florida. He considered himself blessed to be able to attend the Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camp and being able to play softball until the age of 63. Family was very important to Gary and loved the time he got to spend with everyone.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Mary Grittini; sister, Mary Lynn (Greg) Filar; brothers, Rob Grittini, Tim (Linda) Grittini; mother-in-law, Louise Start; brother in laws, Robert Start, Thomas Start and Tom Pyden; 16 nieces and nephews and 4 great nieces and nephews.

Gary is preceded in death by his father-in-law, John Start and sister-in-law Christine Pyden.

A Memorial visitation will be held Friday February 4, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. there then will be a Funeral Mass held at 12:00 p.m. the same day at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair following the visitation. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to St. Jude's or ALS. The family requests that COVID-19 protocols be taken to please refrain from hugging and masks to be required. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com)




# Events

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## Visitation


 **Friday**, February 4, 2022


 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET

 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI

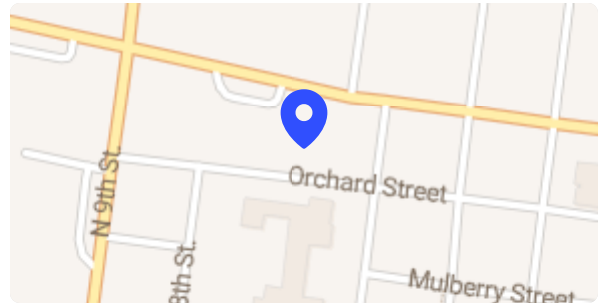


## Funeral Mass


 **Friday**, February 4, 2022

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

 **St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
415 N Sixth, St.Clair MI



## Cemetery Details

 Cremation



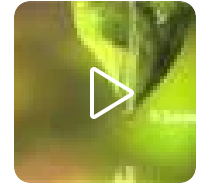
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**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.** shared a **Tribute Video.**



February 7 at 5:04 AM



**Tony And Janet Distelrath** posted:

It was always fun to check in with you both at Church to hear your last visit to West Branch. Gone to Soon!!!!

February 5 at 5:40 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the Grittini family.



January 30 at 10:39 AM



**Donna & Ron Schalk** posted:

Mary, Ron & I wish to extend our deepest sympathy on the passing of Gary. We know he is in a very loving place "the arms of our Lord". He has found peace, at last! May you also find His peace knowing that Gary is at home with no suffering, only joy!Our prayers are with you and your family.Sincerely, Donna & Ron Schalk

January 26 at 4:12 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Large Heart - 'Death leaves a heartache' to the Grittini family.



January 26 at 2:16 PM



**Linda Schwehofer** posted:

Our heartfelt sympathies to Mary and the whole family. Our prayers are with you.

January 25 at 4:47 PM



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FG

**Frank Guastella** posted:

I met Gary through ushering at St. Mary's. I always enjoyed ushering with him because all we talked about was baseball. He loved the Tigers and going to spring training. He was such a kind gentleman with a deep faith. Mary, my deepest condolences. Gary is now in God's loving hands.

January 25 at 6:09 AM

AG

**Alan Gwozdz** posted:

I got to know Gary and Mary as neighbors for many years sharing many Christmas parties, birthdays, and talks around the grill. Both Gary and Mary were simply a joy to be around. I have no doubt that Marilyn was there to greet Gary into heaven and that they are both at peace. Sorry I can't be with you now Mary, but we will get together soon. God Bless you!

January 25 at 4:52 AM

BB

**Barb And Dave Baumgart** posted:

We met Gary and Mary from St Mary's. What a wonderful couple. Gary was an awesome man that loved the game of baseball. We talked to him about the Tigers Spring training and upcoming season with enthusiasm. We are going to miss him. May he RIP, and our thoughts and prayers are with Mary

January 25 at 2:50 AM

SW

**Steve Waldorf** posted:

Many thoughts and prayers to Mary and family. Gary was a great friend and mentor to me at the Roseville Post Office.. I had the honor of DJ his and Mary's wedding 27 years ago. I can remember him telling me about the movie Field of Dreams and how great it was. I must have watched that movie 20 times because of him. He was such a caring and great person. It is such a great loss. I have to believe that he is up there in heaven playing baseball with the angels. The real angels. God bless and God speed brother.

January 24 at 6:33 PM



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DM

**Don And Jill Moats** posted:

Don and I are so very sad..we loved Gary...what a great human being he was...smart, kind, hard working and Funny! We have a bunch of wonderful memories of him and us laughing till we cried.Mary, much love to you and all of Gary's and your families. We will never forget him.

January 24 at 4:22 PM

GG

**Garry Gigg** posted:

I have been so blessed to have met Gary close to 40 years ago. We spent close to 30 years together working at the Roseville Post Office. I struggled to find words that would sum up a man and his life in simple terms. It came to me as I watched my daughter walk out the door to work.He was the kind of man every father hopes his little girl meets and marries. For me, that says it all.He was one in a million.The Native Americans say a man never dies as long as you speak his name.I will speak it often.

January 24 at 2:39 PM

DA

**Dennis Askew** posted:

My sincere condolences to Mary and the family; you remain in my thoughts and prayers.

January 24 at 1:12 PM

MK

**Mark Kehoe** posted:

Gary was an inspiration and a Christian gentleman in every way. We met about ten years ago when we played softball together for St. Mary's. He always had a kind word for others and his Catholic faith was very important to him. He's surely up in Heaven now just waiting for the upcoming baseball season to begin. Thank you Gary for being a great friend and person.

January 24 at 12:46 PM

PK

**Patty Klecha** posted:

My heart is broken..even though I know he is more alive now than ever. Mary...may the peace that only Christ can bring be yours now and forever. God Bless you.Patty Klecha

January 24 at 11:44 AM



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ST

**Steve** posted:

My condolences go out to Mary and family. May he rest in peace. Steve Terhune

January 24 at 11:21 AM

JU

**Justine** lit a candle in honor of Gary.

We had the pleasure of meeting Gary at the Tigers Fantasy Camp. He was a great player and teammate. Our heartfelt condolences to Mary, Tim and Gary's entire family and friends. A large loss for sure. Sincerely, Justine & John



January 24 at 10:53 AM

DR

**Dave Redys** February 4 at 4:56 AM

Gary was a true friend and the nicest person one could ever come across. I have fond memories of growing up with him and the rest of the Los Olas gang. May he rest in peace and our deepest sympathy to Mary, Rob, Tim, Mary Lynne and the rest of the family. Dave & Debbie Redys



# Media

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TRIBUTE VIDEO

A Journey of Life

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The video thumbnail features a close-up of a vibrant green leaf with a single water droplet hanging from its tip. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. A white play button icon is centered on the leaf. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code with the text "SCAN TO WATCH" below it.



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