



Leslie F. Rowe

February 25, 1950 - August 28, 2022

Leslie “Les” Francis Rowe passed away peacefully Sunday, August 28, 2022 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. It is very appropriate he was at St. Joe’s, as he had served there for 46 years in the Interventional Radiology department before retiring on February 25, 2015. Les, the second son of 12 children of Walter and Lucille (Pant) Rowe, was born on February 25, 1950. Les grew up in the Britton area, graduating from Britton High School in 1968. He attended the Radiology program at Washtenaw Community College. There he met a Saline girl, Jackie Leonard, also attending the program and looking for a ride to school every day. Throughout fifty-two years of marriage, they were blessed with three children: Ryan Leslie (Heather) Rowe, Brent Michael (Karen) Rowe and Marilyn “Marci” Elizabeth (Todd) Rowe, along with grandchildren Hannah Leslie, Andrew John, and Eliza Jacqueline. Les was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Lucille, and father-in-law, Jack Leonard.

In addition to his wife, children, and grandchildren, Les is survived by siblings Bob (Marylou) Rowe, John (Jo-Alice) Rowe, Bill Rowe, Theresa (Sam) Bates, Nick (Trudy) Rowe, Sharon (Phil) Servoss, Becky (Jeff) Sears, Brad (Debbie) Rowe, Connie (Karl) Brown, Pam (Greg) Fanslau, and Gordy Rowe. He was blessed to be a Godfather to Mark Rowe, Samantha Bates Teasley, Jeni Servoss Pecard, Melissa Vanover, Scott Beitelshees, Allison Fuleky Ketcham, and Adam Fuleky. Other survivors include mother-in-law, Barbara Lewis, sister-in-law, Marilyn (Randy) Vanover, and many nieces and nephews! Other

than work at St. Joe's, he enjoyed priorities focused on helping and encouraging others to reach their goals and enjoy life each day. He felt blessed with life and shared his time, talents, and treasures with many.

"The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers and the very best place to be is in the hands of God."

Connie Stodola

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Thursday, September 1, 2022 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. A short Prayer Service will take place at 7:00 P.M. Visitation will continue on Friday, September 2, from 10:30 A.M. until the time of the Mass of the Christian Burial at 11:30 A.M. at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline. Fr. John Linden will preside as Celebrant. A luncheon will follow and will be held at the Church. Burial will take place privately and will be held in the Brookside Cemetery in Tecumseh, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to St. Andrew Catholic Church or to the Lingap Center Children's Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church. To leave a memory you have of Les, to sign his guestbook, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Brookside Cemetery

501 N Union Street
Tecumseh, MI 49286

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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>

Prayer Service

SEP 1. 7:00 PM - 7:10 PM (ET)

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Visitation

SEP 2. 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 2. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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

Luncheon

SEP 2. 12:35 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
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<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie F. Rowe*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Jackie, I am so sorry to hear of Les's passing. You are in my prayers.*

Sue Wodkowski - September 04, 2022 at 03:08 PM



“ *I wish I could have been there in person to share these memories, but Les and the whole Rowe family was a great part of my childhood. I'll never forget going out and "hunting for dimers" and it maybe wasn't the best fashion choice but the day he buzz cut all of the boys in the neighborhood was absolutely awesome. Les, and the other scout dads, taught us how to grow to be men and I am forever grateful for having known him. My heart goes out to each family member of the Rowe family and I hope you can find peace and solace in this trying time.*

Jason Matley - September 02, 2022 at 01:15 PM

NT

“ Dear Jackie and family,
Kevin and I are deeply saddened to hear of Les' passing. I have heard so many wonderful, Christ-like stories of how giving he was, and frankly of his entire family.

It is very obvious by the wonderful tributes and meeting him from time to time how he had changed each of us for the better and helped us all on the journey.

Eternal rest grant unto Les, O Lord, and let the Perpetual light shine upon him. Through the mercy of God Rest In Peace.

Nancy and Kevin Tuckey

Nancy Tuckey - September 01, 2022 at 06:20 PM

TS

“ *I know he must have been a wonderful man because his son Ryan is exceptionally kind and caring.*

Tina Skornicka - September 01, 2022 at 05:26 PM

PR

“ *Dear Jackie,*
You and Les have always been those bright stars that light the way on this earthly journey. Now Les star will help guide us on that heavenly journey. Memories of you and Les at St. Andrews RCIA and bible study are very happy memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Paul Reece Myrtle Beach, SC

Paul Reece - September 01, 2022 at 01:22 PM

SM

“ Dear Jackie and family,
We are so sorry to read about Les. We've known each other for so many years, but it wasn't until I came into the Catholic church that we got to know each other better. You and Les were so welcoming and both of you always had such big and beautiful smiles. We shared in happy times
with our kids getting married and then the births of all the grandchildren! We shared grief when Dad, Jack and Mom died. Now we share in your grief. God bless and comfort you all. Hugs and prayers. Sue Mulka

Susan Mulka - August 31, 2022 at 06:30 PM

TS

“ Les and Jackie and Pam and I were very good friends. Their son and our daughter were born a few days apart. I have so many wonderful memories of one of my best friends and the Rowe family. Some of you may not know this but Les saved a man's life. After we graduated from Britton we went to Cedar Point for the day. On the way home on the turnpike a semi jack-knifed in front of us and burst into flames. The truck driver was unconscious and in flames. Les jumped out without hesitation and pulled him out and rolled him around to put out the flames. That's my hero, Les Rowe. Les, I know of your incredible faith in Jesus and I know your having a great time today in heaven. Say hello to Pam. We will see you soon.
Tom (Schroeder)

Tom Schroeder - August 31, 2022 at 05:36 PM

KS

“ Gary and I are so sorry to hear of Les's passing. We are praying for you all.

Kathe Suddendorf - August 31, 2022 at 05:18 PM

MR

“ When talking to our boys after Uncle Les passed away, they reminded us of all of the wonderful times we shared with him. Such as going to his grandchildren’s plays and petting zoo with his granddaughter at our house. He was always giving and attentive to everyone. We will miss him and his smile. Love you Uncle Les!
Mandy and David Rogers

Mandy Rogers - August 31, 2022 at 04:45 PM

TW

“ Les was a tremendous man...so giving of his time and talents. He served his chosen profession as Executive Secretary of the Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologists for many years, and was superb in that role. He served in many other capacities too, including serving as President. He will be missed, but fondly remembered. May God hold all of his beloved family in His warm embrace. Warmest regards...*Tim Wescott*

Tim Wescott - August 31, 2022 at 04:42 PM

NS

“ Les and Jackie became family when their son, Brent, married our daughter Karen. Les was a man of faith and hard work. He was a wonderful role model of husband, father and grandfather. What stood out about Les was how intentional he was to spend time and make memories with his kids and grandchildren. Our deepest condolences to Jackie and the whole Rowe family. With love and prayers, *Norm and Elfie Schuen*

Norm and Elfie Schuen - August 31, 2022 at 02:12 PM

KP

“ I am so very sorry to learn of Les's passing. I used to work as a Rapid Response nurse and loved to see Les in Interventional Radiology. He was fun to talk with, was always a bundle of energy and took everything in stride. He always found a way to inject humor into every situation. I remember how excited he was, when he was getting ready to retire, to be able to spend more time with his family. He will be remembered here at St Joe's for many years to come.



Kate Petersberger - August 31, 2022 at 02:03 PM

WN

“ I am so sorry for your loss of Les, such a wonderful gift to the world. I've been a nurse at St Joes since 1991, and I always loved coming down to Radiology and seeing that Les was going to be taking care of my patient. He was always kind, reassuring, fun to chat with while the scanner was running and I always knew I'd have his expert help if something went wrong. I really enjoyed reading all about his life outside of work. What a blessing to this world he was.
Wendy Nieman

Wendy Nieman - August 31, 2022 at 11:04 AM

JS

“ Marci, I am so sad to hear of your dads passing. I have great memories of working with him at St Joes. I remember I always called him Ugly Kid Les. Not sure how we came up with that name, but I loved it when I saw his face when I brought pts to Radiology. Hugs! Jeanine



Jeanine Steinaway - August 31, 2022 at 10:49 AM

JC

“ I am sorry to hear of Mr. Rowe's passing. I am hopeful memories will help carry you through your grief.

Julie Charney-White - August 31, 2022 at 07:33 AM

LH

“ So many great memories of such a nice person. His hobby of collecting cans to do extras for others rubbed off on Chelsea and I and we do it to this day. I remember him once when we went out to dinner he spent time playing building blocks with the jelly to play with Alia. He was also her first Santa- she was petrified but it was still nice of him to dress up and play Santa for her. His quiet kindness is a good example for all to follow.
Linda Gerdel



Linda Herdel - August 30, 2022 at 07:53 PM

SD

“ Les was such a special man in my development of my career...when I was a student way back in 1987 he would pull me of different areas to come do cts with him...I always wanted to do ct and finally got to this past year...never to old to learn what you love...his help with my classmates and I getting involved with the MSRT and just in general peaking our interests...I learned from him how to interact with my students and to encourage them just like he did for me,
Thank you Les!!! RIP dear sir...I know when you reached the gates of heaven you were told...Job well done My good and faithful servant.
You made this world a better place 🙏🙏💕💕

Sharon dotson - August 30, 2022 at 07:39 PM



“ I spent many years looking up to Les for his service to the Michigan Society Radiologic Technologists. He was admired by many and I am truly thankful to have known him.

Cindy Kramer - August 30, 2022 at 06:39 PM

FP

“ Dear Jackie,
For some time now you and Les have been very kind to me, especially at Christmas! It has been such a delight to enjoy your friendship.
God bless you and your loved ones.
Fr. Mike Petroski



Fr. Mike Petroski - August 30, 2022 at 04:56 PM

RH

Dearest Les used to baby for me when I got in a pinch.

Rona Hintz - August 30, 2022 at 07:07 PM

DS

“ Les was an asset to our profession. His years of volunteering with the MSRT were invaluable. He was always there when you needed him. He will truly be missed. Dawn Sturk, MS, RT(R)

Dawn Sturk - August 30, 2022 at 03:50 PM

CP

“ I worked in the Xray department and currently in the MRI department at St. Joe's and will always remember Les as being a true gentleman. He ALWAYS had a smile on his face, always kind, always helpful. God bless his family.

Cynthia Perkey - August 30, 2022 at 12:53 PM

TW

“ Les was a long standing member of St Joe's Radiology. He was always friendly and willing to assist. I will always appreciate the patience and time he took with me when I first started my position in the department. Les will be truly missed by many.

Teresa Williams - August 30, 2022 at 12:14 PM

CH

“ Dear Jackie,
I was saddened to hear of Les's passing. I always enjoyed our conversations and was inspired by the strength of your faith. May God draw you near to him as you mourn Les's absence.
Sincerely,
Chaplain Chris

Chris Hardy - August 30, 2022 at 09:52 AM

SM

“ Swarm gatherings will never be the same. Les has been a pillar - always a positive force, offering a smile or word of encouragement, he exemplified everything that we should all strive to be, and his perseverance in the face of challenge was unmatched. For those who were fortunate to have him cross our paths, his friendship was a treasure that will be missed.

Sharon Mischakoff - August 29, 2022 at 08:19 PM