



Joseph M Nowak

September 29, 1951 - July 16, 2019

Princeton – Joseph “Joe” M. Nowak 67, of Princeton, IL passed away suddenly from a heart attack on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota, IL.

Joe was born on September 29, 1951 to the late Joseph and Alfreda (Ciempiel) Nowak in Chicago, IL. He was a graduate of Ridgewood High School in Norridge, IL, class of 1969. After high school he attended Northern Illinois University for two years and finished his degree in Communications at Trinity International University in Deerfield, IL in 2008. He married Lorena (Lorey) Carnesciali in Chicago, IL at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on August 19, 1972. He worked for International Harvester in Melrose Park from 1974 until 1991 as a Process Engineer and then as a Quality Assurance Supervisor at Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago, IL, retiring in 2005.

Joe liked to spend most of his time at his summer place, Woodhaven Lakes, near Sublette, IL. He was a worship leader at Christ Community Church in Princeton where he also served as interim Music Director. In his younger years you could find him on the tennis courts and coaching his children’s soccer teams. For many years he was an avid jogger; his daughter learned to love running by his example. His favorite hobby was playing guitar, an activity he and his son bonded over. He enjoyed hiking, especially in the cool fall weather, at Starved Rock State Park. Joe always had something funny or

goofy to say, and could relate any situation to an episode of Seinfeld. Even though he liked to joke that he was a homebody who didn't like people, he seemed to know, talk to, and have a big smile for everyone. He was an honest, hardworking man who loved God and his family, at times acting as a father figure to his nieces and nephews after the losses of their own fathers.

Joe is survived by his wife of nearly 47 years, Lorena Carnesciali Nowak of Princeton, IL; two children, Erin (Steve) Vache of Island Lake, IL and Mike (Becky) Nowak of Westmont, IL; five grandchildren, Josie Nowak, Asher Vache, Amos Nowak, Rivers Vache and Daphne Nowak; two siblings, Denny Nowak and Marilyn Nowak; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Alfreda Nowak.

A visitation for Joe will be held on Sunday, July 21, 2019 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. in Princeton, IL from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Services will be held at Christ Community Church, Princeton, IL on Monday, July 22, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., officiated by Reverend Joe Gerkin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Christ Community Church, Princeton, IL.

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. Princeton, IL.

Online condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **21.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356
(815) 875-2425
norberg@norbergfh.com
<https://www.norbergfh.com/>

Service

JUL **22.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Christ Community Church
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Found out about Joe today. In 1998, he was a cool guitar player who put up with me, an 18-year old know-it-all bass player on our church worship team. Joe showed me cool guitar licks, a lot of patience, and even more kindness. I always wished I had ran into him again. We'll have to save that meeting for Heaven then. See you soon, Joe.

Brion Flaningam - March 30, 2020 at 12:43 AM

 Phil
Dziki

“ Just found out about Joe. Really like Joe and many were really found of him. “No-slack Nowak” was his nickname.

Phil Dziki - December 12, 2019 at 01:50 PM

JM

“ Fun to be with. Loved music, outdoors, and his family. He was my best friend at Ridgewood High School - we did also everything together during the years.

Joe Marzullo - August 04, 2019 at 03:43 PM

MD

“ I remember very fun memories of my childhood with my uncle Joe. He really was the coolest uncle! My deepest sympathy to my Auntie Lorey, my cousins Erin and Mike and their children, and to my Mother Marilyn and anyone else who loved him!!!


Maria L DelBoccio - July 27, 2019 at 04:50 PM

JC

“ We were so sad to read of Joe's passing in the paper. We got to know him several years ago during our morning workouts at the Metro Center. We really enjoyed talking to him while walking around the track. So sorry for your loss.

John and Theresa Cotter

John and Theresa Cotter - July 22, 2019 at 08:18 PM

 Rich
Loss

“ I offer very sincere heartfelt condolences to the entire Nowak family. I was fortunate to meet Joe at Woodhaven where Joe was very gracious in donating his time and guitar/singing talents for our Woodstock event a couple years ago. I could see in Joe's face that night how much he truly enjoyed performing for others, very humbly I might ad. I will forever be in debt to him for the performance he gave that evening and for the friendship we shared. Love to the entire Nowak Family.

*Sincerely,
Rich Losselyoung & Family*

Rich Loss - July 22, 2019 at 12:23 AM

PB

“ Our thoughts, prayers and heartfelt sympathy go out to the Nowak family on the sudden passing of Joe. May all the happy times & special memories help you at this difficult time.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Ron & Pat Benshish*

Patricia Benshish - July 21, 2019 at 12:27 PM

DG

“ Joe Nowak was a “fun gii” and a great Christian brother and friend. I cherish the memories of fellowship with the Nowaks at Liberty Comm Church. Lorena, Erin, Michael and Family, my heartfelt condolences and prayer to our Heavenly Father to surround each of you in His near presence today and tomorrow in each relative and friend as they come to comfort you and celebrate Joe’s life.
Love, Don

Don Good - July 21, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph M Nowak.



July 21, 2019 at 10:34 AM

MN

“ My little brother Joey.....

*May the choir of Angels come to greet you.
May they speed you to paradise.
May the Lord enfold you in His Mercy.
May you find eternal life.*

I will miss you.....Sissy

Marilyn Nowak - July 20, 2019 at 08:14 PM

LT

“ *Lindsay Tatgenhorst lit a candle in memory of Joseph M Nowak*



Lindsay Tatgenhorst - July 20, 2019 at 03:39 PM

TI

“ *The Tatgenhorst Family (Lindenhurst, IL) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph M Nowak.*



The Tatgenhorst Family (Lindenhurst, IL) - July 20, 2019 at 03:37 PM

MN

“ *Just last weekend, Saturday I was talking with Joe in the pool at woodhaven lakes.
I am blessed to have known Joe.
God bless our brother Joe, and his family.
I will never forget how nice Joe has always been.
Sincerely Marion Newberry.*

Marion Newberry - July 20, 2019 at 06:13 AM

TD

“ I worked with Joe for several years in Libertyville and although I haven't seen him in a long time, seeing his smile again brought back many good memories. He was always a team player and helped me with many projects. We also shared many good laughs together. My sincere condolences to his family.
Terry Ditsch

Terry Ditsch - July 19, 2019 at 04:47 PM

MD

“ I remember Joe from early days at International Harvester. Joe was friendly and helpful to me, a recent graduate engineer. The world needs more Joe Nowak type of men and women, I think I was fortunate to know and work with him.

Mike Darrow

Mike Darrow - July 19, 2019 at 02:45 PM

TH

“ The team at Aptus Health purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph M Nowak.



The team at Aptus Health - July 19, 2019 at 12:22 PM