



Joseph Ronald Gregoire

December 14, 1943 - January 17, 2024

Joseph Ronald Gregoire, 80, of Westland, Michigan died on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in his home surrounded by his family. His family includes his beloved wife of 56 years Patricia. Loving father of Steve (Billie) Gregoire and Sheryl (Rob) Hutton. Proud grandfather of Elizabeth “Libby” and Robert “Tripp”. Dear brother of Diana Wells and Sandy (Louis) Zomparelli. He also leaves many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Dorothy Gregoire, Brothers David (Diane) Gregoire, Phillip (Yvonne) Gregoire, and Charles Gregoire. Joseph was born December 14, 1943, in Wyandotte, MI and grew up in Lincoln Park, MI. He graduated from Holy Redeemer High School in Detroit, MI. Upon graduation he was employed by Whitehead and Kales before enlisting in the United States Air Force. After a year of training, he was stationed for two years in Japan. After being discharged from the Air Force he attended RETS – National Institute of Technology and graduated as an electronic technician. He also graduated from Irene’s Myomas ology Institute and performed massage therapy in addition to his regular job. He liked to make people feel good both emotionally and physically. He was a highly active Boy Scout until his death. He joined the Boy Scouts of America in 1951 as a cub scout and advanced to the Boy Scouts to earn the highest rank, that of Eagle Scout, in 1958. Along this path he also earned the Harvey S. Firestone Jr. award for being an outstanding Scout and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. He spent 57 years in the Boy Scout program helping boys and girls to learn the skills of life and

mentoring those scouts who wanted to achieve the Eagle Rank by helping them earn the required merit badges. He took boys to many states camping and doing high adventure. The boys went to the National Scout Jamboree and spent a week at the Philmont National Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, New Mexico. He worked with scouts from all around the world when he was on staff for the Michigan International Camporee in addition to being an Assistant Scoutmaster while he served in the Air Force in Japan. Joe liked to try to make things better. As a result, he was an inventor of the Coupon Caddy which he patented in 1991 and sold through the company he created, JPG Novelty. He worked for several companies before being employed by Design Systems, Inc. in 1988. He retired after 21 years in 2009. Spending time with his grandchildren was his greatest joy. He also liked to hunt, garden, camp, travel and being in nature. Getting together with friends and playing cards were things he especially liked to do after he retired. He will be missed by many. Memorial gathering with family and friends on Sunday, June 2nd 4-8 PM with 5:30 PM Scripture Service and 7 PM K of C Rosary at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. Gathering on Monday, June 3rd at 10:30 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Avenue West in Wayne. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076, and The Boy Scouts of America, 1776 W. Warren, Detroit, MI 48208. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory Tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
980 North Newburgh Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 326-1300
westland@vermeulenfh.com

K of C Rosary 7 PM

Scripture Service

JUN 2. 5:30 PM (ET)

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Memorial Mass

JUN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
34530 W. Michigan Avenue
Wayne, MI 48184

Gathering at 10:30 AM

Tribute Wall

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“ Pat ... I just found out about Greg's death and am so sorry to hear about it. I knew that he hadn't called me in quiet awhile so in my attempt to phone him, I read the bad news. Your phone number had been changed. Our two years in Japan together created a bond between us and subsequent visits are playing in my mind as I write this. I feel the loss of a dear friend. Lydia and I both send our regrets.

Bob Hendrick - September 22, 2024 at 09:14 PM

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“ David, Karen, and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Ronald Gregoire.

David, Karen, and Family - May 30, 2024 at 10:20 PM

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“ David, Karen, and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joseph Ronald Gregoire.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Ronald Gregoire.



May 07, 2024 at 10:56 AM