



Joseph E Connor Jr

June 27, 1969 - August 27, 2021

Joseph E. Connor, Jr. passed away on August 27, 2021, at the age of 52, in Warren. He was born on June 27, 1969, to Joseph E and Carolyn (Smith) Connor in Fairbanks, Alaska. Loving and devoted father of Brendon, Kyle, Jacob, and Krystal Connor. Loving brother of Laura (Mark) Dixon, Bridget (Jay) Burroughs and James (Vickie) Connor. Dear uncle of Brittany, Tyler, Zachary and Alexander. Predeceased by his parents; Joseph E and Carolyn "Connie" Connor.

Joe Jr. will always be remembered for his big heart and how he loved everyone and kept them happy even though he didn't feel well. His wonderful sense of humor made everyone smile and will always be remembered for his love he shared with everyone.

Visitation for Joseph Jr. will be on Friday from 2-8:00 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Twp. Instate on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. until a 10:00 a.m. funeral service at Peace Lutheran Church, 6580 24 Mile Rd., Shelby Twp. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate at Church

SEP 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
6580 24 Mile Rd.
Shelby Twp, MI 48316

Funeral Service

SEP 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
6580 24 Mile Rd.
Shelby Twp
Shelby Twp, MI 48316

Tribute Wall

BM

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to Joe’s family and are deeply saddened by the loss of this kind soul.

Joe was a wonderful, cheerful friend who always had a sincere interest in and concern for others.

He was taken from our earth much too soon.

Rest In Peace Joe, our dear friend.

You will be missed.

Brian and Lisa Malott - September 03, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ When I heard the news my heart broke. Growing up next door to the Connors made the best times. We spent loads of time swimming, playing outside, parks and rec (knock hockey, he was the champ) and making awesome memories. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family and special prayers for his 4 amazing kids. With deepest sympathy Kelly Mahrle-Baker

Kelly Mahrle-Baker - September 03, 2021 at 02:47 PM

KP

“ It was shocking to hear the sad and untimely demise of Joe - a wonderful person, loving father, caring friend, and inspirational leader. Joe’s cheerful personality and helping attitude has touched so many lives. You became my stress buster on difficult days and true friend at ZF. Joe, you’ll be fondly remembered and dearly missed my friend. Our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies with the family, Rest in Peace, buddy.

Kumash Parikh - September 02, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joseph E Connor Jr.*



September 02, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *I will never forget the hockey games we attended when we visited my sisters family in Michigan. We remember when he was a "Mighty Mite". He was so cute in his hockey uniform, and the fond memories of the holiday's when we visited.*

Joe Sr and Connie will hold him in their arms as he enters into heaven with them.

Love always

Aunt Diane, Uncle Tim and Cousin Colleen

Tim, Diane and Colleen - September 02, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *My fondest memory of my brother was going to all of his hockey games. On the ride home we would talk about the game and how he did. I remember the year our friend Chris went to Canada to play. We thought he had hit the big league. We were sad to see him leave and super excited for him...it was a big deal. We would sit on my bedroom floor doing our homework glued to the radio...yes the radio! Listening to the announcer call the game. I will miss all our chats about life and how proud he was of all that his children have accomplished and will accomplish in life. Rest in peace dear brother. I love you crazy old man.*

Laura Dixon - September 02, 2021 at 07:52 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joseph E Connor Jr.*



September 02, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to all of Joes family. Working with Joe for the last ten years has always been a pleasure, he will be missed. God Bless Joe.*

Malcolm Clayton - September 02, 2021 at 02:37 AM

LD

“ Words cannot capture the fire in my heart when I heard of Joe’s passing. I recall one time years ago, when another close friend passed away suddenly and a colleague in Europe called and said “We are paralyzed to hear the news of Paul’s passing”. That’s how I felt when I heard Joe passed away, paralyzed. Stunned. Broken-hearted. Greatly Saddened.



Joe had a “Special gift from God”. He had an irreplaceable soul. He could read hearts and faces, and knew exactly when someone needed a kind word, a joke or a good cup of coffee or conversation. I loved how Joe would “radiate love and joy” when sharing stories about his three sons and daughter. He was an amazing father, the love for his family and stories made him joyful and yearn to battle his illness and medical challenges. He taught by his example, “no matter what life throws at you, push through and persevere! As my Canadian friend told Joe and I one day “Chin up”!

I ask everyone reading this post to pray, pray and pray more for Joe’s soul and for Brendon, Kyle, Jacob and Krystal and all of Joe’s family. If you have their contact information, check in occasionally to say “Hello and I’m here for you, that’s what Joe would want me to do, because he would do the same for my family”. He’d lift us up! Blessed Mother Mary, I pray, please wrap your loving mantle around Joe’s family, comfort their burning hearts and strengthen their souls each day with your “Divine Love and Healing”. May Jesus Christ protect you to face the days ahead and know that Joe is not gone, but for his children “every beat of your heart is his beat living and loving within you”.

May Gods protection surround you, love, blessings and heartfelt sympathy,

Linda and Mick DeKeyser

Linda DeKeyser - September 01, 2021 at 10:12 PM

JA

“ Joe was always a friendly and warm person at work. He always said hello to you when walking by. I m sorry for your loss and my prayers for you during these trying time.

John Anton - September 01, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph E Connor Jr.



September 01, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph E Connor Jr.



September 01, 2021 at 11:02 AM

EG

“ We are deeply sorry about the loss of Joe, I had the privilege to meet Joe around 20 years ago and I'll always remember him in many positive ways, with a big smile, great sense of humor, great soul and always great with a story. Peace be with you my friend. Our deepest condolences to your family.

Edgar Grajeda - August 31, 2021 at 05:39 PM

JE

“ *Very saddened by this news. Sincere condolences to the family, he and you will be in our prayers.*

The Cronberger Family

Jeremiah - August 31, 2021 at 12:38 PM

MR

“ *Please accept my sincerest thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Joe was a wonderful coworker. We did not work on projects together but our paths crossed many times in the hallway or coming into the building. Cheery hello, smile in acknowledgement and a laugh or two as we start the day. He will be missed but he will be cherished by so many. Love and Blessings*



Mary Rychlewski - August 31, 2021 at 11:12 AM

CD

“ *My sincere condolences go out to the entire family... I was honored to live next door to Joe for several years and shared many, many great memories. He was a wonderful, kind, and loving friend. May you rest in peace..*

Colleen Marie DeGrande - August 31, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. I remember when my cat passed away. I was very emotional and upset. Joe was so thoughtful and nice to me. I will always remember his kindness.*

Kimberly Vogel - August 30, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph E Connor Jr.*



August 30, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Joseph E Connor Jr.*



August 30, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *What a privilege and honor to have known Joe. I will miss his professionalism and knowledge at work but, most of all his kindness and humor! Peace be with you my friend, Joe and with your family.*

Steve Ahlquist - August 30, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this news. My condolences to Joe's family. I enjoyed working with Joe and became good friends with him over the past years. Tony Fleenor*

Tony Fleenor - August 30, 2021 at 10:04 AM

LF

“ I'll miss all the crazy stuff you shared with me. Even if my day was going very bad, you always put a smile on my face with your funny jokes and stunts. Your professionalism and leadership was an inspiration to the entire group. You will be missed greatly ! (REST IN PEACE MY FREIND.)

Larry Fair - August 30, 2021 at 09:40 AM

CO

“ Condolences to your family from me and my family Brazil. I was heartbroken by this sad news... Thanks Joe for sharing your knowledge and experience with me. I'm really glad I had the opportunity to meet you. Rest in peace Joe.

Caroline Oshiro - August 30, 2021 at 07:17 AM

JM

“ Condolences from myself and my family from Spain.

Was great working together since we know each other as part of the warranty team, knowing all past and current difficulties.

What more can I say, than Thank you JOE.

Forever alive, remembered in the heart of our home, warranty team.



José Marcote - August 30, 2021 at 03:40 AM

RS

“ When it would come time to decorate the warranty department for seasonal holidays, Joe would get so excited. He was there with a helping hand and would share memories from his childhood, as well as Christmases with his children. One particular Christmas, there was a contest at work and the warranty department team decked out the warranty area. Everyday Joe brought in something new to add to the display and each decoration came with a story, and each day the joy on his face was priceless. Those times are fondly remembered, as Joe will be. He will be greatly missed. Renee Schram



RENEE SCHRAM - August 29, 2021 at 03:11 PM

SV

“ Thank you, Joe, for being an inspiration to so many of your team members. You've always brought a smile to us all and did things the right way. Those lessons you left are the things that will always last. Keep shinin' always.



Steven Vitale - August 29, 2021 at 01:46 PM

PV

“ Rest In Peace Joe. I'll miss all of our conversations and funny jokes you used to tell. You never let your health issues affect your great personality.

Petar Vojnovski - August 29, 2021 at 11:52 AM

AC

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to the family. Rest In Peace Joe.



Alma Catarino - August 28, 2021 at 10:27 PM

FP

Rest in peace Joe, I always remember you as a very happy man, will be in our prayers

Francisco Palmas - August 29, 2021 at 11:47 AM

AK

I will miss the great conversations we had, and the guidance you always offered. You always stayed positive in every situation. Prayers to the family.

Amanda Krus - August 29, 2021 at 08:52 PM

KH

Rest in peace Joe. I will always remember the great compassion you showed us especially when it came to our families or personal situations. Condolences to your family.

Karen Hartmann - August 29, 2021 at 09:54 PM

NP

Joe you will truly be missed! When I supported the Quality Dept. you always had a smile on your face, always willing to help others if they had questions, and with such a kind heart! I do remember that Christmas that you brought in something each day to decorate the Quality Dept and it was just beautiful! Rest in Peace my friend, you and your family are in my prayers!!

Nina Palazzolo - August 30, 2021 at 07:35 AM

CT

I was sad to hear the news that Joe passed and he will be missed. My condolences to Jim and the entire family. I'll always remember how professional and polite he was and how enjoyable it was when working with him.

Craig Thams - August 31, 2021 at 11:01 AM

CD

Rest in Peace Joe- We will miss you. My condolences to your family.

Chris Downing - August 31, 2021 at 11:43 AM

JS

To Joe's family, I'm sorry for your loss and sad to hear of Joe's passing. I had the pleasure to work with Joe for more than 20 years. We shared some great moments traveling to Germany while working on Mercedes seatbelts... on the plane I remember Joe spending his time reading a textbook that was essentially the X's and O's of hockey drills, I'm thinking that I chose some lighter reading. During this trip Joe forgot hair mousse and when he discovered the German drugstores had banker hours, he made me promise to leave work early the following day to shop for this essential item.... I probably had very little hair at this time in my life. Joe will be missed by the ZF/TRW team, we were blessed to work with someone that made the job so fun.

Jeff Schiller - August 31, 2021 at 04:34 PM

GL

At one point, Joe told me: - "I'm worried about you Gilberto, the task you are going to face is not easy, but you can be sure that although we are here in Michigan and you will be in Mexico, we never going to stop supporting you. "-

He told me that shortly I was admitted to work in the warranty department. He barely knew me! Even so, there he was, showing concern for me and offering his unconditional support.

These words made me understand the great person that I had in front of me.

I am grateful to God for allowing me to have met the great person that was Joe Connor.

My deepest condolences to all of Joes' family.

Gilberto López - September 02, 2021 at 12:40 PM

MM

I am just hearing about this. So sad.

My deepest condolences to Kathy and the kids as well as his siblings, who I grew up with.

I drove Joe to school every day our Senior year at SHHS.

Our gang spent hours upon hours playing street hockey at Thorpe. Poker in your basement, hanging out in the Tubby's parking lot, working with you at Pace Warehouse, and Senior ice hockey in Mt Clemens. The parties at the Connors were infamous. The list goes on and on and on.

The only thing bigger than your slap shot was your heart...and of course, your smile.

Rest In Peace my friend.

Mike Mocerì

Mike Mocerì - January 13, 2022 at 08:43 PM