



## Joseph Gruber

October 5, 1936 - October 17, 2017

Joseph Gruber, age 81, of Bradley passed away Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at his home.

Joseph was born October 5, 1936 in Chicago, the son of John & Margaret Murin Gruber.

He married Marilyn Walsh on August 10, 1963 at St. Joseph Church in Springfield.

Joseph retired from Bunge after 40 years of service. He has been a trustee on the Bradley Police Pension Board.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley, where he was a member of the parish council and also served as a past president.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Gruber of Bradley; three sons and daughters-in-law, Joe & Shannon Gruber of Brownsburg, IN, Dave & Andrea Gruber of Plainfield, and Michael & Annie Gruber of Evergreen Park; two daughters and sons-in-law, Anne & John Groth of Brownsburg, IN and Kathy & Rick Burgess of Indianapolis, IN; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John & Cynthia Gruber of Traverse City, MI and Bill & Suzanne Gruber of Naperville; Fifteen grandchildren, Jonathon, Zachery, Erica, and Drew Groth, Matt and Noah Wischnowski, Bella Burgess, Joey and Jenna Gruber, Mandy, Mia, and Emma Gruber, and Mary, Avery, and Michael Gruber.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2017 at

Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Rev. Tony Nugent will celebrate the Mass. Cremation Rites will be accorded following the services.

Inurnment will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I was unable to make services but will pray for Joe's spirit and for all of you. May God bless you all.

Marian Worby - October 22, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ I am praying for all of you...may God bless you with peace and comfort....Love, Jaymie Falkenhan

Jaymie Falkenhan - October 21, 2017 at 05:18 PM

JF

“ Your family has our sympathy at this difficult time.

Joe and Carol Fritz - October 21, 2017 at 10:25 AM

CR

“ My condolences to the Gruber Family. Joe has been a friend and role model for me since we worked for Swift back in the 70's. Joe was an extra-ordinary man. His knowledge and kindness are admired by all who knew him.

Carmon Rogers - Swift / Bunge - Chattanooga, Tennessee

Carmon Rogers - October 20, 2017 at 09:47 PM

TL

“ We are so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. We will be unable to be there with you, but you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom & Kay Lahners - October 20, 2017 at 02:27 PM

SK

“ Our condolences go out to the Gruber family. Both my father and I worked with Joe at Bunge for many years. He was a great man and will be greatly missed by ail.

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**Scott Kanoski** - October 20, 2017 at 09:33 AM

DM

“ I'm sorry to hear of your loss Gruber family. Sympathy, prayers & condolences to all. Joe was such a great guy. I had the pleasure of working with him at Bunge. As his retirement grew closer & closer...I would say, are you still here?? 😊 God bless. Debbie Maher

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**Debbie Maher** - October 20, 2017 at 08:47 AM

MM

“ I remember Mr. Gruber, a gentleman with a smile always on his face. A man of few words, probably because my mom and Mrs. Gruber were talking over their coffee! Great neighborhood memories. Please accept our condolences at your loss of a great man and accept our love and prayers for your family 🙏 It was a privilege to know him. May God bless you all.  
Mary Setlik Marron

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**Mary Setlik Marron** - October 19, 2017 at 11:44 PM

BB

“ Deepest sympathy to Marilyn and the entire Gruber family. He will be missed by all who knew him. Joe was a great friend. I worked with him for many years at the Bradley plant. He was always willing to listen to problems and help in any way he could.  
Barbara Buehler

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**Barbara Buehler** - October 19, 2017 at 09:54 PM

BK

“ Sending prayers for an amazing family.

Brenda King - October 19, 2017 at 08:57 PM

RB

“ Mrs. Gruber, Kathy, Anne, and the entire Gruber family - my sincere condolences and sympathy for your loss. "Mr. Gruber", as he was to me, was a kind and wonderful person, and I have great memories of him. Once, he gave me a chicken leg, and after I ate it he told me it was a frog leg!! I also remember him letting us run out into a hail storm to "catch" some hail, a first experience for me as a little girl. Mostly, I remember walking home from your house, looking over my shoulder, and he was always there watching me walk through the yards. He always had that kind smile for me. What a beautiful family and legacy he had and am sure he was very proud. May he rest in peace and may all of your memories of him bring you comfort during this sad time.

Rena Setlik Bielinski - October 19, 2017 at 08:56 PM

LR

“ Joe will be missed by all that knew him. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with him for 45 years and he always had a smile and kind word for all. My condolences and deepest sympathy to his family in this time of loss .

Louis Rouse - October 19, 2017 at 07:58 PM

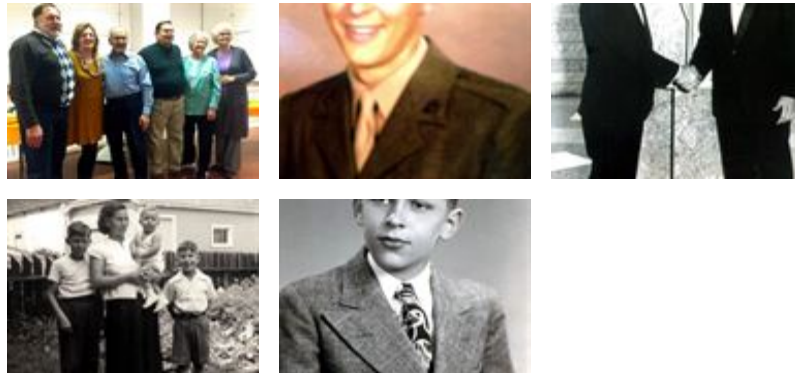
ES

“ Joe was a great guy and family man. His family came first in his life. I had the pleasure to work with him for many years. If you didn't like Joe, there was something wrong with you. He was a great friend and co-worker. He will be ver missed

Ed Smith - October 19, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ 101 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - October 19, 2017 at 03:01 PM

JH

“ *Our deep condolences to Marilyn and the Gruber family. Joe was a valued childhood friend of mine and, after moving to California in 1982, I only got to see him once while he was in California on business about 15 years ago. The only photo I have of him is with Marilyn and other friends at our wedding reception 50 years ago.*

*I'm sure God now truly holds Joe in the palm of his hand. God bless Joe and his family and friends.*

*Jim Hlavaty and family.*



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**Jim Hlavaty** - October 19, 2017 at 02:15 PM

TE

“ Tom Egan purchased the Large Heart - 'Death leaves a heartache' for the family of Joseph Gruber.



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**Tom Egan** - October 19, 2017 at 01:44 PM

BT

“ Dennis and I want to extend our deepest condolences to the entire Gruber family. Every time we had the privilege to spend time with Joe, we came away with a smile on our faces and happiness in our hearts. He was truly a wonderful man, and will be missed by so many. Dennis and Beth Toon

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**Beth Toon** - October 19, 2017 at 11:57 AM

GP

“ Words cannot express how we feel with the loss of this Special Man. Joe was a True Saint and special Family Man. We have been blessed to have had him a part of our family as a wonderful loving "in-law" for many years. Joe and his family will be in our thoughts and prayers every day. Rest in Peace- YOU ARE FREE!!!! God Bless, Love and Prayers  
Gene & Marilyn Powers

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**Gene & Marilyn Powers** - October 19, 2017 at 11:45 AM



“ There are few people in my life that I considered a mentor, Joe Gruber happens to be the best mentor any person joining the civilian workforce could have asked for. He was a gentle giant of accurate and needed information and a true friend. My family will miss him dearly. Much prayers are with Marilyn and their children. Rest In Peace Joe.  
Sincerely, Lyn & Marlene Stua

Lyn Stua - October 19, 2017 at 11:24 AM

MC

“ Marilyn and Family, Please accept our condolences and may our prayers help comfort you.  
- Mac and Mary Jane Cleeland (and family)

Mary Jane Harbour Cleeland - October 19, 2017 at 11:11 AM

BS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing, he was a great friend to all of us at Bunge, my prayers are with all of the family  
Brian Scheppler

Brian Scheppler - October 19, 2017 at 11:01 AM

LB

“ Aunt Marilyn:  
I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Joe's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this time. Much love to you all.

Lana Basden  
Springfield, IL



Lana Basden - October 19, 2017 at 10:01 AM

AG

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Anne Groth** - October 18, 2017 at 10:32 PM