



## Michael Szczawinsky

October 23, 1922 - March 7, 2011

OBITUARY KINGSTON – Michael Szczawinsky, 89, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2011 at Kingston Hospital. Born Oct 23, 1922 in Molodyv, Ukraine, he survived being taken from his home as forced labor for first the Russian Armies then the Nazis during WWII. He met His wife Halina in Germany on the farm they worked and after they were liberated, they made the heartbreaking decision not to return home, which was then under Stalin's control, and instead immigrated to England where they settled in Manchester and lived there for 9 years. He worked in a spinning mill, a foundry and then a meat packing plant where he helped to develop a line of sausages and cured meats that were staples of the many Eastern Europeans that had ended up settling in England as he did. He discovered he had an Aunt, his Father's sister, the late Pauline Bullock, living in Glasco. In corresponding with her, she encouraged him to immigrate to the United States so he, his wife and now daughter would have some family. With the help of his aunt, her daughter, the late Mary Kwasnick , met with and sponsored him and his family to come to the United States in December 1956. Within days both he and his wife had jobs, within 6 weeks they had their own home which they eventually bought. Five years later all three family members proudly became American citizens. Settling in Kingston, Michael and his wife exemplified the American Dream of working hard, earning an honest living, and eventually owning a new home. Michael worked as a butcher for the A&P for 23 years working his way up to meat manager before retiring in 1979. He and his wife were members of the Ukrainian Community in Kerhonkson and frequently visited Soyuzika , the Ukrainian National Association Resort in Kerhonkson. He did occasional butcher jobs in retirement and tended to his rental properties in Phoenicia, NY and eventually helping his daughter build her own home in Kingston in 1989. He is survived by his wife Halina, his daughter Marianna Crans and son in law Winfield Crans, two Step Grandchildren and a Great Step Grandchild. He is also survived by siblings, nieces and nephews in Ukraine as well as cousins, nieces, and nephews in Saugerties, Connecticut, Tennessee, Arizona, North Carolina, California and Texas. He and his family were members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Kingston and also attended St. Nicolas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hudson. Friends and family may call 7:00 PM until 9:00 Pm Monday, March 7 at Buono Funeral Service Inc., 100 Main Street, Saugerties, New York. A service will be held at the funeral

home at 10:00 on Tuesday followed by burial at St. Mary of the Snow Cemetery in Barclay Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Heart Association.

# Comments

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“ Marianna and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. If there is anything that I can do please don't hesitate to ask. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you.

**Toni Kochanowski** - March 09, 2011 at 05:20 PM

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“ Dear Marianna and Halina, I cannot tell you how sorry I am for your loss. You are in my prayers and I offer you my home to come visit whenever you want. With Most Love, Dee Yannich

**Diane Yannich** - March 08, 2011 at 01:28 PM

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“ Dear Halina, Marianna and Family. Our prayers are with you all as you have lost a very special person. Michael will be missed, but know he is watching over all of you now. God bless you all. Love Carolyn and Linda

**Carolyn and Linda** - March 08, 2011 at 09:20 AM

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“ Marianna and Halina, our thoughts are with you both at this very sad time. I know the two of you will stick together and get each other through this. He is gone but never forgotten!

**Gretchen, Terry and Brendan** - March 07, 2011 at 04:41 PM

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“ Dear Marianna and Family:

My deepest sympathy for the passing of your beloved father. I know he will be missed dearly. Many prayers for you and your Mom for the days and months ahead. I will keep in touch with you as you already know. God bless you all. Best Regards,  
Donna E.

**Donna Elliott** - March 07, 2011 at 04:39 PM



“ Dear Marianna, My deepest heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dad Michael. The obituary certainly depicts the American dream of a family migrating to the land of the free. I learned much from your dad life's description. My prayers are with you and your Mom.

**Tony Mazza** - March 07, 2011 at 02:19 PM

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“ To Michael's Family and Friends,

I am very sorry for your loss. Michael is known to me as a honest, hard working, family man. He lived a good life and was always there to help others. I am Proud to be his friend.

God Bless You Michael -- Love always Larry Hutton

**Larry Hutton** - March 07, 2011 at 02:10 PM

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“ Dear Helena, Marianna & Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We hope that all the special memories of Michael somehow help you through today as well as the weeks ahead. We know he will be missed. Thinking of you, Jackie & Paul Terwilliger

**Jackie & Paul Terwilliger** - March 07, 2011 at 12:51 PM