



Joseph John Steitzer Jr.

November 1, 1936 - June 18, 2020

Joseph John “Joe” Steitzer Jr., 83, of Monroeton, PA passed away Thursday, June 18, 2020 at the Bradford County Manor in West Burlington Township, PA.

“Joe” as he was known by his family and many friends was born in Rush, PA on November 1, 1936, the son of Joseph John Steitzer Sr. and Margaret Heylek Steitzer. He was a graduate of Towanda High School with the Class of 1954 and played baseball while in high school. On February 22, 1957, Joe married the former Betty Jane Place in Towanda. Joe was employed by GTE Sylvania in Towanda for 43 years until retirement. In addition to his employment with GTE Sylvania, Joe also provided maintenance service for several area businesses and worked as a house painter in the community. Following his retirement, Joe provided courier service for Susquehanna Health Services for over 10 years. Joe was known for maintaining meticulous care of his property in Monroeton where he enjoyed planting trees and flowering bushes. He was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Towanda and the Towanda Country Club where he enjoyed playing golf with his friends. Joe also held membership with the Monroeton Rod & Gun Club, Bradford County Outboard Motor Club and for many years was a dedicated supporter of Towanda Elks Lodge No. 2191 where he served on various committees, worked numerous fundraisers and events and was a Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge. Joe served as a driver for the Towanda Ambulance Association and was a diligent blood donor for the American Red Cross for

many years. In early years, Joe played softball for the Sylvania team and was also an avid bowler. Joe and Betty enjoyed socializing with their friends with whom they shared many wonderful times and memories. Joe treasured and enthusiastically shared with many his personally autographed letter from professional baseball player Joe DiMaggio, whom he held in high regard, which he received as a youth.

Joe will be fondly remembered by many and will be dearly missed.

Joe's Family includes his wife of 63 years, Betty Jane Steitzer, children, Bradley Joseph Steitzer (Karen Kinner) of East Athens, Brenda J. (Donald) Munkittrick of Monroeton, grandchildren, Stephenie (Kyle) Hoelscher of Lexington, KY, Justin Steitzer of Chicago, IL, Melanie McGuire of Monroeton, Mark (Angie) Munkittrick of Lititz, PA, Thomas Munkittrick (Wendy Harriman) of Lancaster, PA, great grandchildren, Adela and Sophia Hoelscher, Arielle Kinner, Elizabeth, Aiden, and Grady McGuire, Isabella and Max Munkittrick, his sister, Helen Smith of Winter Park, FL, sister-in-law, Nedra Steitzer of Hornell, NY as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Joe was predeceased by his son, Brian J. Steitzer on February 14, 1981 brother, Richard Steitzer, and brother-in-law, Donald Smith.

A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family.

The family suggests that contributions may be directed to Towanda Elks Lodge No. 2191, 929 S. Main St. Towanda, PA 18848 in memory of Joseph John Steitzer Jr. The Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home of Towanda is assisting Joe's Family with arrangements. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph John Steitzer Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Joseph John Steitzer Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Joseph John Steitzer Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Joseph John Steitzer Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Joseph John Steitzer Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Thinking of All of Joes Family With Love,
Hugs & Prayers* 💙



Robin & Lee Moore - June 26, 2020 at 09:19 PM

JH

“ Betty, Sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Lew has good memories of him.

Lew and Jean Hope

Jean Hope - June 21, 2020 at 06:27 AM

JF

“ Betty, Brad, Brenda, Sincere condolences on the passing of husband and dad Joe. Worked with Joe as well as played sports with and against him. He was always a good natured guy and a lot of fun. RIP.

John Fedorchak - June 20, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ I was very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was one of my Boatclub memories that kept him and Betty in my heart. May he live in your hearts and your memories hold him close. There are many of the Boatclub crowd gone, but never forgotten. God bless.

Catherine Silverstrim - June 20, 2020 at 11:45 AM

MW

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Joe's family. I always admired the care he took with his house and lawn, a hard worker, and his devotion and love for Betty. RIP, Joe.

Mary Kay Ward - June 20, 2020 at 11:31 AM

BR

“ Betty and family. I'm so sorry for your loss and I know you have many wonderful memories to help you they this time of sorrow. Always have been a great friend and wonderful people to party with Please let me know if i can do anything . Your friend. Bernita



Bernita Rice - June 19, 2020 at 01:28 PM

BS

Betty, I am so sorry for you and your family. Sending prayers to all of you. Bonnie Foss Sindoni. 🙏

Bonnie Foss Sindoni - June 19, 2020 at 11:34 PM

WP

“ Brenda and Brad,
I am so sorry for your loss and if there is anything I can do please don't hesitate to contact me. My thoughts and prayers are with both of you and your mother.

Wayne Persun - June 19, 2020 at 08:43 AM

MB

“ Betty, Brad, Brenda & Family,

My biggest memories of Joe are as a softball player on those great Sylvania teams with my Dad in late 60's and early 70's. Later I got to know him again as a golfer at the Country Club. All my meetings with Joe were positive and he was a very encouraging man. I'll never forget this kindness and concern for others. He was a real treasure and will be missed dearly. A life lived to the fullest for sure. RIP Joe.

Michael Barrett - June 19, 2020 at 07:32 AM