



Joseph H. "Joe" Raupers

September 1, 1943 - August 31, 2024

Joseph H. "Joe" Raupers, born on September 1, 1943 in Sayre, PA, passed away peacefully with his loving wife by his side at their home, on August 31, 2024, at the age of 80.

He was a graduate of Athens High School with the class of 1961 and subsequently served in the U.S. Army from 1961-64. On July 15, 1961, he married the former Sylvia Park.

Following completion of his military service, Joe was employed by the Ingersoll-Rand in Athens and was later employed by GTE Sylvania in Towanda for 36 years until retirement. Joe was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ulster for many years where he served as caretaker and lector. In early years, Joe was a member of many GTE Sylvania softball and basketball championship teams. Joe, his father, and brothers founded the Ulster Softball Association where many league and tournaments were held over the years. Joe took great pride in hearing from different teams that the Ulster softball field was the nicest in the area. In 1992, Joe guided the UClub softball team to the ASA national tournament in Marietta, GA. Joe was a past president of the Athens Little League and was an honored member of the Ulster-Sheshequin Volunteer Fire Company for over 50 years. He also served on the Ulster Water Board Authority. He enjoyed country music and square dancing with his wife Sylvia.

He passed on his love of sports to his children and grandchildren.

He thoroughly enjoyed watching them compete in a variety of sports through

high school, college, and beyond. Joe was an avid fan of the Boston Celtics, LA Dodgers, NY Giants, PSU Football and Johnny Cash.

His family includes his devoted wife of 63 years, Sylvia Raupers, their sons, Kyle (Kathy) Raupers, Kevin (Debbie) Raupers. He is also survived by nine grandchildren who he dearly loved, Aaron (Kim) Raupers, Cory (Erin) Raupers, Shane (Nicole) Raupers, Keiran (Nick) Soprano, Christopher (Shawna) Raupers, Jordan Raupers, Derrick (Holly) Morgan, Adam (Shania) Morgan, Garrett (Brittany) Morgan, 24 great grandchildren, his brother, Charles F. (Ann) Raupers,

brothers-in-law, Russell (Shirley) Park, Don (Barbara) Park, sisters-in-law, Barbara Raupers, Wendi Raupers, Linda Park, Dawn Park, Darla (Dan) Earl, and Valerie Chapman as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Joe was predeceased by his loving parents, Charles J. (Margaret Vallillee) Raupers, as well as his siblings Wayne, Gary, and Gale, in-laws, (Harry and Elma Park), brothers-in-law, Harry Jr (Ruth Ann) Park, and Mike Krause.

The family will receive friends Friday, September 6, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Church of the Epiphany Reception Hall, South Elmer Avenue, Sayre followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Full military honors will be accorded at the church by members of the Valley Color Guard.

The family suggests that contributions be directed to the Athens Little League, 3rd Street, Athens, PA 18810 or to the Ulster-Sheshequin Fire Company, P.O. Box 199, Ulster, PA 18850 in memory of Joseph H. Raupers. Service arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, Towanda, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

SEP 6. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
304 S Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ Sylvia and families you have my deepest sympathies for your loss. I've know you and Joe for many tears. He worked at GTE with me while I was working there...he was a great guy..my husband, Ron Rice , was friends of the Rampers boys thru adebball, for many years. I know you have many wonderful memories to help you thru this time of sorrow. God bless



bernita rice - September 12, 2024 at 12:36 PM

TW

“ So sorry for your loss. Joe was a true Athens Bulldog class of 61. God Speed!

Tom Weaver - September 07, 2024 at 11:15 AM

VP

“ Please accept our deepest condolences. VFW Post 1536, Sayre

VFW Post 1536 Sayre PA - September 05, 2024 at 04:03 PM

NF

“ Nick & Nate Bradley & Rebecca Frantz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph H. "Joe" Raupers.

Nick & Nate Bradley & Rebecca Frantz - September 05, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joseph H. "Joe" Raupers.*



September 05, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss In my younger days had a lot of fun with all the Raupers! God Bless you all!*

David Kissell - September 05, 2024 at 07:55 AM



“ *With deepest condolences to Joe's family and friends!*

ALFRED C PELTON - September 04, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ *Eddy & Sabrina, Ryan & Caley & Girls purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joseph H. "Joe" Raupers.*



Eddy & Sabrina, Ryan & Caley & Girls - September 04, 2024 at 09:03 AM



“ *Guthrie Executive Leadership Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph H. "Joe" Raupers.*

Guthrie Executive Leadership Team - September 03, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph H. "Joe" Raupers.*



September 03, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ *Raupers and Scotts purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph H. "Joe" Raupers.*



Raupers and Scotts - September 03, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ *Claire Holton-Lizon lit a candle in memory of Joseph Raupers*



Claire Holton-Lizon - September 03, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ *Dear Ken & Wendy, Nate, Travis, KJ and Macen.
Sending our love to you and our deepest sympathy in hearing of the loss of your Uncle Joe Raupers.
Michele & Jane*

Michele Strohl - September 03, 2024 at 09:10 AM

MC

“ *Connie and Terry Cockcroft sorry for the families loss.*

Michael Cockcroft - September 03, 2024 at 09:03 AM