



Joseph Randazzo

January 12, 1930 - August 23, 2022

Joseph S. Randazzo, age 92, passed away on August 23, 2022, at his home on Sugar Island.

Joseph was born in Chicago, IL on January 12, 1930, the son of the late Rosario and Teresa (Mitchell) Randazzo. He served his country in the U.S. Coast Guard and was stationed in Sault Ste. Marie, where he met and married his beautiful wife, Ruth Mattson. They married on December 6, 1952, at St. Joseph Church in Rudyard. Prior to returning to Sault Ste Marie, he worked as a police officer for the City of Chicago, IL. They decided after eleven years they would move their family back to the Upper Peninsula where Ruth was born and raised to raise their young family, in God's country as how he affectionately referred to Sugar Island. Joe worked as an electrician for the Corp of Engineers, until his retirement in 1990.

Joe enjoyed woodworking, and made countless pieces of furniture for family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. If you wanted it, he would tackle making it for you. Joe also loved attending to his strawberry patch, apple trees, and his flower gardens. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends on Sugar Island. He was a lifetime member of the Christopher Columbus Hall and the American Legion Post #3.

Joe is survived by his wife: Ruth Randazzo; four children: John (Rebecca) Randazzo and Theresa (Robert) Quinn both of Sault Ste. Marie, Joseph Edward (Susan) Randazzo of Traverse City, and Laurie (Steven Porcaro) Glueck of Pickford; 11 grandchildren: Joseph Samuel, Elyse, Jennifer,

Matthew, Kristi, Ryan, Robert, Kaitlyn, Jillian, Marc, and Lindsay; and 12 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister: Antoinette Apicella of Chicago, IL; two brothers: Timothy (Ann) Randazzo and Rosario (Gloria) Randazzo both of Chicago, IL; many nieces and nephews who loved him as his grandchildren do, and countless friends who weren't friends at all, they were family. There wasn't a soul who would knock on their door that wasn't invited in for a warm meal and coffee.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, a brother: Edward Randazzo; and a sister: Julia D'Amore.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church with Father Nick Thompson as celebrant. Friends may gather at the church that same day starting at 10:00 AM. Immediately following the mass, a luncheon will be held at the Christopher Columbus Italian Society Hall, 201 Sheridan Drive to share and reminisce Joe's beautiful life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Sault Ladies Auxiliary of My Michigan Health - Sault Ste Marie, MI or Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

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“ You all have our sincere condolences for your loss. We will keep you all in our prayers.



Billy and Debbie Norton - August 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dear Ruth & Family,

Many memories of times back when. First time meeting Joe and you back in 60's when you lived south of my mom and dad on Central Park. Then going to Sugar Island to stay in the old Airstream Travel Trailer at Ruby and Clayton Hypes Resort for our first vacation after my dad (Bob), mom (Kay), Grandma (Dour) and brother Steve vacationed on the island a year before. Meeting you and Joe at the old sugar shack. How we so loved that time, especially the harvested wild mushrooms you cooked for us to eat. Joe's advice where to and how to fish, the sauna (our first time). The visit to the Randazzo (Joe's) automotive generator and alternator repair shop and your winter home in the Soo, the kids at play. Gotta stop writing as thoughts and tears here. Vacations on the island became the most wonderful times with you and Joe.

Memories of Joe will always be with us.

Prayers for you and family.

George (Butch) & Catherine (Cathy) Haber

George & Cathy Haber - August 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Randazzo families,
I am so sorry to hear of the recent death of your beloved family member. My parents, Jack and Lil Holt, shared Dec. 6th, 1952 as their wedding day with Joe and Ruth. That was always a topic of conversation when we'd see them around town. Know that you will be lifted to the Father as you grieve.

Jane Kennedy - August 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Ruth, John, Becky and family I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I will miss seeing his smiling face in my neck of the woods....I would run into him every once in a blue moon (Wink Wink). He was always sure to stop and and say hello or to just shoot the breeze. He will be greatly missed. Sending much love, hugs and prayers your way friends.

Ronda Mastaw - August 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM