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William "Joe" Joseph Perry, 71, passed away on October 4, 2023, at his home in Decatur, IL surrounded by his family.

Joe was born on December 17, 1951 in Decatur, IL the son of Donald and Isabelle Perry.

Joe is survived by his wife, Janet Perry of Decatur, IL; son, Kevin (Natalie) Perry of Bloomington, IL; sisters, Teresa Milburn of Portland, OR, Betsy Matters of Minneapolis, MN, Chris Perry of Washington, IN, Corrine (Mike) McClanahan of Cottonwood, AZ; grandchildren, Landon Perry, Everleigh Perry both of Bloomington, IL, and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Isabelle Perry of Decatur; sister, Mary Dianne Ford of Decatur; and infant sister, Anne Marie Perry of Decatur, IL.

Joe graduated from Stephen Decatur High School and attended college at Southern Illinois University. He married Janet Lee McLaughlin on May 22, 1976, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Decatur, IL. Joe was no stranger to hard work. He held a paper route as a boy and was a cook in high school. Joe had a rewarding 32-year career at Caterpillar where he graduated from the Apprentice Program as a Journeyman in machine repair and maintenance and repair. Later in his career at Caterpillar he was in management and training. He also taught classes at Richland Community College for Caterpillar.

Joe loved biking, traveling, and camping. Many camping trips with family over the years were enjoyed. Joe also had a passion for traveling and seeing new places with thousands of miles driven and flown to new and repeat locations. He was a handyman and there was nothing that he couldn't fix. Anything from remodeling to working on cars. He loved to entertain in his home where many family dinners were celebrated with those he was closest to. Joe was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Joe's grandkids, Landon and Everliegh, were his whole world. He lit up when they were in his presence. Joe was loved by many, and he will be dearly missed.



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Funeral Mass will be 10am, Thursday, October 12, 2023, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; visitation will be an hour prior to the mass.

In Lieu of flowers Memorials can be made to Shriners Children's Hospital and St Jude's Children's Hospital

Condolences and memories of Joe may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com






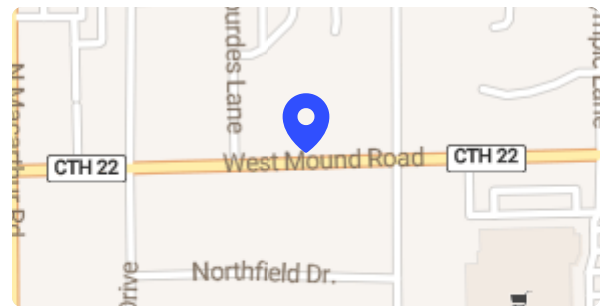
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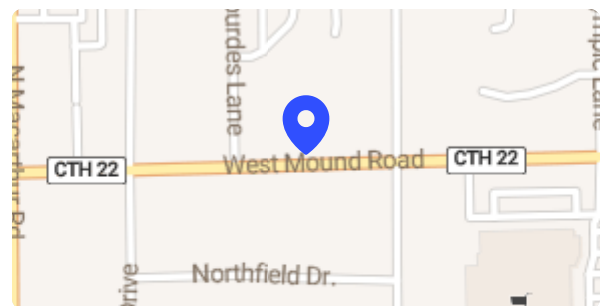
Visitation

-  **Thursday**, October 12, 2023
-  9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT
-  **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**
3580 Lourdes Drive, Decatur IL 62526





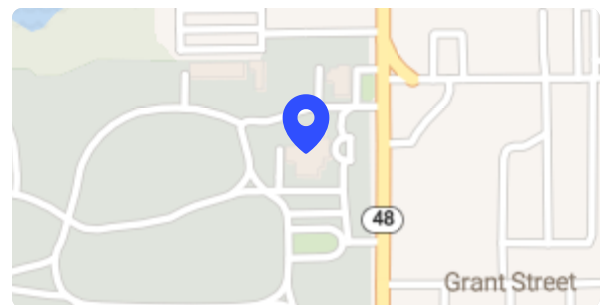
Mass of Christian Burial

-  **Thursday**, October 12, 2023
-  10:00 AM CT
-  **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**
3580 Lourdes Drive, Decatur IL 62526




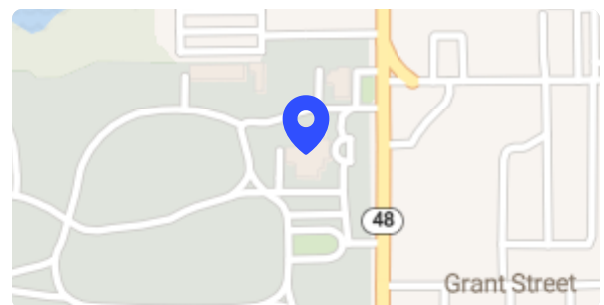
Entombment

-  **Thursday**, October 12, 2023
-  **Star of Hope**
2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur IL 62526



Cemetery Details

-  **Star of Hope Mausoleum / Graceland Cemetery**
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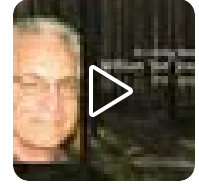
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Graceland Fairlawn shared a **Video**.



October 10 at 4:35 AM



Terry Boles lit a candle in honor of William.



Janet & the Family,I wish to express my deepest sympathy with the passing of Joe. May those fond memories provide comfort and strength each and every day. Joe was simply one of the best people I have ever known. We worked together in CAT Maintenance prior to my retirement in 2009. I was blessed to have his Uncle Fred as a neighbor for many years. They both were very dedicated to their craft. I will miss him very much especially at our CAT retiree breakfasts at the Cracker Barrel each month. May he rest in Eternal peace.May God Bless!!

October 12 at 6:40 PM



Rosemary Erickson posted:

Joe was more than just the brother of one of my best friends growing up ; he was one of my favorite people ever. Rest in peace dear friend, for heaven has gained another angel. Rosemary Erickson

October 11 at 2:58 PM



Corrine Mcclanahan posted:

My dear brother Joe. He was "JOE of all Trades". He taught me a few things. Joe was also an excellent Historian. I will miss you dearly. Corrine Mcclanahan

October 9 at 11:01 AM



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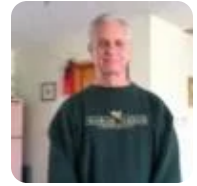
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Nick Beauford shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Joe was a dear friend for over 50 years. My house is a testament of his extensive remodeling skills . He was an excellent electrician, plumber, painter, designer, mechanic, and instructor but above all. Joe was and will always be my best friend. I loved him. He was always there when you needed him. Camping trips with Joe were so much fun! Colorado and Utah trips are treasured memories. I must mention Joe's most important accomplishment which is being a loyal and humble servant of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Yes he lives on for eternity in his new heavenly home. Joe's family always came first and how he loved his grandkids!!!



October 8 at 9:14 AM



Carolyn And Ray Morris posted:

Joe was one of the best friends we had when they lived in Texas and remained friends all these years. Although at times we lost touch we all somehow kept in touch visiting when Janet, Joe, and Kevin would travel through Arlington, Texas. We all sure liked to go out to eat together too and had some good laughs. He will be missed.

October 8 at 6:05 AM



Kevin Perry posted:

To the best Dad and grandpa, you will be missed by us all. We will see you again some day.

October 6 at 8:57 AM



Media

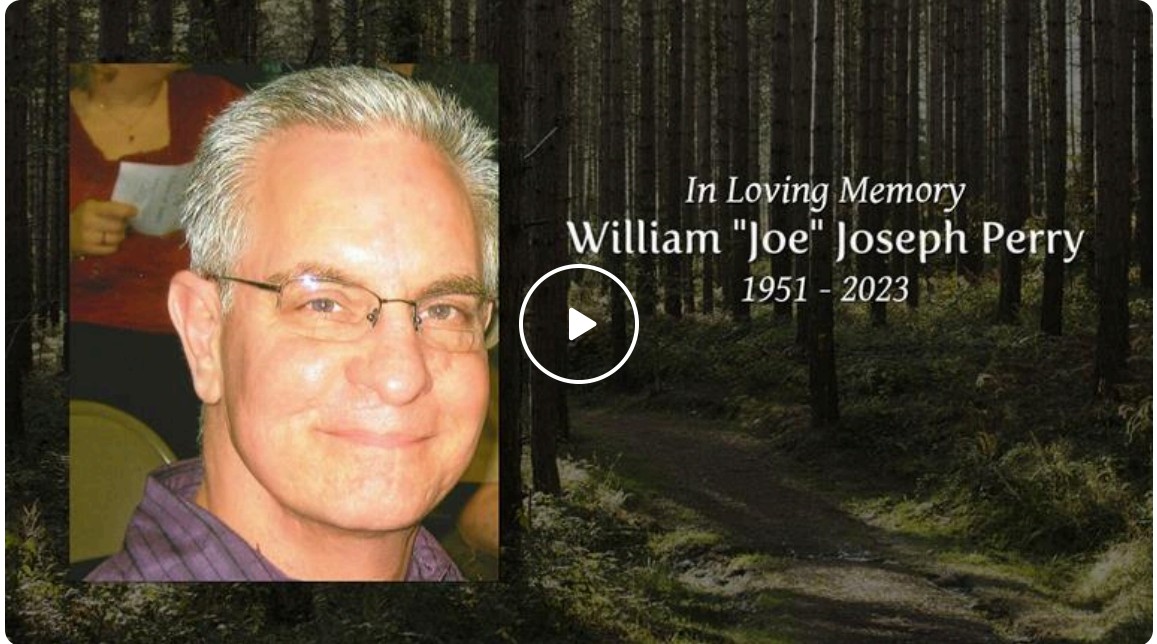
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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