



Joseph A. Syler Sr.

August 18, 1947 - February 11, 2024

Joseph A. Syler, Sr.

Age 76, passed away on February 11, 2024. He was born August 18, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. Beloved son of the late Mary and George Syler.

Joseph was Married to his beloved wife Loretta on April 17, 1982, at St. John Fisher Chapel in Rochester. He was a loving father to Joseph, Jr. (Bonnie), Andrea Christiansen and Gretchen (Jimmy) Reichenbach. He took great pride in his role as a grandfather to Katie (Justin) Gatwood, Sarah (Jonathan) Soring, Ryan Reichenbach, Vivien Christiansen, Grant (fiancée Cassidy) Reichenbach, Collin Syler, John Reichenbach, Curtis Reichenbach, Julie Syler, and Kelsey Syler. He was also cherished as a dear great-grandfather to Graham Gatwood and Grayson Gatwood.

Joseph was the brother of James (Joanna) Dusseau Jr. and was preceded in death by brothers Bill Drummonds and Kelly Drummonds. He was a beloved brother-in-law to Darlene Drummonds and Dolores (Edward) Adams and uncle to Michael B. Adams, Michael Dusseau, Justin Drummonds, Brenden Drummonds, and the late Matthew Dusseau.

Joseph's passions included rooting for University of Michigan football and all Detroit sports teams. He took pride in his southern heritage, was a huge fan of classic country music as well as Bluegrass. He was an enthusiastic member

of the N-SSA (North-South Skirmish Association) for nearly 40 years, founding the 14th Tennessee Infantry in 1974. Later he would become a member of the 6th Wisconsin Infantry, and the 1st Michigan Infantry. Reading and studying Civil War history was one of his favorite things. He had a deep love for his dog, Bogey and his grand-dogs. Many summers were spent at the family cottage in Caseville, where he loved being on the beach surrounded by family, He was a member of Scenic Country Club where playing golf brought him great joy.

Joseph dedicated over 30 years of his life to Valenite Corporation before finding fulfillment in his retirement as a Utica Community Schools bus driver, a job he truly adored. He also found solace in birdwatching and feeding birds in his yard.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 16th, from 2:00-8:00 pm, with a 7:00 pm K of C Rosary at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica.

A Funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, February 17th. Instate 1:30 pm until the time of the Mass at 2:00 pm at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road, Utica.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the American Cancer Society or Lungevity.

Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com <<http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com>>

Cemetery Details

Prestonville Cemetery

25 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 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
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Rosary

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Instate At Church

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Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

SF

“ Joe was simply the best. His sense of humor was totally uplifting . I spent so many memorable times with him and Loretta.
Rest east great friend. Scott Forbes

Scott Forbes - February 15, 2024 at 10:52 PM

CP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Loretta and your family.
Rem and Cindy Parker



Cynthia Parker - February 15, 2024 at 09:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Syler Sr..



February 15, 2024 at 06:26 PM

SG

“ Keeping you in our hearts & prayers.
Love, Suzie (White) & Daryl Glenday
*Remembering fondly always “the Best Man”

Susan Glenday - February 15, 2024 at 04:24 PM

SG

“ Suzie and Daryl Glenday planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Syler Sr..

Suzie and Daryl Glenday - February 15, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Syler Sr..



February 15, 2024 at 10:19 AM

DB

“ Joe, Bonnie, & Collin, Condolences to you and your family. May Joseph Rest in Peace. Prayers for all who loved him.

Diane Bond - February 14, 2024 at 06:10 PM

DB

“ Dave & Debbie Britton purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Joseph A. Syler Sr..



Dave & Debbie Britton - February 14, 2024 at 10:41 AM

DB

“ Dave & Debbie Britton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Syler Sr..

Dave & Debbie Britton - February 14, 2024 at 10:41 AM

CP

“ Hey Dolores so sorry to hear about your brother in law. You and your family are in my prayers. Corinne

Corinne Peltier - February 14, 2024 at 10:15 AM

DJ

“ Dcn. Marion Jurewicz lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Syler Sr.



Dcn. Marion Jurewicz - February 14, 2024 at 09:32 AM

GW

“ Greg and Wendy purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joseph A. Syler Sr..



Greg and Wendy - February 13, 2024 at 04:50 PM

GW

“ Greg and Wendy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Syler Sr..

Greg and Wendy - February 13, 2024 at 04:50 PM

DD

“ My prayers are with the family and friends. Take care.

Dan Davis - February 13, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Syler Sr..*



February 13, 2024 at 04:07 PM



“ *The Utica Education Association. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph A. Syler Sr..*

The Utica Education Association. - February 13, 2024 at 04:07 PM