



Joseph "Joe" Sementilli

March 16, 1935 - March 16, 2013

Joseph J. "Joe" Sementilli, 78, of Kingsford passed away on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

He was born March 23, 1934 in Johnson City, NY, son of the late Pio and Adeline (LaPergola) Sementilli. Joe graduated from Johnson City High School in 1952 and was a veteran of the United States Army. He married Jeannette Broullire on May 17, 1958 in Aurora, WI. Joe was employed as a service manager for IBM for 35 years, retiring in 1993. Following his retirement, he and Jeannette moved to the area and he worked as a bartender in Niagara at Steeno's Bar and The Country Bar. He was a member of the Elks Club and attended American Martyrs Church. Joe was an avid Chicago Bears fan and followed the Tigers and Yankees as well. He was a real people person and loved to socialize. Joe also enjoyed camping, boating, snowmobiling and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jeannette; a sister, Angela (Joseph) David of Lakeland, FL; brothers and sisters-in-law, William (Karen) Broullire of Aurora, Alice Kallenbach of Iron Mountain, Marie (Glenn) Windell of Aurora, Wis., Barbara (Robert) Beauchamp of Niagara, Eileen (Bruce) LaLiberte of Niagara, Raymond (Barbara) Broullire of Iron Mountain, and Gerard (Paula) Broullire of Niagara; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Joe was also preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Delbert Kallenbach and a sister-in-law, Emelie Zimmerman.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:30am at the Kingsford Funeral Home in Kingsford. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Joseph Sementilli online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

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“ Jeannette -

I am so sorry. "Chicago Joe" was such a great guy! Everyone loved him. He will be missed and fondly remembered.

I always looked forward to seeing Joe and you when I visited the UP. In fact, your house was my first stop when I left IM airport and I usually didn't check into my motel in Norway until late at night. Of course, it will still be my first stop, hopefully this summer.

Joe had a way to make everyone in his presence feel special, but you were always number one in his life. Joe and you had the greatest love affair I've ever witnessed, and he always expressed his love for you as you did for him.

Know that he is now living in God's house, eating at God's table, bartending in God's lounge and watching over you.

This is a difficult time of sorrow and pain. Take now what you need for yourself. Joe would want you to heal. I've walked in your shoes twice and I can tell you that prayer and time will eventually ease the pain.

*Love and prayers –
Toni Dinsmore*

Toni Dinsmore - Rockville, MD - Coursin - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Joe was a great guy and will be sadly missed.

Ann & Charlie Cretton - Norway, MI - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Joe's Family,

It is easy to see that the obit shows Joe to have lived a life well done, and that he remained a great guy, just like he was when we were school mates at Johnson City High School. Joe was in the army with my brother-in-law, Dom Quercia and they share some good times. I'm sure you will find comfort in the many fond memories you have.

Mike Celeste - San Dimas, CA - School mate - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am sorry for your great loss. Joe was a outstanding person that I met the day we were drafted and left for the army on April 14, 1955. We spent basic training together and got to be good friends. I know you will miss him dearly..*

Domenic Quercia - Endicott, NY - Good friends - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Joe's Family,*

Jeanette, I am so sorry for your great loss. I remember the good old days when we used to visit Joe at the Country Bar and Wally's and Steeno's.

Also when you would come visit us at the Green Shack. When we teased Joe

about the Bears. He was a Great Guy and made everybody Happy.

He will

be sadly missed. Take Care, Love you,

Donna Tieves Goodman, Wisconsin

Donna Tieves - Goodman,, WI - friend - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss, We will miss you.*

Chuck Connis & Sandy Raymond - Pinellas Park, FL - Friend - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I miss seeing you and wish I could be there. You were always very special to me. Rest now in peace....I can see you laughing; that's what I want to remember.*

Love you, Ange

Angela Sementilli David - Lakeland, FL - sister - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM