



Joseph F. Sterk "Papa Joe"

August 27, 1944 - October 6, 2021

Joseph F. Sterk, "Papa Joe", age 77, of Willowick, passed away October 6, 2021. He was born in Cleveland, on August 27, 1944, to the late Peter and Anne Sterk.

Joe was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and dear friend who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His greatest joy was his family especially his grandchildren whom he loved spending time with. He proudly owned and operated Papa Joe's Subs in Eastlake and Euclid. He was an amazing man that touched so many lives in so many ways. He always had a story to share and led with his heart first. Joe will be fondly remembered for his kindness, generosity, witty humor, and love. He encouraged everybody to be brave, strong, and inspired all he met to live life without boundaries and to have no regrets. Joe was a free spirited, incredible man that was loved by his family and community.

Joe is survived by his children Audrey Sterk, Sharon Sterk, Bernie Sterk, and Daniel (Kimberly) Sterk, grandchildren Evan, Cameron, Van, Maddox, and Madelyn, siblings Barbara Ludwig, John Sterk, Maria Clark, Rudy Sterk, Larry Sterk, Theresa Christian, and Raymond Sterk.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 33 years, Bernadette Sterk (nee Vidmar) and his brother Peter Sterk.

Visitation will be on Sunday, October 10, 2021, from 12-2pm & 4-6pm at Monreal Srnick Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, October at 10:30am at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 32114 Vine St, Willowick, (masks are required at church) Joe will be laid to rest at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, OH.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT 11. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Church
32114 Vine St.
Willowick, OH 44095

Tribute Wall

SK

“ Sorry for your loss. Papa Joe's was my very first job in Euclid. Everytime I seen him at Vine Street years later he would make sure I was trated well. My condolences. I hope you keep the place open in honor of him.

Sandy Kish - October 10, 2021 at 04:04 PM



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Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations - October 09, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Sterk "Papa Joe".



October 09, 2021 at 08:59 AM

JE

“ Our deepest sympathy to The Sterk Family, you will be in our prayers The Strnisa Family

jeanette - October 08, 2021 at 11:16 PM

JS

“ My sincere condolences to the Sterk Family! Prayers for peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Jo Ann Stinziano - October 08, 2021 at 08:42 PM

LM

“ Joe was a kind , loving, giving person to all who knew him. He and his wife Bernie were loving caring people. Rest in JESUUS AND OUR BLESSED MOTHERS ARMS, May JESUS put HIS LOVING ARMS around his family to help them heal.
Louise Marold. ST. Mary Magdalene.

LOUISE MAROLD - October 08, 2021 at 08:41 PM

MB

“ There was never a time that Joe didn't support any and ALL that asked for his support and his answer to me was ALWAYS 'What do you need now'??..he NEVER let me down ...rest in peace , my friend as my GF meets you at the pearly gates..😊❤️

Marilyn Belevice - October 08, 2021 at 06:21 PM

CW

Our deepest sympathy to the Stirk family. Joe and Bernie were always very welcoming. I'll be praying for all his family. Rest In Peace.

cindy weber. steven weber and todd weber - October 11, 2021 at 03:32 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Sterk "Papa Joe".



October 08, 2021 at 05:29 PM