



## Joseph "Joe" Nader

March 7, 1927 - May 11, 2015

Joseph "Joe" Nader passed away on May 11, 2015, at the age of 88, at the Shelby Nursing Center in Shelby Township. He was born on March 7, 1927 to Peter and Almoza (nee Matta) in Detroit. .

Joseph was a charming, passionate, and ingratiating person who made every person he met feel as if he or she had been friends for a lifetime. If you were a stranger and you talked to Joe once, you would remember him always, and so many do: The bank teller, a nurse, the cashier at Kroger, an acquaintance from 30 years ago, a co-worker from 50 years ago, the mail carrier, or a stranger in line. People in every walk of life would say "I remember that man! I remember Joe! Who could forget him? He made me laugh! He complimented me! He took the time to chat and joke with me! Joe? Of course I remember him!" He was unforgettable.

Joe was always a non-stop, driven, and passionate person in every aspect of his life: In the army during WWII, in work in a HUGE variety of capacities, in relationships with a large family, in adventures, hobbies, pastimes, and play, as well as in politics and memberships in several organizations; he had the gusto, ability, motivation and drive to take it all on. And he did. His love for and pride in his wife Loretta, children, grandchildren, and his step children/grandchildren was unquestionable.

Joe's work-life was full. Early on he was involved in politics within Clinton

Township, holding various positions. He was a former member in the American Legion and many other organizations. Joe retired from the Teamsters Local 51 after 30 years in the Schaeffer Bakery bread industry. After that, he managed many outlet stores and distribution centers throughout SE Michigan. Upon retiring Joe worked as a salesperson in his daughter and son-in-laws limousine manufacturing company; National Coach Engineering. He then received his real estate license and worked for Re-max and Century 21. Still later, he worked at Davalor Mold.

Early on, Joe owned a party store in Carsonville Michigan where he also owned a 150-year-old farm. The farm was his true love. The farm house began as a dilapidated dwelling with an outhouse and barn. Joe refurbished this dwelling, cleared the land, and turned it into a warm and lovely home. He added several additions to this home. It was 80 acres of beauty that was his true passion. The farm became a place where huge family picnics occurred on a regular basis. The farm once had horses, cows, pigs, chickens, and rabbits and still has a sparkling spring-fed pond stocked with fish and perfect for a refreshing swim. Up until a short time ago, Joe worked tirelessly at the farm, on his tractor cutting the grass from sun up until sun down, raking leaves, helping Loretta to plant flowers, cutting wood, burning fallen trees, or working in the barn. But he never considered it work. It was what he always wanted to do. Even when he was living in the “city” of Clinton Township, the only place he wanted to be was at the farm. And every chance he got, Loretta and he and family would be there, always working to make it a place of true beauty. He was a handyman who loved wood working. He spent hours in the barn building breadboxes, napkin holders, bookshelves, silverware holders, garden decorations, a raft for the pond, and a clubhouse for his grandson Stephen. While working in the barn, he always had a Luciano Pavarotti record blaring as he “worked.”

Joe enjoyed bowling with Loretta on leagues, playing pinochle with Loretta and family members, playing poker with the guys during hunting season and

visiting the casino. He also enjoyed collecting “things” he would repair to working order, as well as articles, quips and quotes. Joe had pets too many to count, but his beloved dog Max was his constant companion. Max misses him. We all miss him. Even the cashier, mail carrier, and bank teller will never forget the unforgettable Joe Nader.

Joe is the loving husband of Loretta. Dear father of Joe (Carol) Nader, Becky (the late Frank) Murphy, Renee (the late Jeff) Bischoff, Lisa (Mike) Conley and the late Cynthia (the late Gary) Forbis. Dear stepfather of Suzette (Tim) Ardanowski, Jacques (Christine) Marcil and the late Rachelle (Orman) Bernhardt. Proud grandfather of Michelle and Jordan Bohy, Patrick (Lynne) Murphy, Kate (Victor) Guzman, Lori and Todd Ross, and Cristi, Jennifer and Eric Nader, William Conley, Jason (Kelli) Bernhardt, Eric Bernhardt, Julie (Dave) Kazcor, and Stephen Ardanowski. Dear brother of John (Delores) Nader Sally (the late Zake) Mackool and Marna (Helen) Nader. Predeceased by his siblings Anthony (Rose) Nader, Catherine (Mitchell) Ellis, George Nader, Madeline (Dr. Patrick Porritta), Phillip (Victoria) Nader and Mary (Joseph) Doher.

Memorial visitation Friday from 2-9:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. Memorial Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Twp. Inurnment on Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at [www.wasikfuneralhome.com](http://www.wasikfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAY 15. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

MAY 15. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

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MAY 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *The Carey family loved the Naders. We had a cabin and then a farm where we invited neighbors and friends to join us for parties. Had games for the kids and Joe and family were always there. The Nader family was the best!* ”

Barb Wolcott - April 23, 2021 at 09:13 PM

SN

“ *Uncle Joe, you will be missed. We always looked forward to seeing you on every trip that we made to Michigan.* ”

*All our love and prayers,  
Mark, Sandra and Zackery Nader*



SANDRA NADER - May 15, 2015 at 01:43 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Nader.* ”



May 14, 2015 at 10:53 PM

SA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stephen Ardanowski - May 14, 2015 at 07:07 PM

SA

*I love and miss you Papa.  
Love, Stephen*

Stephen Ardanowski - May 14, 2015 at 07:08 PM

RM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rebecca Murphy - May 14, 2015 at 11:50 AM

RM

*Dad, I miss you. Love always, Becky*

Rebecca Murphy - May 14, 2015 at 11:52 AM

JA

“ *too bad*

janet - May 14, 2015 at 10:33 AM

OV

“ I am very fortunate to have met him last year! Amazing man! He was too nice to have us over his home and have us have an amazing time with him and all the family!

Olga Vasquez - May 14, 2015 at 07:00 AM

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“ I will also be blessed that I was able to see him when I was home last month! If I could have gotten the photo of him when he saw me it was so breathtaking. GOD really did get a GREAT MAN to be with him. Love & Miss YOU Grandpa!!



Eric Nader - May 14, 2015 at 06:15 AM

JS

So glad you could have the memory of your visit!!

Judi smiley - May 14, 2015 at 06:55 PM

KN

“ Kathy And Randy Nowicki lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Nader



Kathy and Randy Nowicki - May 13, 2015 at 06:15 AM

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“ *Kathy Nader lit a candle in memory of Joseph  
"Joe" Nader*



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**Kathy Nader** - May 12, 2015 at 06:07 PM