



Joseph G. Graf

May 5, 1934 - July 2, 2013

Graf, Joseph G.
Whitmore Lake, MI

Age 79, passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at his home succumbing to the ravages of pancreatic cancer. He was born in Tecumseh, MI on May 5, 1934, the son of Edwin "Dory" and Hazel E. (Randall) Graf. In 1996 he married Sandra Henkel and she survives. He graduated from Saline High School and Eastern Michigan University. Joe was an outstanding athlete, loved coaching and was proud of his track teams' many achievements at Saline High School. His paths were many and varied but he was most proud of his children and grandchildren. To honor his memory, walk in the forest, run in the rain, climb something or be still and enjoy the quiet. Other survivors include his children, Jon (Kathy), Tony and David (Nikki) Graf as well as Kelly (Scott) Marhenke and their sons, Parrish and Jason. Sandra's children, Darren, Sara and Amanda Henkel and Kendra (Mark) Gwizdala, grandchildren, Noah (Heather), Caitlin, and Adam Kuhn and Corbin Henkel and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jack. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 5, 2013 at 12:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church 1200 N. Ann Arbor St., Saline with the Rev. Dr. James E. Tuttle, officiating, with visitation from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service. Private interment will be held at a later date. To sign Joe's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, Saline.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street, Saline, MI, US

JUL **Memorial Service** 12:00PM - 12:30PM

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Comments



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Graf. Thank you for being a teacher and a coach to me during my years at Saline. Toby Proctor

Toby Proctor - July 18, 2013 at 07:00 AM



“ Mr. Graf was the only teacher who ever explained math so it made sense to me. He was always a caring teacher, one I have fond memories of. He was my sixth grade teacher at Saline Middle School.
Carolyn Wild Raleigh

Carolyn Raleigh - July 12, 2013 at 08:45 PM



“ Coach, thanks for giving me the fortitude it takes to make it in this life, you were a great mentor to me at SHS while on the track team. Your saying I think most often about is...run through the pain. Thank you.

Dennis Ticknor

Dennis Ticknor - July 05, 2013 at 07:14 AM



“ I knew Joe for many years. I played golf, coached, and taught with Joe at the Middle School. Deepest sympathy to his family.

Ken Sippell

Ken Sippell - July 04, 2013 at 06:24 PM



“ As one of Joe's younger cousins, his stories gave us great adventures - we were sure that life held only opening doors, no limitations and few responsibilities. While not exactly the way life really works, it is the sense of those adventures and stories that we will chose to keep. Our condolences to all his family but especially to Jon, Kelley, David and Tony. Lois Sutton & Andy MacPhillimy

Lois Sutton - July 03, 2013 at 03:48 PM



“ Work Force Network, Inc. purchased the Memories 44" Sonnet for the family of Joseph G. Graf.



Work Force Network, Inc. - July 03, 2013 at 03:42 PM



“ Work Force Network, Inc. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph G. Graf.



Work Force Network, Inc. - July 03, 2013 at 03:33 PM



“ I heard he was ill. I would have liked to talk to one of my mentors again before he was gone. Too little , too late. At least if found out before he was "6" feet under. When we were in 7th and 8th grade he was my basketball coach. I had really good eyesight back then and always looked him in the eye. I asked Mr. Graf "Do you wear contacts?" Which he did. He said "No!" I said. "Well you could have fooled me." He said "Esch anyone could fool you." I will always remember that. lol I really liked him as a teacher and instructor. You always know where you stood with him. Rip Joe.

Doug Esch
Saline

Doug Esch - July 02, 2013 at 11:36 PM