



## Joseph G. Perechinsky

May 2, 1936 - December 31, 2024

Joseph G. "Joe" Perechinsky, 88, of Ulster, PA passed away Tuesday evening, December 31, 2024, at his home following declining health. Joseph was born in Jessup, PA on May 2, 1936, the son of John and Julia (Sibick) Perechinsky

Joe was a 1954 graduate of Jessup High School and later served in the U.S. Army 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. He was stationed in West Germany and patrolled the East German border.

Joe attended the University of Scranton and PSU after his return from military service.

Joe served as a state trooper with the Pennsylvania State Police for 33 years until his retirement on December 31, 1991. He served Newville, Everett, Somerset, and Towanda stations. His goal was to enjoy as many years retired, as he had worked. He achieved his goal of 33 years working and in retirement!

Joe received a citation for his courageous efforts to extricate a driver and his wife who were trapped in the burning wreckage within the turnpike Laurel Hill tunnel. Fire, deadly fumes and dense smoke caused great risk to Joe and two fellow officers. The tragedy left him with a lasting memory that he would bring up from time to time.

As a criminal investigator, Joe was instrumental in working alongside federal, state and local agencies in cases such as the theft of high valued Tungsten, several homicide investigations, juvenile incidents and burglary rings, to name

a few. He and his fellow officers were known for their unwavering courage in dangerous situations.

Joe received many Letters of Commendation for his exemplary work as a PSP Trooper. The most special recognition that he received were handwritten personal letters from the public that he served.

Joe founded the Ulster Youth Club, which instructed area youth in boxing, self-defense, and group athletic activities. He believed in mentoring area youth to be their best selves. In later years, he served as an Ulster Township Supervisor.

Joe and his wife Audrey were a partnership that started with a promise, a plan to raise a family and worked to build a home together. He missed her dearly after her death. He valued time with family observing and interacting with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He often said that our family is 'one in a million' and was proud to be the senior patriarch of the family.

Education was important to Joe and Audrey. They sacrificed luxuries to be able to provide college education for each of their children. Joe was an avid reader and enjoyed a good debate on politics, world events, or just about any topic.

Having been introduced to dendrology in college, Joe was especially tuned into nature. His love for hunting, as recently as this past fall, gave him precious time with the hunters in the family. Joe routinely worked on beautifying his property, giving him satisfaction and an opportunity to wave or chat with the friends who would stop by.

As his health began to present challenges, he never complained. He found joy in meeting new people, especially those afflicted with illness. He would give them words of encouragement and say "good luck" as they were going into their doctor appointments. He had great respect for healthcare providers and would often thank them for their service.

Joe read scripture and had a strong faith in God. He gave Glory to Jesus Christ for life and the strength to endure life's challenges. As his wife's

caregiver, he credited God for giving him the strength to take care of her through her illness. A few days before his death, he quoted Jesus from John 11:26, "whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Joseph is survived by his daughter, Laura and husband Anthony Morelli of Towanda, PA, grandchildren Jessica (Darren) Mahoney and Catherine (Devin) Conaway; son, Mark and wife Lorie Perechinsky of Glenmoore, PA, grandchildren, Nicholas, Anna, Sarah and Ella Perechinsky; daughter in law Ann Perechinsky, granddaughter Kristyna (Brian) Azzoto; great grandchildren, Areyonna, Michael, Savannah Mahoney; Baylor and Riggs Conaway, his brother, John "Jack" Perechinsky of Oxford, NJ. Brother in law Gerald (Mari) Powell, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Joseph was predeceased by his beloved wife, Audrey M. Powell Perechinsky on January 11, 2018, their eldest son, Joseph Mark Perechinsky on April 23, 2015; and his brother, Raymond Perechinsky. Memorial service will be held at 3:30 PM on Friday, January 10, 2025 at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home. The Family will receive friends from 1:30-3:30 at the Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations in Joseph's name to the Children's Advocacy Center, at [www.chcac.org](http://www.chcac.org) or via mail to P.O. Box 335, Towanda, PA 18848.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
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# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I was browsing our retiree website to sadly learn of Joe's passing. In 1972 I was a transfer from Mansfield to Towanda being newly assigned to to the criminal investigation unit. Joe was a mentor and leader. He developed geographic zones for the four troopers assigned to the unit which was made effective investigation in the vast area of Bradford County. I have fond memories of working with Joe  
Retired Major Michael Jordan.

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**Michael Jordan** - January 22, 2025 at 07:12 PM

C#

“ I was saddened to learn of the passing of Joe. Please accept my sincere condolences and know that my prayers are with the entire Perechinsky family at this most trying time. Joe and I became friends while I was a member of the New Jersey State Police. He truly was a dedicated and well liked Trooper. The Pennsylvania State Police was fortunate to have Joe as one of their own.

*Captain William Hillis #2785  
New Jersey State Police (Retired)*

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**Captain Willian Hillis #2785** - January 13, 2025 at 06:42 PM

GH

“ A very, very good man and a very, very good Trooper. Rest in Peace, Joe, always appreciated your good advice.

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**Gregory Hostettler** - January 11, 2025 at 06:25 PM

RA

“ *Perchechinsky family , Our sympathy & love to you all . May you be blessed wih God’s strength & comfort. Love, The Yale family*

Rebecca Ammerman - January 10, 2025 at 01:11 PM

VS

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences.*

VPW Post 1536 Sayre - January 09, 2025 at 05:06 PM

KS

“ *Kathy and Nicole Salerno purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joseph G. Perechinsky.*



Kathy and Nicole Salerno - January 09, 2025 at 03:56 PM

YF

“ *Your Guthrie Oncology Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joseph G. Perechinsky.*



Your Guthrie Oncology Family - January 09, 2025 at 08:22 AM

YF

“ *Your Guthrie Oncology Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph G. Perechinsky.*

Your Guthrie Oncology Family - January 09, 2025 at 08:22 AM

AO

“ *Laura, I think my Dad worked with your Dad, Red O'Rourke, and enjoyed him immensely. He has some great stories.*

*God Bless*

*Amy O'Rourke*

*Amyeorourke@msn.com*

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**Amy ORourke** - January 07, 2025 at 09:54 PM

CF

“ *Joe was a colleague and friend of my father's a long time ago at the Towanda Barracks. May our Father in heaven receive him lovingly into his arms and may his family find peace in knowing that he lives on in eternity. God be with you in these sacred days of mourning.*

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**Christina Fleury** - January 07, 2025 at 11:11 AM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to Laura and all of the family in your loss. Your dad and mom were special and sweet people . I remember seeing them at Immaculate Conception Church, Saturday eves in Ulster. Your dad was funny too and cracked me up when he came into the A&P. RIP Joe!*



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**Claire Holton-Lizon** - January 07, 2025 at 11:07 AM

DK

“ *Wonderful man, I have great memories of him "reaching out" and helping me and others when we were teens getting into trouble. Condolences...*

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**Dennis Kuykendall** - January 07, 2025 at 07:24 AM

M-

“ Miss you lots, love you more -Chloe purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joseph G. Perechinsky.



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**Miss you lots, love you more -Chloe** - January 06, 2025 at 07:42 PM

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“ Miss you lots, love you more -Chloe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph G. Perechinsky.

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**Miss you lots, love you more -Chloe** - January 06, 2025 at 07:42 PM