



Joseph F. "Pops" Spisak

October 11, 1947 - January 27, 2022

On January 27, 2022, angels from heaven came to accompany Joseph F. Spisak "Pops" to eternal life. The term "rest in peace", does not apply here... we expect Pops is golfing, building things, spreading humor and catching up with family and friends who preceded him in death.

Pops was born on October 11, 1947 to Adele (Szoka) and Joseph Spisak. He graduated from Warrensville Heights High School in 1965 and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Two years later, on December 9, 1967, Joe married Lanette Vinci and they moved to Honolulu, Hawaii where he was stationed until he was honorably discharged in 1969.

Following his service to his country, Joe worked full-time at Western Union Data Services during the day and went to night school at Lake Erie College. After receiving his degree in 1979, Joe began a several decade's long career at Allen Bradley/Rockwell Automation where he retired in 2012. As a manager of Global Marketing, Joe traveled to all four corners of the world during his nearly 35 years.

Joe always put family and faith first. He has been an active member of St. Mary of the Assumption parish in Mentor for nearly 5 decades—playing CYO softball; teaching PSR, RCIA and pre-baptismal classes; coaching the boy's baseball and girl's softball teams; and participating in the Men's Club,

Renewal and summer festivals. Also, he was a lector, choir member, Eucharistic minister, server for daily mass and money counter.

Joe and Lanette had two daughters, Jennifer Spisak (John) Cameron and Christina (Ken) Skilton; five grandchildren, Michael Skilton (fiancée Natalee Langton), Rachel (Sean) Meabon, Jenna Skilton, Ian Cameron and Gracye Cameron; and three great-grandchildren, John Paul, Isaiah and Marianna Meabon.

On October 23, 2019, our lives changed in an instant when Pops was diagnosed with Stage IV pancreatic cancer. His prognosis was 8 to 11 months; his faith, humor and compassion for others never wavered and his will was strong. Pops took pride in proving everyone wrong. He defied the odds, fought hard, baffled his oncologist and lived for two years, three months and four days.

Pops went to heaven surrounded by his wife, daughters, grandchildren, sister-in-law, cousin-in-law, niece, nephews and Ted, his faithful furry companion.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Joe's life from 4-8 p.m. Friday, February 4, 2022 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral mass in honor of Joe will be held 12 noon Saturday, February 5, 2022 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060 (Please meet at the church.)

Private family inurnment will be held in Mentor Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland, OH 44192, donate online at www.hospicewr.org or to Donna's Christmas Trees, 1802 Spruce Lane,

Painesville, OH 44077, donate online at www.donnaschristmastrees.com.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

FEB 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

St Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church
8560 Mentor Ave
Mentor, OH 44060-5853
(440) 255-3404

Tribute Wall



“ To the entire Spisak Family,

Please accept my deepest sympathy on Joe's passing.

I worked at Rockwell Automation and knew Joe for more than 33 years. I started at Allen-Bradley in 1976 and remember when Joe was hired a couple of years later as a Technical Writer. We worked together in the same department until he moved on to Product Marketing. We played golf together several times in the weekly company golf league after work and at a few company golf outings. We both retired in 2012 but I can't remember who left first.

May your memories of Joe comfort you always.

Les Jones

Les Jones - February 07, 2022 at 03:25 PM

CF

“ *Deepest Sympathy to Lanette and the Spisak and extended families.*

It was an honor and joy to have known Joe through my teenage years into adulthood.

He was truly a great friend to me, my husband and son.

Memories of gatherings with family and friends, our travels, watching children grow up, his laughter and sense of humor, always being there if you needed him, but most of all his dedication to his wife and daughters. I will hold these memories in my heart forever.

He fought a tough battle with a disease and is now at peace. So happy we had the chance to visit him in December and say our goodbyes. May there be a special place for Joe in Heaven. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers forever.

Love Always, Camille (Boham) Farkas and Bob Farkas, Pt St. Lucie, Florida

Camille Farkas - February 04, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *Samantha Hill lit a candle in memory of Joseph F. "Pops" Spisak*



Samantha Hill - February 03, 2022 at 04:30 PM

LF

“ Love, John & Amy Price & family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Joseph F. "Pops" Spisak.



Love, John & Amy Price & family - February 03, 2022 at 12:54 PM

BP

“ Joe and I worked together when I was an Area Manager in the Milwaukee Sales Office during the '90's. Joe provided needed commercial benefits such as price concessions, training, service support, etc. to obtain strategic customer orders. Since we were dealing with divisional dollars which Joe represented, and since Joe treated all monitorial transactions as "his" money, we would get into some heavy discussions. At the end, we always came up with a solution good for all involved. We were good friends and we treated each other with respect. Joe was one of the best and I will miss him dearly.

Bob Pipkin - February 03, 2022 at 12:22 PM

JW

“ Jon And Gina Webb lit a candle in memory of Joseph F. "Pops" Spisak



Jon and Gina Webb - February 03, 2022 at 11:11 AM

JW

Thinking of the entire family....praying and sending love xxoo

Jon and Gina Webb - February 03, 2022 at 11:11 AM

JF

“ Dear Lanette and Family...

Please accept our most deepest and heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your Beloved Joe. He was a good person and will be missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

~Your HS classmates and friends, Jim and Rosemary Filisky

Jim/Rosemary Filisky - February 02, 2022 at 11:11 PM

AB

“ From the Buono Family💕💕

Anthony & I would like to extend Sincere Condolences to the Spizak family. Joe was a very special man and due to his faith... God gifted him more time with his family & friends. For sure, he had a direct flight into Our Lord's Loving arms. Blessings and Peace 🙏🙏🙏

Angela & Anthony Buono - February 02, 2022 at 09:16 AM

TG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Teddi Kovatch Gideon

Teddi Kovatch Gideon - February 02, 2022 at 08:44 AM

LS

“ Lanette Skelton lit a candle in memory of Joseph F. "Pops" Spisak



Lanette Skelton - February 01, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph F. "Pops" Spisak.*



February 01, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ *Joe was a very kind and gentle man. Wonderful and loving husband to Lanette. So very sorry for your loss
Cousin Linda*

Linda Markowski - January 31, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ *Betty Jones lit a candle in memory of Joseph F. "Pops" Spisak*



Betty Jones - January 31, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph F. "Pops" Spisak.*



January 31, 2022 at 04:32 PM