



Josh Michael Soblaskey

December 30, 1959 - July 26, 2023

Lt. Col. Josh Michael Soblaskey, Ret., age 63, of Madison, Alabama, died at the Spectrum

Health Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on July 26, 2023. He was born in St.

Ignace on December 30, 1959, to Alfred Louis and Sherrill Jane (McKenzie) Soblaskey.

Josh grew up in St. Ignace and graduated from LaSalle High School in 1978.

He attended Lake

Superior State University in 1982, graduating with a bachelor's in criminal justice. He went into

the Air Force in 1985 and retired in 2015 after thirty years of faithful dedication to the service.

He married Tanya Henley in 1983 in McAlester, Oklahoma, and started their family. After nearly

39 loving years together, Tanya passed away in 2022. Josh later began a relationship with

companion Diana Morrow.

Josh was a member of the Gooch Lane Church of Christ in Huntsville and the Church of Christ

in Cedarville, Michigan.

Josh loved working on cars, especially his Mustang. He was a consummate handyman with an uncanny ability to repair almost anything. He was a kind-hearted person, dropping everything to help someone. He loved his role as “Optimus” to his two young granddaughters. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Josh is survived by his daughter, Kaitlyn (Brendan) Sink; sons, Tyler (Jackie) Soblaskey and Marty (Jessica) Soblaskey; grandchildren, Lily Soblaskey and Sydney Soblaskey; mother, Sherrill Soblaskey; sister, Jeni Therrian; brothers, Jon (Jackie) Soblaskey, Jason (Shannon) Soblaskey, and Jamin (Stephanie) Soblaskey; and Diana Morrow.

Josh was preceded in death by his wife, Tanya; father, Alfred; and brother-in-law, Craig Therrian.

The Soblaskey family will welcome friends for visitation at Galer Dodson Funeral Home, 999 S. State Street, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781, on Friday, September 22, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. followed by a memorial service from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The family will also welcome friends for visitation at the Brumley-Mills Funeral Home, 1410 E. Carl Albert Pkwy, McAlester, Oklahoma 74501, on Friday, October 13, 2023, from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. The Memorial service and burial with military honors will follow at the Oak Hill Cemetery from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Ronald McDonald House

Galer Funeral Homes of Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP **22**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Galer Dodson Funeral Home
999 S. State St.
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Josh Michael Soblaskey*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Josh Michael Soblaskey*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to Josh's family. I met Josh while attending Lake superior State college in 1978. Josh was a good man and friend in college Im so sorry to hear he passed away . God bless your family . Aaron Alexander*

Aaron E Alexander - September 07, 2023 at 04:58 PM



Thank you Aaron, we used to come up for some of the lake superior State hockey games... He showed me around the school and told me all about his adventures there. Thanks for the kind words. And I'm sorry you don't know who I am, but I was Josh's fiancé when he died he had been married for 39 wonderful years to his prior wife, who, unfortunately died of cancer. We met a while after her death, and were lucky enough to fall in love. He was a great man, and we all miss him.

Diana Morrow - March 10, 2024 at 06:46 AM

AW

“ We became fast friends with Josh and Tanya when they moved to Texas. Bobby loved fishing and hunting with Josh. His quirky sense of humor, never-ending willingness to help, and love for the Lord endeared him to us. We are still reeling from his sudden exit... but our hope is fixed in the hope we shared in the Lord. We will see him, and Tanya, again. We are praying for the family.

Amanda White - August 09, 2023 at 11:40 AM

CK

“ The St. Ignace LaSalle class of 1978 just had its 45th reunion. We are sad to know we won't get to see Josh at any future events. I think I can speak for our class that we first thank Josh and his family for his service to our country. Our prayers and condolences for your loss.

Chuck and Kerry Kalbfleisch (Avery) 1978

charlie kalbfleisch - August 09, 2023 at 10:49 AM

DG

“ My heartfelt prayers are with you all Darlene Garen

Darlene Garen - August 04, 2023 at 03:53 PM

LR

“ We met Josh about 13 years ago while attending a Mustang Bash in Texas. He became a very close friend to my husband. In fact, they called each other “My brother from another mother!” Since that bash in Texas, we have attended numerous Mustang gatherings with Josh as well as a cruise. It is on that cruise that I named him “Yellow Bird” after we saw a comedian on the ship.



Yellow Bird took the time to drive from Alabama to Illinois to attend my surprise retirement party. He came walking in carrying pizzas! Josh will be remembered for his great sense of humor, kind heart, willingness to help, and friendship!

Our hearts are shattered and still in disbelief that you are gone Yellow Bird! Gone way too soon! You are so loved and so missed! We hope you know that we were blessed to know you, to have you in our lives, and to call you Friend and “Brother from another mother!”

Lisa Robbins - August 04, 2023 at 01:24 AM

 Billy Walton

“ **REST IN PEACE** Josh you are missed already Billy Walton from GEORGIA

Billy Walton - August 03, 2023 at 10:33 PM

LA

“ We first met Josh when he moved to Mercury Lane. My husband was moving some old mattresses out of the house and he ran over to help us... That was the type of person he was, in the midst of caring for Tanya, he still found time to help a neighbor. Josh will be missed & Mercury Lane will never be the same.
Rest Well!

Myron & Lydia Owens

Lydia Owens - Mercury Lane - Madison, AL - August 03, 2023 at 09:43 PM

M6

“ Josh was one of those guys that you immediately liked from the first time you met him!
Most of us guys called him Josh-Kabob. (Silly guys saying silly stuff...and it stuck.)
Josh and Tanya visited us a few times over the years and those will always be very special memories.
Josh was a real 'Mustang Guy' for sure but.... his quick smile and quick wit are the things I will miss most.
Our yearly Mustang get togethers just won't be the same with out Josh-Kabob.
Miss ya fella

Mike Holt 6Sally6 - August 03, 2023 at 08:22 PM

TR

“ Josh and I first met in 2010 at a Mustang gathering in Waxahatchie, TX. For the next 13 years we shared a lot of good times, Travelling together and many many visits sharing our love of Mustangs. Josh will be missed.



Terry I Robbins - August 03, 2023 at 06:30 PM