



Joseph J. "Joe" Blatnik

September 23, 1931 - February 5, 2022

Joseph J. "Joe" Blatnik, age 90, of Wickliffe, passed away February 5, 2022. He was born in Cleveland, on September 23, 1931, to the late Joseph and Virginia Blatnik.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, who will be greatly missed by many. He was a longtime resident of Wickliffe and an active Parishioner at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

Joe was very active in preserving and celebrating the Slovene heritage. He was the past and present President of Lodge 614. He was a 60-year member of SNPJ. Joe served as the treasurer and secretary from 1964 to 2014 at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland. He enjoyed listening to and dancing polkas along with volunteering at many events hosted by SNPJ Farm in Kirtland.

Joseph is survived by his children Joseph G. (Laurie) and Francine (James) Zizelman, grandchildren Cassidy (Lee) Zupancic, Dominic Blatnik and Matthew Zizelman, great-grandchildren of Carter and Lily, siblings Martha (Robert) Kaska and John Karaz. Joseph also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Mary "Mitzi" Blatnik (nee Matekovich), and siblings Paul Karaz and Helen Cvetic.

Visitation will be on Friday, February 11, 2022, from 4 to 8 at Monreal Funeral

Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 10am at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 29850 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe. Joseph is laid to rest at All Souls in Chardon.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Joseph can be made to SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Sisters of Notre Dame-Chardon, and Slovene Home for the Aged.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
29850 Euclid Avenue
Wickliffe, OH 44092

Tribute Wall



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Joseph J. "Joe" Blatnik.*



February 09, 2022 at 11:05 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memory Video*



Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations - February 09, 2022 at 03:06 PM

KA

This is the nicest tribute. It is Joe.

Karen Sajovic Alich - February 11, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph J. "Joe" Blatnik.*



February 09, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Joseph J. "Joe" Blatnik.



February 08, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ The Stoneridge Control Devices Team purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Joseph J. "Joe" Blatnik.



The Stoneridge Control Devices Team - February 07, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He might not of thought it but we all loved at SNPJ Farm. He was the most dedicated person SNPJ Farm every had. 50 years of involvement. With his passing goes a world of knowledge that can never be replaced. You will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family. RIP my friend.
Don Srnick Vice President of SNPJ Farm

Don Srnick - February 07, 2022 at 04:42 PM



Gone with Joe is his secret recipe for the 'Magic Powder' that he used on the Farm's cement dance floor every Sunday that made it a joy to dance on. If we were sticking and getting sore calves trying to dance on it, we'd just go over to Joe and ask him to "Do your Magic" and it would all be good again

Dave Kaus - February 07, 2022 at 07:15 PM

DK

I have fond memories of Joe at SNPJ Farm. What a worker and delightful person. Sending sympathies to his family
Denise Lamm Kneisley

Denise Kneisley - February 07, 2022 at 10:15 PM

DD

To the children of Mr. Blatnik, I have heard through his son-in-law, Jim, the care you provided to your father in his final years. May you be blessed in return. My condolences, Dominic Dalo

Dominic Dalo - February 08, 2022 at 10:53 AM

JP

Our condolences to Joe's family. Great guy and wonderful supporter of our heritage and music. RIP Joe.

Jeff Pecon - February 08, 2022 at 02:22 PM

JO

To Joe and Francine and their families; I only just today (April 3, 2022) learned of your fathers passing. I am sorry for your loss. I was fortunate to spend a few moments with Mr. Blatnik just last year at the SNPJ farm. He remembered me and we talked about times past. He was a great man and he, your mom, and both of you were such an important part of my childhood and adolescence. From Saturday morning bowling to neighborhood celebrations, the Blatnik's were my extended neighborhood family and as it is evident now that at 62, those memories still holds a special place in my mind and heart - and always will. Rest in Peace, Mr. Blatnik.-Faithfully, John "Butch" Oreskovich

John Oreskovich - April 04, 2022 at 10:54 AM