



Joseph Leonard Frost

February 5, 1943 - January 28, 2024

Joseph Leonard Frost, age 80, of Sault Ste. Marie died at McLaren Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan on January 28, 2024. Joe was born in Hessel, Michigan to Clifford and Verna (Rapson) Frost on February 5, 1943.

Joe grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from the Sault High School. After graduation, he joined the Army where he was stationed in Germany. Once returning, he attended Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, Michigan and graduated with his Associates degree. Joe went on to marry the love of his life, Joan Wurm on July 11, 1969 and worked for the Ford Motor Company until 1977 when he moved back to Sault Ste. Marie where he opened his business "J. Frost Donuts". Joe owned and operated it until 2002 before selling it. To supplement his time during his retirement, he worked at Bay Mills Casino until 2015.

Joe was an avid Detroit Sports fan and enjoyed watching all the games. He enjoyed traveling, spending time with his family, conducting debates in politics, and watching his great-grandson's hockey games.

Joe is survived by his children, Deborah Lowell of Southgate, MI, Sharon (Gerald) Grajeda of California, William (Teresa) Gray of Taylor, MI, Brenda Buzolits and Clifford Frost both of Traverse City, MI, Tracey Frost of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Stacey Frost of Florida, and Stephanie (Christopher) Gurnoe of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; Siblings Mary (Gene) Voss of Indiana, Ann (Don) Asbeck and Noel (Don) Lasley both of Jackson, Michigan; twenty-one grandchildren; and sixteen great grandchildren who will miss their Papa tremendously.

Joe is preceded in death by the love of his life, Joan Frost; his parents Clifford and Verna Frost; siblings, James Frost and John Frost; son in law, James Lowell; and Patricia Gammon, Margaret Olsen, Carol Almond.

A visitation for Joe will be at Family Life Funeral Home at 4951 S. M-129, Sault Ste. Marie on Tuesday February 6, 2024 at 11AM until the funeral service at 1PM.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions can donate to the American Heart Association at 3940 Peninsular Drive SE #180, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546.

Joseph's final resting place will be Cedar Cemetery in Clark Township, Michigan.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Sault Ste. Marie
4951 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-4951
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Funeral Service

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ Sharon, Gerry & Gabriel Grajeda purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph Leonard Frost.



Sharon, Gerry & Gabriel Grajeda - February 04, 2024 at 02:28 PM

CG

“ I am incredibly saddened to hear of Uncle Joe's passing. I have so many memories of working at the donut shop for him and Joan, and of the times at the cabin. I can't even hear Bob Seeger without thinking of Joan. I still think of her often. My heart hurts for all you kids and grandkids. Miss and love you guys. ❤️

Cathy Gammo - February 03, 2024 at 03:19 PM

SG

Thanks Cathy, your kind words are appreciated.

Sharon Grajeda - February 05, 2024 at 05:58 PM

CG

Thank you Sharon. I realized I didn't really convey how much your parents meant to me. They truly were like my second family when I worked for them. I loved Joan. And what's more I deeply admired her.

I remember when my parents let me stay at your house in the outskirts of Detroit as we moved from an Ogden Utah to the Sault. It was so much fun that summer. I learned and experienced so much that military kids never get to experience. I was so naive. lol. I loved that summer.

I also remember all the years working at the donut shop. I loved working there. All the customers like Mayer Jerry Peters whose daughter was under going chemo treatments for cancer and he would come in afterwards and cry. I remember so many of our customers. It was so awesome. The community in that place.

I remember working with Brenda all those years. We had such a time. Hi Brenda! I miss and love you girl!

And of course I remember Tracy, Stacy and Clifford. How could I not. I remember Cliff coming to lock up every night. He was so sweet. I remember taking Stacy and Tracy to see AC/DC at castle Farms.

And I remember beautiful Stephanie and even watch Jada for a brief period in Florida when Steph needed a babysitter.

I remember all these times and I remember Debbie. And You. I never really knew Bill for some reason. But anyway love you guys. I hope you know that.

cathy Gammon - February 12, 2024 at 08:13 PM

D&

“ Dawn Ropp &Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Leonard Frost.

Dawn Ropp &Family - February 03, 2024 at 09:27 AM

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“ Dawn Ropp & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph Leonard Frost.



Dawn Ropp & Family - February 03, 2024 at 09:27 AM

JF

“ I love and miss you always Papa 💕💕



Jada Frost - January 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I will miss my Uncle Joe. Though we haven't seen each other in over 30+ years we connected on Facebook about a year ago. I will miss the solitary games we used to play on Facebook. I sure wish I could have seen him more.

Joseph Dale Frost - January 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM