



Joseph Valentine Guarino

February 14, 1937 - May 23, 2026

Joseph Valentine Guarino, age 89, of Berkley, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, artistry, and devotion to family that will continue for generations.

Born on February 14, 1937, in Brooklyn to Italian immigrants William and Carmela Guarino, Joe carried with him throughout his life the values of hard work, loyalty, creativity, and deep family connection. Even as a child, his remarkable intellect stood out—he was advanced a grade during elementary school—and his artistic talent soon became evident as a student at the New York School of Industrial Art in Manhattan, where he developed a gift for illustration that remained a lifelong passion.

In 1953, the Guarino family moved to Michigan, where fate would soon intervene in the form of an "errant toss" of a ball. That moment led Joe to meet the love of his life, Patricia. Together, Joe and Pat built a beautiful life centered on faith, family, humor, and unwavering love. They recently celebrated an extraordinary 70 years of marriage, a milestone that reflected the strength and joy of their lifelong partnership.

Joe spent his career supervising commercial painting projects, bringing diligence, leadership, and pride to his work. But those who knew him best will remember him most for the way he made people feel. Joe possessed a

storyteller's gift and an astonishing memory filled with vivid details that transformed ordinary moments into unforgettable tales. Family gatherings were brighter because of him. His warmth, humor, and magnetic personality could light up any room, and his deep devotion to his loved ones was evident in everything he did.

Joe and Pat were blessed with five children: Patricia (Jay), Susan (Bernard), Catherine (Steve), Theresa (Tom), and William (Sarah). Their family continued to grow with twelve cherished grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and a ninth great-grandchild joyfully on the way. Joe is survived by sister Marie of Paris, France, and was preceded in death by brother Carmine and sister Anna.

Though deeply missed, Joe's family takes comfort in the countless stories, lessons, laughter, and memories he leaves behind. His was truly a life well lived and well loved.

Visitation for Joseph will be held Wednesday, May 27, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a Knights of Columbus Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors.

The Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, May 28, at 10:00 a.m. (in-state beginning at 9:30 a.m.) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica. Interment will follow at Roseland Park Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)
Berkley, MI 48072

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

MAY 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Mass

MAY 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

EG

“ Joe was a valued member of the Bishop Gallagher 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus and it's Color Corps. It was always a delight when he showed for an event and an honor to lead him when I was Color Corps Commander. He shared many of his pearls of wisdom with me as I was the rookie Italian in the Color Corps. I will miss him greatly.

Ernest Gargaro - May 28 at 02:09 AM

GC

“ Gary & Jane Cracknell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Gary & Jane Cracknell - May 27 at 03:12 PM

JO

“ Joyce, Marty, Betty, Joe, Rene, Gail, Katy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

Joyce, Marty, Betty, Joe, Rene, Gail, Katy - May 27 at 12:19 PM

JO

“ Joyce, Marty, Betty, Joe, Rene, Gail, Katy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Joyce, Marty, Betty, Joe, Rene, Gail, Katy - May 27 at 12:19 PM

CM

“ Carla M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

Carla M. - May 27 at 09:47 AM

CS

“ Carlo and Robin Silveri purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Carlo and Robin Silveri - May 27 at 08:17 AM

CS

“ Carlo and Robin Silveri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

Carlo and Robin Silveri - May 27 at 08:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

May 27 at 07:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



May 27 at 07:46 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

May 26 at 08:31 PM



“ Matt, Beth and Christian Salamino purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Matt, Beth and Christian Salamino - May 26 at 07:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



May 26 at 04:53 PM



“ Your Future Legends Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Your Future Legends Family - May 26 at 04:29 PM

GF

“ GARY AND LINDA FULMER purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



GARY AND LINDA FULMER - May 26 at 03:56 PM

GF

“ GARY AND LINDA FULMER planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

GARY AND LINDA FULMER - May 26 at 03:56 PM

LA

“ Lenny A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

Lenny A. - May 26 at 02:31 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



May 26 at 11:26 AM

TF

“ The Buchanan and Fisk Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



The Buchanan and Fisk Family - May 26 at 10:39 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



May 26 at 10:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

May 26 at 10:31 AM

LA

“ Love your sister Marie and Dom, Alex purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Love your sister Marie and Dom, Alex - May 26 at 06:14 AM

LA

“ Love your sister Marie and Dom, Alex planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

Love your sister Marie and Dom, Alex - May 26 at 06:14 AM

MF

“ Michelle Fernandez Eugene Fernandez purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Michelle Fernandez Eugene Fernandez - May 25 at 09:40 PM

MF

“ Michelle Fernandez Eugene Fernandez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

Michelle Fernandez Eugene Fernandez - May 25 at 09:40 PM

JF

“ Jim Baghdadi and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Jim Baghdadi and Family - May 25 at 08:33 PM

KT

“ *Katie, Bridget, and Tom purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.*



Katie, Bridget, and Tom - May 25 at 05:34 PM

SF

“ *Susan Guarino & family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.*



Susan Guarino & family - May 25 at 05:20 PM

SF

“ *Shults family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.*



Shults family - May 25 at 04:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.*



May 25 at 04:32 PM

RM

“ Richard & Katie McGuire purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Richard & Katie McGuire - May 25 at 01:43 PM

CS

“ Christina, Marvin, and Stephanie purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Christina, Marvin, and Stephanie - May 25 at 11:05 AM

CS

“ Christina, Marvin, and Stephanie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

Christina, Marvin, and Stephanie - May 25 at 11:05 AM

LN

“ Love, Brad, Shawnda and Nathan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Love, Brad, Shawnda and Nathan - May 25 at 09:59 AM

LN

“ Love, Brad, Shawnda and Nathan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

Love, Brad, Shawnda and Nathan - May 25 at 09:59 AM

LF

“ Love, Cynthia, Carmela, Michael, John, F purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.



Love, Cynthia, Carmela, Michael, John, F - May 25 at 09:38 AM

LF

“ Love, Cynthia, Carmela, Michael, John, F planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

Love, Cynthia, Carmela, Michael, John, F - May 25 at 09:38 AM

CB

“ Cynthia B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.

Cynthia B. - May 25 at 08:27 AM

CB

“ *Sending prayers to my Wonderful Uncle Joe! I will always treasure our wonderful loving relationship. You have been so dear and supportive to me my entire life! I will miss you so much! I know now you will be taken care of in Heaven, joining your sister, brother and parents. Toasting with Presco and Strawberries will continue to be a tradition in my life, for you will be present for me when this happens! Love you forever, your loving neice Cynthia!*

cynthia anne bertolotti - May 25 at 08:21 AM

BG

“ *Bill and Trish Guarino purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joseph Valentine Guarino.*



Bill and Trish Guarino - May 24 at 11:38 PM

BG

“ *Bill and Trish Guarino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Valentine Guarino.*

Bill and Trish Guarino - May 24 at 11:38 PM