



## Joseph Lee Forrester

January 21, 1929 - March 3, 2019

Joseph (Joe) Lee Forrester, born on the 21st of January 1929, in Litchfield, IL, age 90, of Saline, Michigan, passed away peacefully in his home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 3, 2019, at 9:34am. He endured a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's. Joe was the son of Harry Dean and Mary Josephine Conway Forrester and the brother to the late Harry Conway Forrester and his sister Jean Horthempke. He was also preceded in death by his grandson Shawn Osborne. Joe was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corp after serving our country from 1950 to 1953. He attended Eastern Illinois University from 1953 to 1956 graduating with a Bachelor's degree and received a Master's in Business Administration in 1959 from Eastern Michigan University. Joe married his college sweetheart and love of his life, Patricia (Pat) A. Cannon in 1954. Together they raised Krista Osborne, Saudi Arabia; Joseph M. Forrester (Bonnie), Colorado; Kevin Thew Forrester (Rise), Michigan; John Forrester (Debbie), Virginia; Keith Forrester (Lena), Washington; Doug Arnold (Jeanne), California; and Jodi Forrester, Michigan. Joe and Pat have 15 grandchildren; Kara, Forrest, Joe (Hillary), Jared, Miriam, Liam, Dawn (Lamont), Vernon Joseph, Sara (Andrew), Nicholas, Zackery, Madison, Trevor (Allison), Connor, and Sophia and four great-grandchildren Dillon, Desiree, Riley and Ava. Both Joe and Pat were dedicated educators, Joe retiring from Ypsilanti High School and Pat from Saline Area Schools. They have been active members of St. Andrews Catholic Church of Saline, MI since 1970. A Mass of the Christian Burial will

take place on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline. Military Honors will be provided under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 8, 2019 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline with a Rosary Service to be held at 7:00 P.M. Visitation will also be held at the church on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers a memorial gift or contribution can be sent to the following: St. Joseph's Indian School P.O. Box 326 Chamberlain, SD 57326 [give.stjo.org/Donate](http://give.stjo.org/Donate) EWTN (Eternal World Television Network) 5817 Old Leeds Road Irondale, AL 35210-9948 [ewtn.com/donation-wyd-coverage/index.asp](http://ewtn.com/donation-wyd-coverage/index.asp) Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity 780 Ridge Road Lackawana, NY 14218-1902 <https://www.homesofcharity.org/> Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church. To sign Joe's guestbook or to leave a memory, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Columbarium

910 Austin Road  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Rosary Service

MAR 8. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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301 E Michigan Ave  
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## Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

## Mass of the Christian Burial

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Lee Forrester*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *138 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - March 08, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ *I BELIEVE JOE COACHED AT MONROE JEFFERSON? I PLAYED FOR HIM.RIP*

**Francis Watters Jr.** - March 08, 2019 at 01:56 AM

KO

*Yes, my dad coached at Monroe-Jefferson. Thank you for remembering this and for posting your memory. Dad loved sports and all of us kids do, too. Blessings, Krista Forrester*

**Krista Osborne** - March 19, 2019 at 12:24 PM

YC

“ Your Bucknell Social Committee purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Joseph Lee Forrester.



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Your Bucknell Social Committee - March 07, 2019 at 06:35 PM

MD

“ It is rare when a young boy, adolescent, and young man crosses paths with someone that provides through example how to live and enjoy life. I was one of those lucky ones. I know of few men that managed time and gave of themselves as well as did Mr. Forrester. He was a man of faith and family. He was an educator who knew the importance of filling a home with the tools needed to excite young minds to explore and enjoy learning. He always found the time to provide individual attention to all of his children as well as children in his community. Joe Forrester was persistent, usually patient, worked hard, demonstrated sportsmanship, gave selflessly of himself, and always found humor in nearly every situation. Mr. Forrester was one of those role models that quietly and sometimes not so quietly provided life maps that helped us chart our own journeys through our lives. I give Mrs. Forrester and all of the Forrester children my deepest, heartfelt sympathy and condolences. We have all lost, but were fortunate to share our lives with a very special man. Mike (a/k/a George) DeGrood

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Mike DeGrood - March 07, 2019 at 05:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph Lee Forrester.*



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March 07, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Lee Forrester.*



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March 07, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ *I wish Kevin and all of Joe's family the deepest peace and full spectrum of celebrations during this significant time. I am with you from afar but right through the center of my own grieving heart. Much love, Kip*

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**Kip Dooley** - March 06, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ *Diane Drake Smith lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lee Forrester*



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**Diane Drake Smith** - March 06, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ *I have fond memories of the whole family from school and St. Andrew's church. I'm sorry for your loss.*  
*Colleen Crossey*

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**Colleen Crossey** - March 06, 2019 at 05:43 PM

SS

“ *My prayers and condolences go out to the entire Forrester Family. Many fond memories. He was a very dedicated religious man and a great family man. He loved to follow his Family in their activities and their friends activities. Seems like just yesterday he was up in the stands watching his daughter cheerleading and his sons playing in their athletic events. RIP Joe, now you can watch it all from the best seat in the house, heaven.*

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**Scott Skinner** - March 06, 2019 at 12:39 PM

SS

“ *Scott Skinner lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lee Forrester*



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**Scott Skinner** - March 06, 2019 at 10:34 AM

BL

“ *Jodi and Family: Condolences and prayers of comfort in the passing of your father. Memories...*

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**Barbara Losee** - March 05, 2019 at 11:18 AM

JD

“ I have so many memories of Uncle Joe it is hard to narrow down to any particular one. I know that I can not smell a cigar or cherry tobacco without being transported into the past, always with a memory of laughter and fun whether it was in Saline or Higgins Lake. Uncle Joe will be loved and missed by me forevermore. Love and Prayers to Aunt Pat, Joey, Kevin, Keith, John, Doug, Krista and Jodi as well as their children and their children's children.  
Jill Gonser Dunkel

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**Jill Gonser Dunkel** - March 03, 2019 at 08:06 PM