



## Joseph George Mullen

May 29, 1944 - October 7, 2017

Joseph G. Mullen, age 73 of Shelby Twp. passed away October 7, 2017 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Troy. Beloved husband of Noreen. Dear father of Mindy (Diale) Taliaferro and Michael (Kristin Hilal) Mullen. Loving grandfather of Aiden and Owen Taliaferro, Nolan and Amira Mullen. Dear brother of Ruth (Art) Rickert and Suzanne (Barry) Dovaston. Also survived by sister in laws, Eileen (Don) Stark and Esther Frink (the late Eldred Frink) brother in law Edward (Shirley) Frink, 10 nieces and nephews, many great and great great nieces and nephews. Pre-deceased by 1 niece Beverly (Frink) Schwark (her husband Michael survives). Upon retirement in 2005 he purchased his 1923 Red T-Bucket. He was a member of Funtime Cruisers and No Name Car Club. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, going to movies and going to car shows. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica since 1974. He loved his Lord, his family and friends. Friends may visit on Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3 blks. E. of Van Dyke), Utica. Friday visitation at 10:00 a.m. until the time of his Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke, Utica, with Pastor Justin Krupsky officiating. Memorials suggested to Trinity Lutheran Foundation. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **12**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

### Visitation

OCT **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
45160 Van Dyke  
Utica, MI 48317

### Funeral Service

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
45160 Van Dyke  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph George Mullen.*



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October 12, 2017 at 08:49 AM



“ *Joe and I graduated from the same high school a couple years apart. He was funny, polite, loved working on cars at the Meade Garage. We were second cousins and friends. We reconnected after more than 50 years and I am so touched that he stayed true to himself as a warm, giving and loving man. My deepest condolences to Noreen and his family. Our Lord is providing comfort always.*

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**Jean Lampe** - October 11, 2017 at 10:18 PM



“ *Richard and Sharon Lanier purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Joseph George Mullen.*



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**Richard and Sharon Lanier** - October 11, 2017 at 03:33 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. No one is ever totally prepared for the death of a loved one. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25*

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**M. Tuffy** - October 11, 2017 at 08:27 AM

JD

“ I will miss Joe at the local cruise nights and car shows. He was always smiling and enjoying the fellowship of his car buddy's. I ran into him and his wife, Noreen up in northern Michigan at a casino in Petoskey and my new nickname became "Petoskey Jerry", so each time I saw Joe at a car show he asked, "How's Petoskey Jerry doing"...??? What a great guy... I am proud to call him my friend.....RIP Joe.

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**Jerry Drenzek** - October 10, 2017 at 08:37 PM

BL

“ I have known Joe for almost seven years.He is my best friend and buddy. He changed my life after my wife passed away . He started taking me to car shows ,I was so proud to ride with him in his beautiful 23 T that was his baby . When you were riding with Joe in his T you must wave to every one . Joe introduced me to many new and wonderful people . We would joke back forth just having a good time with one another . Noreen would always say don't believe anything Joe says and only believe quarter of what Bob says .When Joe would do something for someone and they would thank him he would always say **THAT'S WHAT WE DO** . I was so blessed to be one of Joe's friends . I have a big hole in my heart missing my best friend . Love you buddy . God bless you . I'll see you in heaven one day . If they will let me in . Bob Livernois

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**Bob Livernois** - October 10, 2017 at 06:03 PM

AK

“ My friend Joe was one of the nicest men I have ever known. He was always ready to share his information about any current car project or his human parts tune-ups that he had recently had completed. Joe would take pictures of all his car projects (I remember how he constructed the top on his T-Bucket) or his human "sump pump. And yes, pictures of all. If you asked about "any" project he shared answers and pictures.  
Joe was a gentle soul and we will all miss him dearly. Andy Knaack

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**Andy Knaack** - October 10, 2017 at 05:23 PM

CH

“ My best friend Joe is now with our best friend Jesus. Joe and I (wives too) have been best friends for a long time. We had some great times together not just at car shows but wherever we went like Windsor, movies or just out to eat. No one I have ever known was quite like Joe with his great personality, smile, sense of humor and of course his jokes. I will miss all that but will always remember the fun times we had. I have Joe to thank for talking me into buying my 56 Chevy and all the help he gave me fixing it up. He told me after buying the car to dig a deep hole and start filling it with money for parts and restoration cuz that's what car guys do and he was right. Joe you have been the best friend anyone could ask for so now I will not say goodbye I'll only say see you again in heaven. Chuck Hamann

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**Chuck Hamann** - October 10, 2017 at 06:03 AM

 Pat  
Bucheli

*I knew joe for 37 years ,he was the best in every way .*

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**Pat Bucheli** - October 10, 2017 at 07:34 PM

TL

“ *The Livingstons purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Joseph George Mullen.*



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**The Livingstons** - October 09, 2017 at 09:15 PM

KL

“ *We Livingstons remember Joe as being such a fun, sweet and thoughtful man. One memory really resonates of dancing to Love Shack and Kristin and Michaels wedding. Joe was energetic and engaging. Everyone was dancing and sharing such memorable, fun time!! Rest in Peace in our Lord's grace Joe. Until we meet again.*

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**KAREN LIVINGSTON** - October 09, 2017 at 09:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph George Mullen.*



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October 09, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph George Mullen.*



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October 09, 2017 at 12:19 PM

BG

“ He was the best friend anyone could have. Joe engineered and built a beautiful 1923 "T"Bucket. He didn't collect cars but found that with his Car he could collect hundreds of friends and share them with others. He loved everyone and we all found new friends because Joe made sure we knew them and they knew us. A friend; he will always be with me in some way, I will see his great big smile or hear his laughter or words of wisdom.

*We feel an emptiness but the great memories comfort us and we know Joe is in Heaven with the Lord working on his next project.*

*Bob Gietzen*

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**Bob Gietzen** - October 08, 2017 at 08:34 PM

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**Bob Gietzen** - October 08, 2017 at 08:15 PM