



Melania Pawelkiewicz (Szemlak)

May 27, 2015

90 of Fort White, FL, died Sunday, May 24th at Baya Pointe Nursing Center. She was the daughter of the late Jan and Maria Szemlak of Opaka , Ukraine and the beloved wife of the late Kazimierz Pawelkiewicz.

She was born December 12, 1924 in Opaka, Ukraine. As Nazi Germany was preparing for war they moved through the Ukraine taking the oldest daughter of each family to work in their labor camps. At age 14, Melania volunteered in place of her oldest sister to be enslaved in a Nazi labor camp and never saw her family again. She was liberated by the Allied Forces in 1945. After meeting and marrying Kazimierz in a post-war detention camp they immigrated with their two oldest children to Chicago, IL, in 1951. That courage and strength stayed with her for a lifetime.

Melania was employed as a janitress by the Prudential Life Insurance Co, moving to Fort White, FL upon her retirement. Affectionately known as "Buscia" she was a fabulous cook. She made sumptuous Polish meals that were enjoyed by all who came to her table. She never wrote down a recipe, but cooked everything by touch and taste. She was an avid WWE fan and quite the fisherman.

She is survived by her devoted children, Walter (Jane) Pawelkiewicz of Westerly, RI, Helen Leap, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Kasimir Pawelkiewicz

of Fort White. She is also survived by three beloved grandchildren Lisa (Mike) Ceddia, of Dublin, Ohio, Jeremy Pawelkiewicz of Tampa, FL, and Warren (Lydia) Leap of Stafford, VA, and four cherished great grandsons, Mark and Luke Ceddia, and Christian and Connor Leap.

A mass and Christian burial will be celebrated on Monday June 1st at 11:00 AM at St. Madeleine Catholic Church, 17155 NW US Hwy 441, High Springs, FL, 32643.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Madeleine Roman Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the care of Evans Carter Funeral Home, 220 N. Main St. High Springs, FL. 32643, 386-454-2444.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We wish we could have been with you to share the memories of your special mom. We love you guys. Love, Betsy & Richard

Richard & Betsy Schumacher - May 29, 2015 at 12:48 PM

CB

“ You were liked by almost everyone and the ones who didnt like you were runnin anyways. You didnt take no crap but you sure were a loving man! I often think about comin over to ya'lls house at uncle tommy's as a little girl. I miss how things were then. I hope you give your daddy a lecture and a swift kick in the butt,when you see him. And I hope he gives you one back. I miss you and uncle Tommy so much. You are dearly missed

Cassie Brooks - September 22, 2013 at 10:54 PM

GG

“ I just came across this. Really sorry to hear he went at such a young age.
He's now with Tommy GOD Bless them both.

Gary McKinnell AKA DJ Gary - June 25, 2013 at 04:04 PM

CL

“ Shawn, May you Rest in Peace until we All met Again, you will be missed...My Thoughts and Prayers are with you Debbie, Jenn, Trent and Kayla Love Aunt Cathy

cathy lawson - June 16, 2013 at 02:36 PM

JL

“ Dear Family,
Death is a very sad thing to deal with. Especially if we don't know anything about it. Did you know Jesus compared death as to sleeping?(JOHN 11:11-13)
The Bible also brings out there is no better or safer place to be than in God's
memory. And when the time comes His son Jesus will call them out of the memorial tombs; JOHN 5:28,29; And bring them back to life in perfect health on a paradise earth. PSALMS 37:11; What such comfort the Bible can bring! Sincerely Yours, Judy L.

Judy L. - June 15, 2013 at 12:26 PM

BE

“ Jen, Shirley, Debbie and Tracy, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know there is a void that can not be filled but rest assured he is with Tommy and I know without a doubt he is happy now. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Love you always.

Brenda Edwards - June 14, 2013 at 02:14 PM

CH

“ To family and friends...

*My heart goes out to each and every one of yall...
Shawn was a wonderful young man and meant alot to me and my family...
He will greatly missed!!!
May the lord give us the strenght and guidance we need to get through this terrible time...*

We love you Shawn and may you REST IN PEACE!!!!

Carole Haire - June 14, 2013 at 09:29 AM

AG

“ *May you finally be in Peace brother...*

Aquilla Griggs - June 14, 2013 at 09:26 AM

DH

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Shawn....
I am so sorry for your loss.....
Shawn touched the lives of so many and he will be greatly missed by everyone especially by me and my family..
We now have our own special gaurdian angel to watch over us and guide us...
We love you Shawn and may you finally be at peace...

Until we meet again....
Your friend*

Dolly Henley - June 14, 2013 at 09:24 AM

SA

“ *Still in shock... I pray that you are finally at peace and have found your special place. Will remember you always Shawnie. Xoxo*

Sarah - June 14, 2013 at 01:21 AM

SB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Sonya

Sonya Burrell - June 13, 2013 at 10:38 PM

JP

“ Shawn was a friend we wish we could have said we'd known for years. But as fate would have it things didn't quite work out that way. Though our friendship was not near the length we had wished it to be. It will forever be one that we will cherish dear to our hearts. For the time we spent with Shawn he became not just an acquaintance or just another friend he became someone we could trust love and care for he became family.

Shawn you'll forever be loved and missed. My sincere regards to those he left behind especially his son may God heal your breaking heart and just no this is not goodbye forever only ill see on the other side.

Jeremy and Kristina Parrish - June 13, 2013 at 07:08 PM

JT

“ Dear Debbie,

May your wonderful memories of Shawn carry you through this difficult time. I know Jim met Shawn in heaven and is showing him around.

Love you,

Jill

Jill Trussell - June 13, 2013 at 06:01 PM

EK

“ Debbie,

I was so sorry to hear about your son. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Take care,
love, Elaine*

Elaine Kelash - June 13, 2013 at 04:35 PM

LP

“ *To the Family & friends : of Shawn I just found out about your lost. My thought's and prayers go out to you all > He was a Great person > wow Can't believe he is gone But I know he will never be forgotten < Thinking of you all. Just know he loved you all I am glad I got to know you Shawn and watch you grow up ! Sincerely Linda Pagliuca*

Linda Pagliuca - June 13, 2013 at 12:34 PM

D(

“ *Debbie, I was so sorry to hear about your son. I just can't even imagine how hard it must be. Prayers for peace and a great big hug for you and your family.*

Deb Murray (EP) - June 13, 2013 at 09:00 AM

AA

“ *Shawn will always be missed in our hearts and the get togethers that he shared among so many of us. Rest peacefully my friend and may God be among his family and friends!*

Alvin & Amy - June 13, 2013 at 12:51 AM

EH

“ *Deb,
I am so sorry for your heartbreaking loss. You are loved.*

Evelyn Holderman - June 12, 2013 at 10:53 PM

SB

“ *Prayers to the family...*

Susan Banner - June 12, 2013 at 07:40 PM

SB

“ *Ptayets to the family, I am do sorry for your loss.*

Susan Banner - June 12, 2013 at 07:38 PM

MF

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to Debbie, Jennifer, Kylie and Trent. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Shawn ~

You have left this world before your time. May you be at peace and know how much you are loved and will be missed ~

Mary Rippee and Alisa & Mike Flynn - June 12, 2013 at 06:58 PM

KI

“ Shawn was an amazing father and friend. He went out of his way to help anyone but when it came to luck he seemed to have a run of bad. The years we spent together there wasn't a day that went by that he didn't mention how much he missed his dad. My deepest condolences for Trent, Kylie, Aunt Shirley, and the rest of the family. May you now rest peacefully friend!! Gone way to young but never will be forgotten!!

Love Always,
Kim

Kim Ice - June 12, 2013 at 04:40 PM

PS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the loved ones he left behind. I will be praying especially for Trent and Kylie as they lay their dad to rest. May God hold them and provide them with peace and comfort. Rest in peace, Shawn!

Pam Shirk - June 12, 2013 at 04:36 PM

TP

“ Shawn was a wonderful fun loving man. He was always trying to make you laugh and would always go out of his way to help a friend. With this being said Shawn will greatly be missed by his friends and family.

My deepest condolences to his daughter Kylie and Aunt Shirley who he adored, along with many other family members.

May you rest easy my friend. I will always value the years we spent together. I will always miss you. Until then I love you.

Warm regards,
Tiffany Pons

Tiffany Pons - June 12, 2013 at 02:06 PM

RH

“ *Debbie,
I am so sorry for your great loss. My thoughts and prayers have
been with you.*

Best, Robyn Hanscom RN in EP

Robyn Hanscom - June 12, 2013 at 12:12 PM

KC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this
difficult time.*

Kristina and Allen Carlstrom - June 12, 2013 at 10:38 AM

LC

“ *Our deepest condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

*Lewis Camacho and Juan Menendez
Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital
Minnesota*

Lewis Camacho - June 12, 2013 at 09:11 AM