



Thaddeus P. Kusek

September 20, 1941 - October 2, 2025

Thaddeus "Ted" P. Kusek, affectionately known as Tadju in Polish, passed away unexpectedly on October 2, 2025, at the age of 84.

Born on September 20, 1941, Ted lived a life filled with passion, family, and community spirit. Ted was a beloved husband, married 60 years (May 8, 1965) to Dorothy Kusek (nee Franz). He was a 1960 graduate of Lincoln High School and a devoted father to Thaddeus R. "Ted" Kusek (Kimberly) and Robert T. "Bob" Kusek. As a proud grandfather, he cherished his grandchildren, Ava, Julia, and Robert. Ted was the son of the late Stanley and Julia Kusek (nee Hadam), brother to Carol Prusak and Diane Kraynik, long time best friend to Kenny Guinta, the late Skip Buczek & the late Bernie Yohman. Uncle, cousin and friend to many.

A dedicated serviceman, Ted served as a Sergeant in the National Guard for six years and was a member of the Polish Legion of American Veterans. Ted also gave back to his community as a longtime Little League baseball coach, inspiring young athletes with his guidance and energy.

Music was at the heart of Ted's soul. He loved to sing and served as a soloist in his church choir, where his voice brought comfort and joy to many. Above all, Ted was an accomplished Elvis Tribute Artist (ETA), a passion that defined much of his life. His electrifying performances as "The King" lit up rooms at

countless functions, filling hearts with nostalgia and delight.

Ted will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who were touched by his vibrant spirit.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in his honor on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM at St. John Cantius Church, 906 College Ave. Cleveland, OH 44113 where family and friends will be greeted to celebrate his life at 10AM till the time of the Funeral Mass.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Cantius Church
906 College Avenue
Cleveland , OH 44113

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

BF

“ Buczek family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thaddeus P. Kusek.

Buczek family - October 10, 2025 at 08:29 PM

BF

“ Buczek family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thaddeus P. Kusek.



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FO

“ Be assured of prayers for Ted and his family from the Padua Franciscan Community.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Mt 11:28

Rev. William McIntyre OFM

Fr. William McIntyre OFM - October 10, 2025 at 01:10 PM

SK

“ I have not seen Ted, or talked to him, in more than 20 years. I grew up in the house just next door, and our families did a lot of sharing when we kids were small - and now we're all in our late 70s / early 80s. Ted was 4 years older - picked on me on occasion - but protected me from the real bullies at Lincoln Pool several times. My sympathies to the Kusek family.
Steven Kosztya

Steven Kosztya - October 08, 2025 at 09:54 PM

DF

“ David and Kitty Franz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thaddeus P. Kusek.



David and Kitty Franz - October 08, 2025 at 07:05 PM