



## Joseph William Behrens

September 20, 1960 - April 23, 2020

Joseph (Joe) William Behrens journeyed from this life on April 23, 2020. Joe was born in De Tour Village, September 20, 1960, to John (Jack) Behrens and Ethel (Chaney) Oglesby.

Joe enjoyed life to the fullest. He lived to fish as often as possible and enjoyed watching the sunsets from his boat or his deck. He loved people. He made friends wherever he went. He had a big laugh and laughed often. He took great joy hosting family and friends at his house on Drummond Island or in Cedarville at the home of the love of his life Carol Bentley's. He was a great cook and fed many people, frying walleye, whitefish, and salmon or grilling whatever he thought they would like: ribs, chicken, brats, steaks. He wanted people to make themselves at home. If you needed help with anything, Joe was there to lend a hand.

He loved traveling but never got tired of the view of Pidgeon Cove from the deck where he sat many nights watching the stars come out or the loons training their loon babies to dive.

Joe graduated from De Tour High School and attended Northern Michigan University. While in high school he worked on a fishing boat for Leonard Dutcher. After high school, he went into the service. He worked on the freighters. He traveled around the country burying miles of cable. He worked

at the Drummond quarry. And most recently, he achieved his dream of owning his own business: Lake Huron Transport.

Joe leaves his love and life partner Carol Bentley; he and Carol's grandkids Asia, Delbert, and Jessie; his mother and stepfather Ethel and Bill Oglesby; his siblings: Hope Hagan (Joe Wampler), Jeff Behrens, Jim Behrens, and Linda (Brian) Miller; his goddaughter Stasha; as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews far and wide. He treasured you all.

Joe joins his father, Jack Behrens; grandparents, Frank and Amelia (Landreville) Behrens; and brother, Jackie Behrens, who all preceded him in death.

Please join us in a celebration of Joe's life on September 19, 2020, at Joe's house on Drummond Island.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph William Behrens*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Joseph William Behrens*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Joseph William Behrens*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *To Joe's Family:*

*So sorry to hear of your loss. joe was on the first Varsity Boys BB team I ever coached along with Frankie Bailey, Dean Melvin & others. I always used to tease him that he was the only Varsity starter I ever coached that had more fouls than he did points. Probably wasn't true but it made a good story.*

*Joe was a great guy and will be missed by a lot of people. RIP good friend.*

*Dave Miller  
DeTour, MI*

David Miller - May 06, 2020 at 04:51 PM

HO

*Thank you Dave. Reading other people's memories of Joe makes me smiles.*

**Hope** - May 09, 2020 at 10:31 PM

CM

“ *Hope, So sorry to hear about Joe. Leonard fondly called him JoeB and treasured their friendship. Prayers of comfort to you and your family, Crystal McDowell*

**C McDowell** - May 06, 2020 at 06:19 AM

HO

*Thank you. And Joe thought highly of Leonard too. Hugs*

**Hope** - May 09, 2020 at 10:33 PM

CD

“ *Hope, I am so sorry to hear Uncle Joe's loss. I am deeply sadden by this. He was a great man! It was a true honor to have the little amount of time that I was blessed with having spent with you all. Hugs. Caroline*



**Caroline Dayton** - May 05, 2020 at 08:24 PM

HO

*Thank you. Hugs!*

**Hope** - May 09, 2020 at 10:33 PM

MG

“ Dear Hope,  
I didn't realize this was your brother! I am so very sorry for your family's loss. To lose him at such a young age is devastating!  
Prayers and hugs to your entire family. May you find joy in your memories of him. 💔

Marian Gerdes - May 05, 2020 at 07:13 PM

HO

Thank you Marian.

Hope - May 09, 2020 at 10:35 PM

BT

“ I'm so sorry for your tremendous loss. You and your family are in my prayers. ❤️



Bethany Tomlinson - May 05, 2020 at 10:55 AM

HO

Thanks sweetie. Hugs.

Hope - May 09, 2020 at 10:36 PM

IP

“ Dear Hope, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. If he is half as nice as you, he was a wonderful man.  
My deepest sympathy,  
Isabel Perry

Isabel Perry - May 05, 2020 at 09:02 AM

HO

*You are very kind. Thank you*

Hope - May 09, 2020 at 10:35 PM

HA

“ *So sorry for the loss to all of the family. We wish we had met him.  
Love, Harold & Mary*

Harold L Anderson - May 04, 2020 at 08:53 PM

HO

*Love you both.*

Hope - May 09, 2020 at 10:37 PM

SU

“ *Susan lit a candle in memory of Joseph  
William Behrens*



Susan - May 03, 2020 at 01:45 PM

BC

“ *Our deepest sympathy. We will always be thankful to Joe who stopped and picked up our son , who was standing on the side of the road after flipping his sister's car on black ice heading to a funeral in Pickford. Joe was heading for the ferry, he stopped noticed Gary had blood on his hand and head, turned around and drove him the doctor in Cedarville and called us. Joe waited and drove Gary back to DeTour. The car was totaled but Gary had only a small cut on his head. We will miss your smiling face Joe. Gary and Barb Cloudman*

Barbara and Gary Cloudman - May 02, 2020 at 12:13 PM

HO

*Thank you. He never told me about this. He was always ready to help. God bless.*

**Hope** - May 03, 2020 at 11:49 PM

SF

*“ I loved his smile and laugh. It was always a pleasure to see him. He always gave the best hugs. I miss him.*



**shannon Fountain** - May 02, 2020 at 10:19 AM

SM

*“ To the best and worst walleye fisherman I'm going to miss you Joe*

**steve miller** - May 02, 2020 at 07:40 AM

KC

*“ Katherine A Coulter lit a candle in memory of Joseph William Behrens*



**katherine a Coulter** - May 01, 2020 at 08:16 PM

M&

“ Carol, Joe's family and friends,

*You have our heartfelt sympathy. Another person gone too soon. Hopefully the memories you have of Joe will bring you comfort at this most difficult time. We are thinking of you all and wishing you peace.*

*Hugs to all*

*Mike & Diane*



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**M&D** - May 01, 2020 at 03:38 PM

JL

*Joe was my class mate and a great guy. I was able to catch up at the class reunion last summer. I am praying for you Carol and the rest of the family.*

*Jill McCracken Long*

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**Jill McCracken Long** - May 01, 2020 at 05:22 PM

RO

*We are so sorry to hear about Joe. We didn't see Joe often but always enjoyed visiting with him when we did. He was always kind and thoughtful and will be missed. Praying for Gods comfort during this sad time. Ron and Lori Ogden*

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**Ron and Lori Ogden** - May 01, 2020 at 10:23 PM

VO

*Words can not express the love we had for Joe our prayers go out to his family and friends. God Bless you all*

*Charles & Virginia Olmstead*

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**virginia olmstead** - May 03, 2020 at 09:16 PM

TH

*Just caught up with Joe after not seeing him in ages, just 2 days before he passed. We caught up like you do when you haven't seen someone in a while. So glad ,now that I know I don't get to do that again, that I got that opportunity. Prayers for you all*

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**Tracey Hartman** - May 04, 2020 at 12:57 PM

RA

*I've known Joe since we were about 10 years old playing Little League against each other. Then had the pleasure of being his teammate throughout our high school years in football, basketball, and baseball. The only thing as big as his competitiveness and passion for sport was his heart . He was a great athlete and even greater friend ! My thoughts and prayers to Carol, the rest of his friends and family I will miss you always my friend.*

*Rob Anderson*

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**Rob Anderson** - August 10, 2020 at 05:11 PM