



Joseph Matthew Hudak

March 20, 1937 - November 16, 2023

Joseph Matthew Hudak, 29-year resident of Powell, Ohio went home to be with his Lord and Savior on November 16, surrounded throughout the week by his loving family, who supported Joe in his transition to his new life. Joseph was born on March 20, 1937, in Campbell, Ohio, to Joseph and Elizabeth Hudak. He married his high school sweetheart and forever love Jean Elizabeth Vrable, and they shared 66 wonderful years of marriage. Joe spent many years in public service as Superintendent of the Campbell Waste-Water Department. After his retirement, he continued a career of service with Meals on Wheels and as Activity Director at Vrable Healthcare nursing homes. Joseph is a veteran of the United States Army. He played amateur baseball in the Youngstown area and was invited to spring training for the New York Giant's baseball club. He shared his love of baseball by coaching girls softball in Campbell for many years.

Joe was a faithful Catholic and member of St. Johns' Catholic Church in Campbell, Ohio, where he served as President of the Men's Club and was a choir member for over 40 years. Upon Joe and Jean's move to Powell, Ohio he attended St. Joan of Arc and St. Andrew Churches. God blessed him with the beautiful gift of singing and he used that talent to glorify God by cantering at mass, singing at many family weddings, baptisms, funerals and special occasions to celebrate life. Joseph gave comfort to many residents at long-term care facilities in the Greater Columbus area by singing hymns and

offering prayer services.

Joe dedicated himself to his family and showed his concern, love and attention to us every single day. Joe and Jean have two children, Elaine Messersmith (Mark), Joyce Parton (Tim) and grandchildren Jennifer Briggs (Bryan), Brian Messersmith (Michelle), Derek Miller (Kate) and Jared Miller (Olivia). He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters and brothers, Wilma Musser (Bill), William Hudak (Donna), Dorothy Delgreco (Sam), Dolores Seitz (Bob), Jim Beroteran, and Jean's brother Steven Vrable, all from the Youngstown, Ohio area. He is survived by his sisters Maryann Berroteran and Jean Stephenson (Edward), brothers-in-law Allan Vrable (Linda), Larry Vrable (Mary Ann) and sisters-in-law Lois Vrable and Mary Lou Mikula.

Joe's love of sports was evident by his close following of the Cleveland sports teams. However, his Ohio State Buckeyes were number one. Joe and Jean loved attending games in The Shoe and followed the team to away games including the Rose and Fiesta Bowls. Joe loved family holidays and parties and led the family in singing Christmas carols every year. He was proud of his Slovak heritage and enjoyed polka music and hymns. He enjoyed singing with his granddaughter Jenny and golfing and talking sports with his grandsons Brian, Derek and Jared. Joe and Jean dedicated themselves to helping their grandchildren through their college years at Ohio State, and he was delighted to have seen his great grandchildren join our family, Finn and Arlen Messersmith, children of Brian and Michelle Messersmith.

Calling hours will be from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Sunday, November 19 at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio. Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated at 1:00 pm Monday, November 20, 2023 at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220. Joseph will be laid to rest at St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Lowellville, Ohio, surrounded by his family in a private ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations by family and friends in memory of Joseph M. Hudak to the Ohio Health Foundation for Kobacker House at www.foundation.OhioHealth.com/Hospice

Cemetery Details

St. Johns Cemetery

3900 Villa Marie Road
Loweville, OH 44436

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew Catholic Church
1899 McCoy Rd
Columbus, OH 43220
(614) 451-4290

Tribute Wall

LO

“ Joe came to Willow Brook Home on a monthly basis playing the keyboard and singing with the residents. They loved it when he came and sang the familiar songs. So sorry for your loss. I'm sorry we did not know sooner.

Lora - February 16 at 10:50 AM

PC

“ I was in the same graduating class with Joe. The Campbell Memorial class of 1954. I first met Joe in High school. Joe and I got to know each other playing football at Memorial High School doing the football sessions of 1951, 1952 and 1953. Joe was the starting right half back for Memorial in the session of 1953. . I was the starting left half back. Joe. was a very nice well mannered person. We had a great football team in 1953. Joe was also a very good baseball player. We had great class mates, the class of 1954. .Joe was a big part of the class of 1954.and later on in the community of Campbell.. My condolence to the family of Joe Hudak. Patsy Cua...
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Patsy Cua - November 19, 2023 at 06:53 PM

JP

Thank you Patsy for sharing with us!

Joyce Parton - November 22, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew Hudak.



November 19, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ Dear Jean, Elaine, Joyce and Family:

My family and I send heartfelt sympathy at Joe's passing. His obituary is such a fitting tribute to this loving, generous, faith-filled gentleman and wonderful classmate. May God grant him eternal life and, to his family, comfort and peace.

Mike Benya, Bridgewater, MA.

Michael J. Benya - November 19, 2023 at 12:26 PM



Thank you very much for remembering him.

Joyce Parton - November 22, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ Lisa T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Matthew Hudak.

Lisa T. - November 19, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ Dear Jeanne , I'm so sorry to hear you lost your husband Joe. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Ann Repasky Mahoney

Ann Mahoney - November 19, 2023 at 08:47 AM

JP

Thank you very much for your condolences. I will let my Mom know you reached out. Joyce

Joyce Parton - November 22, 2023 at 11:48 AM

EM

“ 12 files added to the album *my Dearie*



Elaine Messersmith - November 18, 2023 at 10:33 PM

EM

“ 2 files added to the album *Dad's songs*



Elaine Messersmith - November 18, 2023 at 10:27 PM

WC

“ With love, Sarah, Quincy, & Cam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Matthew Hudak.

With love, Sarah, Quincy, & Cam - November 18, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew Hudak.*



November 18, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ *From your sister Maryann purchased the Beautiful I Heart Bouquet for the family of Joseph Matthew Hudak.*



From your sister Maryann - November 18, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew Hudak.*



November 18, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew Hudak.*



November 17, 2023 at 04:09 PM

PR

“ I will greatly miss the "boy" I grew up with, as I will his sisters and brothers. We only lived one block from each other. I was best friends with his sister, Jeanie, and he was best friends with my brother, Ron. Even his brother Bill graduated with my sister Martha. We always teased that I was born 5 days before he was, and that he married his Jean one year before I got married. I am still in shock over his death, and my heart goes out to his wife and family.

Patricia (Hudach) Repasky - November 17, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew Hudak.




November 17, 2023 at 11:58 AM

NH

“ I Loved Mr. Hudak! He was so proud of his girls & their accomplishments. He extended that enthusiasm to all young women, including me, encouraging us to strive for more. Be the Best! He was Always willing to give advice & support.

Mr. Hudak and I shared a mutual LOVE for the Ohio State Buckeyes.

I remember a Football road trip we went on to West Virginia. We rode on a luxury bus and tailgated all day. The Buckeyes won! We were both thrilled.

Our favorite memory of Mr. Hudak was that he sang at our wedding .

It was so beautiful. My favorite was “Ave Maria” during the ceremony. But my absolute favorite and complete surprise was when he sang Ohio State’s Alma Mater - Carmen Ohio as we were walking back down the aisle as husband and wife. Both Jeff & I graduated from Ohio State.

Mr. Hudak was a wonderful man. He will be greatly missed. I know he is in heaven watching over his loved one’s. Especially, the Love of his Life, Mrs. Hudak.

Nancy & Jeff Hodges

Nancy Hodges - November 17, 2023 at 10:03 AM

ML

“ METTLER TOLEDO, LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Matthew Hudak.

METTLER TOLEDO, LLC - November 17, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew Hudak.*



November 17, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew Hudak.*



November 16, 2023 at 03:23 PM