



Joseph M. Connor III

January 2, 1941 - November 13, 2023

Connor III, Joseph M. – November 13, 2023 age 82 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Kate for 33 years. Loving father of Bridget (Joe) Potchen, Joseph Connor IV, Tricia (Dean Lavery) Connor, and Kristina (Josh) Leege. Proud grandfather of Nicole, Ed (Amanda), Amy, Julia, Anna, Megan, Brynn, Paige, and Cora. Dear brother of William (Jude) Connor, Robert (Anna) Connor, Patrick (Denita) Connor, Ginny Connor, Mary (Steve) Balazic, Christopher (Nancy) Connor, Nancy (Chuck) Hooper, Theresa (the late Fred) Krueger, and the late Peggy (Tony) Grudzinski, Dan (Nee) Connor, and John (Debbie) Connor.

Joe was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, and grew up in a close-knit Irish Catholic family as the eldest of 12 siblings. His roots instilled a profound love for his hometown, with cherished memories of trips to Belle Isle, Eastern Market, and unwavering support for Detroit sports, including his beloved Tigers and Lions. Joe exemplified a strong work ethic throughout his life. Following a successful career as a business owner, he dedicated 20 meaningful post-retirement years as a Presenter at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. In his personal life, he had a passion for golf, traveling, and enjoying foods from many cultures. Joe was also captivated by all things nautical, including lighthouses and watching freighters go by.

Above all, Joe's heart belonged to his family and friends. The joy he found in

spending time with his loved ones was unparalleled, making it a constant priority throughout his life. May his love and cherished memories live on in our hearts.

Visitation Thursday, November 16th from 3 – 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. In state Friday, November 17th 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia MI 48154, or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207.

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Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

In state

NOV **17**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
47650 North Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Funeral Mass

NOV **17**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Plymouth, MI 48170

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph M. Connor III*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Cheryl Connor lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Connor III*



Cheryl Connor - November 17, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Joe had always been a regular member of our weekly golf foursome! He loved the game of golf and it's hard to remember a time he wasn't available to play. We had a great time and he was always willing to share his wit and wisdom around the course with his friends. He will be greatly missed but will never be forgotten! Loved the guy, from Tom, Mike and Chuck*

Tom Millar - November 17, 2023 at 02:24 PM



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Lexi Bryant - November 16, 2023 at 01:10 PM

CK

“ *Crystal Kash lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Connor III*



Crystal Kash - November 16, 2023 at 12:26 PM

SH

“ *I worked with Joe at the Museum for 18 years. He exactly fit my idea of a "people person". There were times when I would sit with Joe by the employe entrance waiting for our shift to begin and be amazed by the number of people greeting him on their way in. We all have fond memories and stories to tell about this wonderful man.*

Steve Harris - November 15, 2023 at 12:53 PM

BC

“ *On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Joseph. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of his life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Connor family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Joseph.*

Br Nick Blattner OFM Capuchin - November 15, 2023 at 10:53 AM

RO

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I met him on my first day as a museum presenter at the Henry Ford. So patient and knowledgeable. I always said that Joe was a blessing for everyone he met.*

Rose - November 14, 2023 at 11:03 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hooper lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Connor III



Nancy Hooper - November 14, 2023 at 10:13 PM

NH

“ I remember as a young kid, about 5 or 6 years old with 5 other siblings going with Joe on a picnic. The funny thing was, he was taking a girl on a picnic date! Somehow, and it didn't seem odd but a bunch of his little brothers and sisters tagged along and had a grand time on his date! Not unusual at all for Joe to include us kids to go! The girl continued dating Joe and his siblings for quite a while!

Nancy Hooper - November 14, 2023 at 10:12 PM

LW

Nancy, that is the sweetest tribute ever.

Laura Woofter - November 15, 2023 at 12:39 PM

MF

“ Joe made a big impact on my five grandchildren as well. Every summer when they visited we went to The Henry Ford. It became their favorite tradition. Joe gave the best presentation at the Dymaxion House in the museum. He will be missed.

Marcie Foster - November 14, 2023 at 08:54 PM

SM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sister Mary - November 14, 2023 at 08:18 PM

SM

“ Sister Mary lit a candle in memory of Joseph
M. Connor III



Sister Mary - November 14, 2023 at 08:15 PM