



Joseph "Joe" S. Deno

April 6, 1946 - January 4, 2024

Joseph "Joe" S. Deno, age 77, of Kankakee passed away on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at his home. He was born on April 6, 1946, in Kankakee, the son of Adelor "Freddy" & Grace (Sullivan) Deno. Joe married Jennifer Wulff on October 27, 2001, in Kankakee.

Joe was a veteran of the United States Army from 1965-1967.

For over thirty years, Joe created, owned, and operated ABC Disposal. He could be spotted across town tending to the business and its brown trucks. He felt very fortunate to have built a business that offered jobs to so many over the years. He enjoyed giving back to his community and mentoring others. He served in various board positions for the Bishop McNamara High School and Bishop McNamara auction over many years and greatly enjoyed making it a successful fundraiser for the school. He served on the board for Catholic Charities.

He loved classic and custom cars and hitting the open road behind the wheel. He created a varied collection over the years and enjoyed sharing them at car shows and events in the area. He could be seen working on his projects in the shop constantly.

He enjoyed traveling and spending time with those he loved.

He was a member of the 100 Club, Kankakee Country Club, loyal member of the Moose, Kankakee Historical Society, and lifetime member of the Kankakee Railroad Museum.

Surviving are his wife, Jennifer Deno of Kankakee; four sons , Jason

(Bethany) Deno of Frankfort, Aaron (Louis) Deno of El Dorado, CA, Zachary (Delanie) Lewis of Coto de Caza, CA, and Andrew & Sydney Lewis of Ballwin, MO; two daughters, Megan (Michael) Schultz of Sycamore and Madelene (Kyle) Burton of Ballwin, MO; one sister, Sheila (Bob) Gifford of Largo, FL; and nine grandchildren, Xander Deno, Logan Deno, Maevie Schultz, Maverick Schultz, Maddox Schultz, Ellavie Deno, Beckman Deno, River Lewis, and Collins Lewis.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Shirley Harms and Sharon (Ray) Brown.

Visitation will be held from 9-11:45 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bishop McNamara Catholic School, or Uplifted Care.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

JAN 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

JV

“ Uncle Joe, what can I say that hasn't already been said? Mom always enjoyed every time you visited. The laughs to love you, mom, Sharon, and Sheila shared, taught us to love and embrace family. You will always be remembered and truly missed. I will never forget my white Mustang in your help.

Julie Viers - January 08, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ Uncle Joe, Thank you for always being there for everyone in the family. Your caring and sense of humor will never be forgotten. I always enjoyed getting to see you and talk when you would visit. Mom would get so excited when you were coming to Florida. You will always be remembered Uncle Joe and give hugs and our love to everyone.



Paul Harms - January 07, 2024 at 04:32 PM

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“ With deepest sympathy for his family. He was a wonderful friend to and dedicated volunteer for the Arts at Bishop McNamara in addition to all the other roles he performed in the community. He was much appreciated then and will be remembered for his willingness to make the impossible possible. Rebecca Gonski

Rebecca Gonski - January 07, 2024 at 03:56 PM



“ Uncle Joe, what can I say you’ where an inspiration for me since I was a kid you’re sense of humor your drive and your caring meant a lot to me. You will be missed, always enjoyed spending time with you and Jennifer when I came up to visit it won’t be the same when I come up this year rest in peace, you’ll always be remembered

John Harms - January 07, 2024 at 02:59 PM

LK

“ Uncle Joe you are truly are going to be missed. I have always looked up to you for being a great man, a giving man and caring man. You were there for everyone. My memories of you are plenty and will keep them close to my heart. Rest in Peace 🙏. P.S. I hope they have fast cars up there...

Lorna K - January 07, 2024 at 02:45 PM

JM

“ Janet M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Joe" S. Deno.

Janet M. - January 07, 2024 at 12:13 PM

BB

“ So very sorry for your loss

Beth Bisailon - January 05, 2024 at 05:48 PM

SG

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Joe. He had that big laugh and the sharp wit. I'd say I don't have a favorite memory. It was just great to is spend time with him. It didn't matter what it was he was always cracking a joke and making everyone smile. I'll miss him and I know he left a big hole in Kankakee.

Samuel Gifford - January 05, 2024 at 03:12 PM