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Melvin D. Malak, Sr., "Blackie", beloved husband, father, dzadza, family man and friend, left his happy life on January 3, 2016. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. Melvin was born in Toledo on February 15, 1932, the youngest of four children, to Caspar and Anna Malak, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded by his brother, Leonard and sisters, Dorothy Opaczewski and Evelyn Malinoski; along with nephews, David Opaczewski and Terrence Rozanski.



Melvin grew up in the old Polish neighborhood of Kushwantz (Nebraska street area). He was very proud of his Polish heritage and spoke the language fluently. Melvin graduated from St. Stanislaus Catholic Grade School in 1946 and from Macomber Vocational High School in 1950, where he excelled in varsity baseball. He was also chosen to play with the "Little Mud Hens", a high school team associated with the Toledo Mud Hens in the 1940s. After graduation, Melvin signed with a major league baseball team, but decided that pro ball would not be his chosen career. He returned to Toledo, retiring from [General Motors](#) Powertrain after thirty years as a

machine repairman and a member of UAW's Local 14. Melvin enjoyed golf and bowling and held many championships in his UAW league.

Melvin and his wife Genevieve (Sczies) were married in 1954. They loved to dance and were Polka King and Queen in the 1950s and King and Queen for two years for the Lucas County Fair. Melvin and Genevieve belonged to the polka clubs T.A.P.S. and I.M.A. and traveled on polka buses to dances in many different cities. Melvin was a member of the Elks and Eagles. He coached Little League baseball games when his sons played at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns School.

Melvin is survived by his devoted wife of 61 years, Genevieve, and his children, Susette Malak-McNutt and her husband David McNutt, Melvin Malak, Jr. and his wife Heidi, Paul Malak; and Alan Malak; grandchildren, Jeremiah McNutt and Angela (McNutt) Rasar and her husband Austin, Taylor Malak and his wife Katie, Alexander Malak, Jesse Malak, John Malak and Harrison Malak; great-grandchildren, Anakin, Anastasia, Asher and Arya Rasar; and Jessi McNutt; brother-in-law, Joseph Rozanski; nieces and nephews, Carol Opaczewski, Dennis Malinoski, Richard Malinoski, Joette Rozanski, Luanne (Brausieck) Haley and her husband Bill, and Kurt Brausieck; also lifelong friends, Victor and Connie Matuzinski and many other dear friends.

Services will be private with Deacon Michael Pence presiding. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Genevieve and family wish to thank Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their kindness as they cared for Melvin in his home. The family requests that donations be made in Melvin's name to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or the [charity of their choice](#).

"Mel, we will waltz again. Ja sie kochan sercedeczne (I love you with all my heart)."

Messages of condolence may be made at

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