



Joseph Martin Devine

September 4, 1961 - June 25, 2023

Joseph Martin Devine passed away Sunday, June 25, 2023. He was born September 4, 1961 to Kenneth Martin & Patricia Ann Emling Devine. He was the grandson of Michael Martin & Ann Helena Riordan Devine of Irwin/Kankakee, and Lawrence Gerard & Genevieve Ann Schmidt Emling of Herscher.

Mr. Devine was a graduate of St. Patrick Grade School (1975), Bishop McNamara High School (1979, yearbook editor), Kankakee Community College (1981), and Illinois State University (1984). He was proud of being an I.S.U. alum as opposed to “that institution in Cham-bana”. He worked more than 14 years with Sears, including the old Meadowview store and Manteno Distribution Center. Also, he worked more than 14 years as a Human Services Caseworker for the State of Illinois, in the Joliet and Yorkville offices.

Joe is survived by his mother, Patricia Devine; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Ron & Monica Christine Devine Barrie and Angela Marie “Angie” Devine. His favorite title was “Uncle Joe.” He loved his five nieces and nephews, Amanda Christine Barrie Shaffer (Robert), Kyle Martin Devine (Meghan Haynes), Ryan Andrew Barrie (Michelle Zoback), Caleb Harlan Devine & Abigayle Sarah-Ann Devine. Ask Kyle about the box of rocks for his 3rd birthday, and Ryan about being “monkey-boy”. He hoped to be a guardian spirit to his great-nieces and nephews: Lilly C. Shaffer, Elias H. Barrie, Freya C. Barrie, Luke M. Shaffer and Olivia S. Devine.

Joe loved reading (thank you, Mother), theatre, and American

history/politics/government. Those who knew him knew it was dangerous to get him started talking about history. He often said the dissertation he would never write for the Ph. D. he would never get would bring the founding fathers and mothers back to modern life. He believed Benjamin Franklin would love modern telecommunications; and that Abigail Adams would hit her husband, John, on the shoulder saying "I told you 'Forget not the ladies' ". The stage role he would have most liked to play was 'John Adams' in '1776.' Interment to be with his father at the Mt. Calvary Mausoleum in Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

SA

“ 312-282-5323

Steven Acosta - July 19, 2023 at 06:55 PM

TR

“ Joe was great at Jeopardy. He was my roommate at Bourbonnais terrace for many years. Till we meet again. Thomas Riordan.

Thomas Riordan - July 16, 2023 at 12:10 PM

SA

“ My condolences to the Devine family and friends and most of all to all his loved ones... Steven Acosta

Steven Acosta - July 15, 2023 at 05:17 PM

LC

“ Pat and family. My sympathy and prayers for God's comfort and peace. Linda Childers

Linda Childers - July 11, 2023 at 01:28 PM

LM

“ Laura Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Joseph Martin Devine



laura mitchell - July 01, 2023 at 02:02 AM

LM

so very sorry for your loss,RIP Mr. divine

laura mitchell - July 01, 2023 at 02:05 AM

SD

“ Pat,
We were sorry to hear of the loss of your son, Joe.
Thinking of you,
Todd, Sandy (Emling) & Michael Dion

Sandy Dion - June 30, 2023 at 07:46 PM

DH

“ Aunt Pat and family

*Our prayers and love go out to all of you.
Rest in peace Joe*

Dean and Kristi Hoffman - June 30, 2023 at 06:24 PM

SA

Can someone from the family please contact me

Steven Acosta - July 15, 2023 at 05:22 PM

JJ

“ Joe was a wonderful friend and am so happy we were able to reconnect. I will always remember the fun we had taking road trips, dinners out and movie nights. I will miss you my friend.

Jim Jewett - June 30, 2023 at 12:40 PM


Ritchie
Maffia

He was a good man !

Ritchie Maffia - June 30, 2023 at 01:45 PM

VP

“ Pat, My heart is with you and the rest of the family during this difficult time. I was saddened by the news, yet I found peace reminiscing back to all the fantastic memories made with Joe and family. Love you all! Valery (Benscoter) Ponton

Valery Ponton - June 29, 2023 at 11:04 PM

RB

“ I worked with Joe at Sears Distribution and have many good memories of our small team who did customer service. Condolences to Joe's family. Rest in peace Joe.



Robin Batka - June 29, 2023 at 09:19 AM

NS

“ Pat & Family

Sorry to hear about Joe, I remember him when he was very young. Please accept my sympathy and prayers. God bless

Natalene (Ferrari) Schultz

Natalene Ferrari Schultz - June 28, 2023 at 09:36 PM

SP

“ I worked with Joe at Sears and he was the only person who could walk backwards while conducting tours. A great person to work with. I loved his quirky personality. My sympathies for losing such a light too soon.

Sharon Price - June 28, 2023 at 09:52 AM