



Joseph "Joe" Obrzut

February 5, 1937 - December 17, 2025

Joseph "Joe" Obrzut of Mentor, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at the age of 88 at David Simpson Hospice House in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born February 5, 1937, in Cleveland.

Upon graduating from Cuyahoga Heights High School, Joe began his career as a telephone system repairman.

He was an avid baseball fan and played in his younger years. Joe was also gifted with an inspired voice and an inspired ear for songs and singers from his childhood and early adulthood. He also enjoyed playing cards, trips to the casino, bowling, and listening to all types of music. He was an animal lover, especially the many dogs that blessed his and his family's lives throughout the years.

After a highly respected 42 years of service, he retired and began his 2nd career as a grandfather of five and a great-grandfather of six, following his personal pursuits of baseball-card collecting, puzzle-making, and sharing life stories spanning eight decades with family and family friends.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years: Maureen (Haney) Obrzut; children: Sandra (Tom) Ferkol, Greg (Lisa) Obrzut, David Obrzut, Karen (Randy) Mietz, and Debra (DJ) Lydy; grandchildren: Thomas (Sami) Ferkol, Katherine Ferkol,

Amanda (Tim) Chiki, Brittany (Eric) Brown, and Chelsea (Mel) Obrzut; great-grandchildren: Daniel, Isaiah, Auden, Booker, Skye and Hailey and siblings: Patricia Greco and Thomas (Evelyn) Obrzut.

Preceding Joseph in death are his parents Joseph and Helen (Wojtowicz) Obrzut and siblings: Raymond (Evelyn) Obrzut and Robert (Ann) Obrzut.

The family requests contributions be made to The Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland, Ohio 44192, www.hospicewr.org

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio, 44060

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“ Sorry to hear about Joe's passing. Megan, Ava, and I always enjoyed our visits with Joe, Sak, Bailey, and Brinkley on our walks. The dogs enjoyed bonding with each other, and Joe always had a special bone for his canine visitors. After Ava saw Brinkley, she went and sat down right in front of the door waiting for Joe. When he was gone in the winter, Ava pulled me up the driveway to the front door, sat down, and waited for him to come. Tugging Ava away I told her she needed to wait for spring. He was such a nice, kind man. Thanks for the memories Joe! Fondly, Karen Tinker

Karen Tinker - December 31, 2025 at 12:44 AM

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“ It saddens me that Joe is gone, but that doesn't take away years of memories, watching baseball games and just talking about sports and life in general in his garage and living room. He was a friend to many people and a staple in the neighborhood where us kids around there all grew up. Rest in peace my friend, and I'm hoping OSU can deliver a national championship this playoff season in your memory!

John Lazar - December 26, 2025 at 05:44 PM