



Joseph George Kolar

October 2, 1943 - December 30, 2019

Joseph George Kolar passed away peacefully on Monday, December 30, 2019 at the age of 76 after many years of declining health. Joe was surrounded by his family's love and comfort for the week preceding his death. Joe was born in Cleveland, Ohio on October 2, 1943 to Joseph and Sophie (Vokral) Kolar, who have preceded him in death. He is survived by his 3 daughters, Cindy (Kevin) Tam, Kelly (Fred) Piercy, and Kris (Frank) DiCarlo. He was Grandpa Joe to Alex, Sophie, Jake, Freddie, and Charlie and Great Grandpa to Nancy and Vincent. He is also survived by his friend and former spouse of 31 years Sue Brickner, his brother Ray (Kathy) Kolar and sister Jean (Eric) Paetzel.

Joe lived every aspect of his life with extreme passion and dedication in his healthy years. After beginning his career in sales in Cleveland, he moved his family to Michigan and soon after, followed his entrepreneurial spirit and started his own business, Form Tech Concrete Forms, Inc. in 1976. He was an excellent businessman, salesman, visionary, leader, and mentor to many. His employees became family and he put his permanent mark on the construction supply industry. After selling his business in 1994, Joe retired early as he had always hoped to. Form Tech remains a thriving and growing company today with 8 branches across the country and many of his original team behind its continued success.

An enormous quest for knowledge and a hunger for adventure and success fueled Joe throughout his life. Anything he did, he went all in. He loved life and

deeply loved his family and friends. He loved meeting people of all walks of life and when he entered a room, everyone knew it. He had a rough exterior with a sweet and kind soul. He was funny and loved to laugh and be silly with his kids and grandkids. He loved the outdoors; swimming, boating, hunting, and his biggest passion, fishing. He loved traveling especially to tropical climates and moved to the Florida Keys upon retiring after living most of his adult life in Howell, Michigan with his family.

Joe had a deep faith in God and a true belief in heaven and eternity. He sent his family a beautiful rainbow in a sky full of dark clouds shortly after passing to let them know that his final trip was a good one.

Visitation will be held at Waldenwoods Resort in Howell, Michigan on Friday, January 3, 2020 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. with a Memorial Service from 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. A dinner reception and sharing of Joe's life will follow. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Dementia research or a charity close to your heart. To sign Joe's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Waldenwoods Resort
2975 Old US 23
Howell, MI 48843
<https://www.waldenwoods.com/>

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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Dinner Reception

JAN 3. 6:40 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph George Kolar*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I went to high school with Joe. I sort of have become the class secretary and will inform them that Joe has passed. I will also put the obituary on Facebook as a lot of our classmates are active there. I have been trying to contact Joe for years. I had spoken to him before one of our reunions and he told me he would try to make it, but he didn't. I knew he was into sailing and was living in the Keys. Sorry I wasn't able to find him before he left us.*

Neil Evans - February 23, 2020 at 07:11 AM



“ *Joe was larger than life itself, and a huge influence on my adult life. He taught me so very much about life and living, including everything I know about fishing. I am thankful for all the great experiences I had with him and because of him. Joe's support and love of his family was immense and unwavering, he did so much for those he loved. The mentorship, advice, and patience he showed me was at times life changing. My sincere condolences to all his family and friends.*

Tye Jurgensen - January 03, 2020 at 11:49 AM

LA

“ Growing up with Joe, as you can imagine, was fun! Always there with a twinkle in his eye and lots of laughter. I still use this piece of advice from him I received when he was having the kitchen remodeled...Price, Quality & Length of Time...when remodeling you can only have two so chose wisely. Too many amazing memories with the Kolar family growing up - pool parties, movie marathons, snow days and lots and lots of laughter. Thank you for being a big part of my childhood and making it so darn fun ❤️

Laine - January 03, 2020 at 10:51 AM

PS

“ PHIL & JOY SMITH purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph George Kolar.



PHIL & JOY SMITH - January 03, 2020 at 10:00 AM

FF

“ From the Doyle Family purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Joseph George Kolar.



From the Doyle Family - January 02, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph George Kolar.*



January 02, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *I didn't know Joe all that well, but I mostly remember him as always having a good time, always with a smile on his face or laughing out loud. It's good to know that he is no longer suffering and resting in peace. My heart goes out to his family, I'm so sorry for your loss!*



Cathy Price - January 02, 2020 at 08:56 AM

DK

“ Jay and I will always remember Joe at our camp coming to Iron River to hunt. He was an awesome guy and a great influence on our sons (Nathan and Jeff). We loved him. Jay always would call him about the 4th of July and remind him of hunting season. He even brought Alex to camp one year. Our family will always remember the stories they all told , even grandpa Bart.

I remember one year finding a bristle brush porcupine in a gift shop in my travels. Jeff and Nathan's story from camp told of Joe walking back to camp at dusk and coming right up to a porcupine. So they put the brush porcupine on Joe's bunk and waited for his arrival. Grandpa Bart got a wooden crow from Joe for some political joke and it is still on the fireplace mantle.

I would always ask Joe how Cindy was doing as I had a special interest in her career. Ever since I was a freshman in high school I wanted to be a Marine Biologist. I remember visiting with him while we watched the boys bowling talking about her trips from Chicago to Minnesota with salmon for her research projects. He was always interested in others and made you feel so good.

He thought of the boys a lot and sent them each the book of quotes, *The Edge*. In the book he wrote to Nathan you have the edge, to Jeff who was younger you have the edge you just don't know yet. Jeff and Nathan will always remember him for being a really positive man. Another time he was reading the local paper and they were talking about Meth Joe said why don't they just get high on life. Joe and Sue came up to the UP before hunting season to bring up a pickup load of deer apples and eating apples and one of them threw a cigarette butt out the window and then realized some of the apples were on fire. He was always the jokester and loved a good prank too.

If you or your families are ever up in the UP please stop and see us and Jay and the boys can tell you more stories and even go to camp. Jay and Diane King

Diane King - January 01, 2020 at 04:21 PM

KP

Thank you so much for these stories Jay and Diane. He treasured his hunting trips up there and loved your whole family so very much.

Kelly Piercy - January 03, 2020 at 05:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph George Kolar.*



January 01, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph George Kolar.*



December 31, 2019 at 06:17 PM

RK

“ *My brother was a strong:
Father
Husband
Grandfather
Great Grandfather
Businessman
Friend
and brother*

Love...UR & AK

Ray Kolar - December 31, 2019 at 03:35 PM

KP

We are all thinking of you Uncle Ray and Aunt Kathy. My dad loves growing up with you. Always a huge smile when he told of your fun loving childhood. I hope you always remember how much you made him laugh. ❤️

Kelly Piercy - January 03, 2020 at 05:56 AM

RK

Joe always had something funny up his sleeve. One time he took a picture of Kathy, had it enlarged to place mat size, then laminated about 50 of them. He came into Cleveland under the cover of darkness and staples them to telephone poles all over our city of North Royalton. For months after we would be driving and find one in a very obscure place. He really enjoyed himself at our expense on that one. As a brother, we always had a fun time no matter what we did. He one time invited my family to his in Howell to a "costume party. Everyone was to arrive dressed up as "Clue" characters. We drove from North Royalton, Oh...got out of our car in Howell and he had the entire family greet us in the driveway. No one was dressed in costumes, just us. It was another of Joe's gun loving tricks. I could write a book. He always took my retaliatory pranks back at him as motivation to continue. I will dearly miss Joe.

Ray Kolar - January 03, 2020 at 08:58 AM