



Joseph Paul "Joe" Stalzer Jr.

January 8, 1933 - April 5, 2024

Joseph Paul "Joe" Stalzer Jr., age 91, of Manteno passed away Friday, April 5, 2024 at Beecher Manor in Beecher. He was born January 8, 1933 in Chicago, the son of Joseph P. Sr. & Margaret I. (Crowley) Stalzer. He graduated from St. Rita High School in Chicago. Joe married Margaret "Margie" Ahern on September 4, 1954 in Chicago at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on March 23, 2011.

Joe was a Stationary Engineer with the Chicago Park District, the Lincoln Park Zoo, Garfield Park, and the most endearing position, Buckingham Fountain. Joe was an artist/cartoonist. He enjoyed playing cards, dancing, working on cars, and cooking- making his famous chili. Joe enjoyed being a caregiver to whom became his dear friend, Gordon Franklin of St. Anne. The Franklins grew to be dear friends of both Mr. & Mrs. Stalzer and with each other's families. He enjoyed hunting pheasants and rabbits with his father and grandfather in Ashkum, IL.

Surviving are three sons, Joseph M. "Joe Mike" (Catherine) Stalzer of Worth, Mark R. (Karen) Stalzer of New Lenox, and John E. (Suzanne) Stalzer of Frankfort; two daughters, Margaret S. "Peg" Stalzer-Nimz of Watseka and Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Stalzer (Joan Stohl) of Chicago; thirteen grandchildren, Christina (Christopher) Husenger, Jason (Mia) Noir, Joseph (Elizabeth) Stalzer, Jonathan Stalzer, Alexander Stalzer, Jennifer (Daniel)

Adorno, Nicholas (Amy) Pacholski, Katherine (Charles) Manthei, Mark Stalzer, Andrew Pacholski, Bryan (Bridget) Stalzer, Donald Stalzer, and Sabrina (Ryan) Gorney; twenty six great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Marylynne Ahern-Cedar (Bob Cedar); one brother-in-law, Michael Petrizzo; and many much loved nieces and nephews who will miss their dear Uncle Joe. In addition to his wife, Joe is preceded in death by his parents; one son-in-law, Stuart Nimz; and beloved brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Rich & Marie Ahern, Jack Ahern, Mary Jean (Baburek) & Fred Bright, James & Judith Ahern, Lawrence Ahern, and Maureen (Wiggins) Petrizzo.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno. Rev. Anthony Nugent will celebrate the Mass. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Brain Trauma Foundation at <https://braintrauma.org/donate>.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

APR 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Hey grandpa, it is me. I know you cannot hear me because you're dead but I love you and I didn't get to see you that much when I was a kid but now since I saw you dead, you were still the nice thing to see. I hope you have a nice day in heaven.

james stalzer John Stalzer, son - April 18, 2025 at 10:30 PM

PE

“ I remember your dad and mom well from a long time ago. My dad, Larry Minute was friends with him. My sincere condolences. May you find comfort in your memories.
Patti (Minute) Eberhardt

Patti Eberhardt - April 13, 2024 at 04:47 PM

GH

“ First I like to offer prayers to the family during their time of grief. I do have really great memory of Mr. Stalzer I grew up with the family in Scottsdale and he used to take us down to Buckingham fountain in his used cab car and he would give us putty sticks to get change from the bottom of the fountain and then we would spend it downtown. It is one of my best times of my childhood. Thank you Mr. Stalzer. Rest in peace.

George H - April 10, 2024 at 08:52 PM

MS

Thanks George...I agree, our Scottsdale hood (84th n Cicero) was a great place to grow up. Those trips to Buckingham were the best. Dad would work the fountain one month a summer for the Park District (was a Stationary Engineer), and we would go with Dad whenever we could (take your kid to work before there was such a thing). Thanks for the condolences, he remembered you from our little league days as well. Hope all is well with you...Mark Stalzer

Mark Stalzer - April 11, 2024 at 02:53 PM

PG

I didn't know your dad, but it sounds like he was a very fun guy. Sorry to hear of his passing but what a long blessed life he lived. You definitely have his smile. My condolences to your family. Will keep you in my prayers. Sincerely, Paula Goodwin

Paula Goodwin - April 11, 2024 at 03:48 PM

BB

“*Mary Beth, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. His photo is so telling showing him filled with a real joy in his whole facial expression. Even though we never got to meet him we feel through knowing you over the years his spirit of goodwill and joy lives on with you. May God Bless you as you keep his and your families special good times close in your heart.*

Love and Prayers,

Barb, Dave, Neal, Nicole and Baker family

Barbara Baker - April 09, 2024 at 10:02 PM

CN

Peg, he is rejoicing. He was a unique character so full of life. Celebrate him.

Connie Nimz - April 09, 2024 at 11:49 PM