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Joseph Gerard Foy Jr of Kalamazoo, MI, passed away Thursday, February 4th in Largo, Florida.

Born in Quincy, MA, Joe was the son of Joseph G. Foy Sr and Geraldine M. (Kelly) Foy, and was preceded in death by sisters Mary Ellen, Nancy Louise (Meisenheimer) and brother Thomas Gerald Foy (Mary Alyce). He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Joan M (Nikodemski) Foy; a brother, Peter D. Foy of Ocala FL (Linda) and sister Judith E. Foy (Keith LaSalle) of Ann Arbor MI; three sons: Joseph G. Foy III of Kalamazoo, Jeffery G. Foy (Pam) of Climax, and Jeremy G. Foy (Kate) of Grand Rapids, MI. He also leaves 8 grandchildren: Michael Foy, Joseph G. Foy IV, Erika Christoph, Alyssa J. Foy, Brendan Foy, Kelly Foy, Connor Foy and Jack Foy as well as 6 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Joe has had strong and loving ties to nieces, nephews and their children now branching across the country.

Joe graduated from Western Michigan University and found great satisfaction in his work with the U. S. Postal Service; his church, St Augustine Catholic Church; and his community through the Lions Club, community theater and scores of softball, baseball and bowling leagues over the years. And Joe and Joan found many friends in their southern home in Clearwater, FL in recent years. An inveterate storyteller, Joe could make any gathering more memorable. For that, and more, he will be missed, but never forgotten.



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MP

Mary Passinault lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Joan, We were saddened to hear of Joe's death, but know that it just means a new and better LIFE for him. You and your family are in our prayers as you mourn his loss. We have so many special memories of times spent with the two of you at Catholic Central and Aquinas College, and then meeting again at class reunions. May you find strength in your faith and your family! Love and Blessings, dear friend, Mary and Bill Passinault



February 14 at 6:20 AM

RC

Robert Covell posted:

Joe was one the few ping pong players who was hard to beat at Aquinas College. Bob Covell

February 9 at 11:36 AM

JH

Jim Haggard posted:

Jeff and Jerry, Saying a prayer for you and your family. Joe was very good to me growing up. He will be missed. Jim Haggard

February 8 at 8:53 PM

CH

Carol Hamet posted:

Joanie, Joe, Jeff & Jerry and all the family, We were saddened to hear of Joe's death! As long time neighbors, he always brought joy and humor when we met in the back yard. We will miss him!! Sending out love to all the family.....

February 8 at 2:18 PM



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DM

Dave Marlatt posted:

Mr. Foy was always a part of my life growing up. Jeff and Jerry would good friends during childhood, so if you were involved with them, then you were involved with their dad. I remember going to a parade downtown with them and catching some hard candy thrown from one of the people in the parade. Of course I put it in my mouth and proceeded to choke on it violently. Before I knew it, Mr. Foy was bending me over and beating on my back. The candy never came out - I swallowed it. Of course I started to cry, but for as gruff as Joe could be, he was extremely tender at that moment. It's just one of the many things I'll never forget about him. It's extremely sad to lose someone that influenced your life in such a way that he did. My condolences to the Foy's. As hard as it is at this time, feel reassured that he will live on in many hearts and memories.

February 8 at 10:44 AM

LM

Lisa Melville posted:

Jerry and Jeff and family, Sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. No matter what the age of our parents we are never ready to lose them. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Lisa Melville

February 8 at 9:31 AM

SB

Sue Bartlett posted:

The smile on Joe's face says it all! Laughter was his signature trait, he took it and shared it where ever he went. He will surely be missed around our BAV community. Godspeed, Joe. Sue Bartlett

February 7 at 1:38 PM



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BR

Bill Reed posted:

Joan, You might not remember me, but my folks were Larry and Bouqueen Reed, I am sure you remember them! I was sorry to hear of Joes passing - I don't think there is a day that goes by that I don't think of the Foy family in one way or another, or talk about them. We named our fourth child, a boy, Joe, after the Foy men - he is a constant reminder of a truly wonderful family. I am not sure what the arrangement was, but most every Sunday we seemed to end up at the Foy home after church, spend most of the day, just hanging out. Family time - just talking - not much football on television back then. Dad and Joe would be in one room, talking shop I am sure; mom and Jerry in another, usually the kitchen, cooking something to feed the troops. The kids wandering around playing, mostly Tom and Ginny (my sister) and me and Judy. Pete would be around somewhere and offer words of wisdom from time to time - and Joe would zip in and out as his schedule allowed. Please remember me to Pete and Judy...One of my favorite stories about Joe was one time, when he was in the food business with someone, he was in dad's Sparta store, setting us some display. Another vendor who heard Joe was there went over to him and gave him an earful about how much he did not like Joe Sr....Joe listened...and when the guy was done, he stole all the other guys thunder, when he replied...."Yeah, I don't like the s o b (Joe Sr) very much either" It was great - the guy wilted and disappeared! remembering Joe, I am sure that your lives were never boring and always interesting. I will continue to think about the Foys as I regularly do, and your loss. From the Reeds to the Foys, on a family Sunday, we feel your pain. Our best. Bill Reed

February 7 at 12:26 PM

JS

Jim And Lona Stanley lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Our deepest sympathy to Joanie and family. We have known Joe for about 16 years at Bay Aristocrat Village. Joe always had a smile on his face and whether you were feeling down or feeling up, believe me you were up when you left Joe. He will have everyone in heaven laughing and having a good time. We will miss you Joe Foy. All God's Blessings to Joanie and Family.Love, Jim and Lona Stanley



February 7 at 12:17 PM

SB

Sorca Boran posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of your beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. May God send you consolation and comfort now, and in the time to come, in your great and tragic loss.Joe was such a special and unique person. We will not see his like again, and the world is poorer for his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your grief and sorrow. With fond and happy memories of times' past,Sincerely,Sorca and Frank Boran and Family

February 7 at 11:16 AM



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BM

Bud Meyer posted:

Joe and Family so sorry to hear of Joe's passing....I read this a while ago and thought I'd share it...always liked what it said..." I believe that hope survives, love prevails, tears cleanse our souls, memories give us comfort , faith reassures us.....and that a belief in a better place gives us peace.....God Bless. Bud

February 7 at 10:21 AM

JT

Jane Trudell posted:

So sorry to read about Joe's passing My thoughts and prayers for the Foy family . Jane Trudell

February 7 at 5:40 AM

TW

Timothy Wallace posted:

Jerry & Kate, We were saddened to hear about your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.....Regards, Tim and Janine Wallace

February 7 at 5:39 AM

BM

Buzz Maartens posted:

To the entire Foy family, very sorry to here about Joe. My thoughts are with you.

February 7 at 5:14 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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