



Joseph Simler

February 15, 1955 - July 2, 2021

Simler, Joseph Edward. Age 66. July 2, 2021.

Joseph was born February 15th 1955 in Detroit, MI to Peter and the late Marion.

Joseph was a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. Joe was all of these things and so much more. He loved his family and God more than anything. And he was everything to all who loved him. The void we feel in our hearts is something we could never prepare for.

His smile is one that would light up a room. And his laugh, well, if you know it, you know it! He loved to watch his kids or grandkids activities. He'd likely show up in his cargo pants prepared like a Boy Scout with anything and everything that anyone would need. And he would cheer louder with more enthusiasm than anyone on the field or in the gym.

We all knew we could count on him no matter what, all of the time. His love for us was unconditional and immeasurable.

We will miss his advice, home/car repairs, support, and daily prayer for each of us. He was likely praying for each and every one of you and you didn't even know it.

His constant positive attitude towards a disease that was relentless is the

most admirable and inspirational fight we've ever seen. He was a warrior. For 18 years he fought and he never lost faith in God that he would get better and continue to live with the love of his life and continue their beautiful love story and make all the plans that they always dreamed of. He didn't give up on that dream even his very last days. He has taught us all to never give up. Never. No matter what. Keep fighting, keep believing in God. And with the love of your family all around, all things are possible.

Beloved husband of Betty for 27 years. Loving father of Charise (James) Putman, Amber (Brad) Kimmel, Heather, Joseph Jr., Jacob and Brandon. Proud grandfather of Cody, Abbigail, Victoria, Alex, Addison, Autumn, Zack, Mickayla, Nathan and Kaylee. Dear brother of Cris, Marsha (Michael) Grippo, Peter (Nancy), Tony, Tom (Barb), Patricia (Harry) Dovell and Judith (Ken) George. Uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Friday July 9th 4:00 pm-8:00 pm with a 7:00 pm Scripture Service at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Saturday, 10:30 instate until time of Mass 11:00 am, at Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, Berkley. In lieu of flowers memorials are appreciated to Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, Berkley <https://www.myowngiving.com/QuickGive.aspx> . Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
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Scripture Service

JUL 9. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church
2600 Harvard Road
Berkley, MI 48072

Tribute Wall

LH

“ My first memory of my cousin Joey was when I was very young our family took a vacation to Michigan from here in California and we played in his backyard and basement all day long. We were 12 cousins playing together and we had so much fun. Aunt Marion and Uncle Pete made us the best hot dogs we've ever had. Joe was like a big brother that vacation and we continued our friendship through life. We got to visit several more times when we went back to Mich and when the Simler family came to California. I will miss Joe and our conversations about his fight and faith. He has an amazing wife and family who will support and love each other.



Leanne Herrera - July 08, 2021 at 12:34 PM

JM

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Juliana Mulcahy - July 07, 2021 at 09:54 PM

JM

Joe would light up a room with his smile and bring joy wherever he went. Such a spirited, wonderful and God loving man! We will miss him dearly. Prayers to you, Betty, and your whole beautiful family. xoxo

Juliana Mulcahy - July 07, 2021 at 09:59 PM

CO

“ We knew Joe from our childhood days, swimming in our family pool, playing "One O'clock No Ghost" and the many high school crushes my friends had on Joe. He smiled a smile that would melt hearts. Many, many years later I ran into Joe while I was a teacher at Shrine. Joe was always the happiest and proudest grandpa, picking up his young granddaughter with that big, heart melting smile. God bless his loving and devoted family. Joe will be missed by all. Cathy Miller Oldani and siblings.

Cathy Oldani - July 05, 2021 at 06:50 PM

JC

“ Joe is a treasured friend. We shared many laughs over our 36 year friendship, along with many stories about our families. He was truly one of the good guys and I will miss him greatly.

Jack Cunningham - July 05, 2021 at 08:15 AM

MG

“ Little brother, you will always be a glowing light and endearing love in our family that we will keep strong in our hearts and will help ease our missing you. ❤️



Marsha Grippo - July 04, 2021 at 06:55 PM

CH

“ We will miss our beautiful brother Joe more than words can express. His smile, sparkling eyes, strength, perseverance, faith, and love for his family is a legacy we will always hold close to our hearts. 💜



Cris Hartley - July 04, 2021 at 03:16 PM