



Joe Vanderheiden

October 30, 1943 - February 19, 2015

Joe Vanderheiden, age 71, of Carroll, died Thursday, February 19, 2015 in Gann Valley, South Dakota.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 28, 2015 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Music will be by Kate Cuddy and the St. Lawrence Choir with Cindy Loneman, and Steve and Marcy Anderson as cantors. Lector will be Mike Foley. Eucharistic Ministers will be Mike Foley, and Mary Anne Lahr. Gift Bearers will be Jean Conway, B-B Rhody, and Lynn Poppens. Casket bearers will be James Vanderheiden Jr., Curtis Vanderheiden, Devin Vanderheiden, Dezeray Vanderheiden, Tia Pawlowski, Kimberly Millard, Gabrielle Jimenez, Teanna Pawlowski, Ashley Millard, Kyra Jimenez, Taya Pawlowski, and Caleb Vanderheiden. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll. The Carroll Emergency Medical Services will form an honor guard for the funeral mass.

Friends may call at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll after 3 p.m. Friday, where there will be a Christian Wake Service at 6 p.m.

The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church at 9 a.m. Saturday where visitation will resume until the time of the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be left at the church to be directed to the

Catholic Charities or the Family Resource Center.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Joe's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Joe was born on October 30, 1943 in Pontiac, Michigan the son of Ray and Leonella (Hinnners) Vanderheiden. The family moved back to Carroll when Joe was two where he lived the rest of his life except for eight months when they lived in New Hampton, Iowa. Joe graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in 1961, and later attended photography school in Missouri. Joe was united in marriage to Catherine Snyder on June 15, 1963 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll, with Cathe's uncle Fr. Ray Snyder officiating.

Over the years Joe held many jobs, since 1960 he worked as a photographer, Carroll County for 33 years, Culligan for two years, Bob's Sport Center for four years, and taught CPR and First Aid all over the state during his life. Joe was the first person inducted into the Iowa E.M.S. Association Hall of Fame in 1996. One of Joe's most prevalent jobs was being one of Santa's faithful helpers since 1968.

Joe was active in the community. He was a Boy Scout troop leader, helped coached Little League, and along with his wife Cathe he was an assistant Girl Scout Leader. Joe enjoyed life to the fullest. Joe and Cathe received the Humanitarian Award in 1994. Joe was a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Carroll and the Carroll Knights of Columbus.

Left to celebrate Joe's life are his wife: Cathe Vanderheiden of Carroll; his children: Jan (Ramiro) Jimenez of Mahopac, NY, Dan (Monica) Vanderheiden of Carroll, James (Mary Ann) Vanderheiden of Omaha, NE, and Christine (Tina and Lee) Pawlowski of Gann Valley, SD; he is also survived by Joe

(Mary) Millard, B-B (Doug) Rhody, Jean (Tom) Conway, and Lynn (Gordy) Poppens, and many more foster children; many grandchildren; one great-grandchild, Nathaniel.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, twin boys in infancy, and six siblings.

Tribute Wall

BN

“ Dear Jan, & family
Sorry to hear about your dad he was a great guy, I am sorry I wasn't able to make it to the funeral home. He was the with the ambulance when they came to get my mom before she died. He came with the ambulance when I had my one and only car accident years ago, and he was even at the hospital when I had one of my kids. I would also occasionally see him around town. You and your family are in our prayers.
Your friend from high school. If you get a chance look me up on facebook.
Brenda Steffes Nieland

Brenda Steffes Nieland - March 01, 2015 at 08:43 PM

KC

“ Dear Cathy and family,
Your family means a lot to me i'm sorry that we could not make the funeral. Joe was very special to me and my family. Hope to see you this summer we love you all. Hugs and kisses.
Love Kathy Carlson and family.

Kathy Carlson - March 01, 2015 at 03:45 PM

JG

“ So sorry for your loss. Know our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Henry and Juanita Gray

Juanita Gray - February 28, 2015 at 05:04 PM

EH

“ Dear Cathy and family,
I just learned via my Keumper classmates network of Joe's death. Please accept my deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences. I know that Joe will be sorely missed by you and your family, but also by the whole Carroll community. My thoughts are with you.



Elma (Garbier) Heidemann

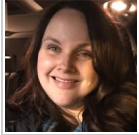
Elma Heidemann - February 28, 2015 at 04:09 PM

LK

“ Dearest Cathe and family,
My heart goes out to you at this very sad time. Joe got to take all the love with him and we get to keep all his love and fun memories with us...that is the Amazing Grace of God. I pray they comfort you and in time bring peace to your hearts. I can only imagine the wonderful stories and laughter that will accompany them when you can be together and begin the healing. Since I can not be at the funeral tomorrow I will sit with you in prayer at that time for strength, courage and love to be all around you as you celebrate the life you so lovingly shared together. Feel my hugs across the miles.

Lucy Kersting

Lucy Kersting - February 27, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ *Cathe and family-
My heart and prayers are with you through this very sad time. It would take me pages to write all the memories I have of Joe. He was such a great man and I learned a lot from him over the years. Please accept my condolences. Thinking of you all!*

Kay Lawyer

Katherine Lawyer Araujo - February 27, 2015 at 02:34 PM



“ *Cathe and Family - Words can not express the sadness I felt about Joe's passing. Joe, You and your entire family made our family a part of yours with all the understanding and loving ways. Any time I couldn't find Todd or Troy I knew they were at your house. Joe will be missed, but heaven shines brighter now that Joe is there.*

Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

GLORIA (HALBUR) CUNCONAN

GLORIA CUNCONAN - February 27, 2015 at 01:44 PM

BD

“ To Cathe and the family of "Santa" Joe: We are saddened to learn of Joe's recent passing. Our family was very fortunate to have known Joe. He and Cathe took our family photos for many years. As a kid, I remember quite well how Joe could always make us laugh!! And that made for some beautiful smiles for all 11 of us!! Jim and my older brother Jerry, "ran around" together back in the day. "Trouble? What trouble?" What a kind, generous, and loving man Joe was. His "legacy" will forever be in the hearts of many, many people!! No one is more deserving to be wrapped in the loving arms of God. "Gone, but never forgotten!" Rest in peace, "Santa" Joe
Beth Danner and the family of Dennis & Laura Ann Danner

Beth Danner - February 27, 2015 at 10:39 AM

JS

“ I met Uncle Joe and Aunt Cathe through a very good friend. They immediately made me feel like family. That's why when it was time for me to marry, I asked Uncle Joe to be my photographer. He was so kind to everyone and had such a calming effect on the whole day! Not only was he a fine photographer (he caught moments that I will forever cherish) he also made an AWESOME Personal Attendant as mine didn't show up on time!! Hugs and prayers to Aunt Cathe and Family.

Jaci Steib

Jaci Steib - February 27, 2015 at 08:25 AM

TH

“ *Cathe and Family,
Some things I remember of Joe while growing up as a kid and being neighbors.
Santa's Greatest Helper! The Santa Claus collection.
Coolest Custom Vans. The 750cc Windjammer Suzuki.
All about Boots, Buckles and Hats.
Great Photographer, He and Cathe did our wedding and made it special with their photos and video.
He did some really cool stained glass projects.
Being able to help out Joe and Cathe with the Girl Scout Camp for a week out at Swan Lake. A Blast.
Mr. EMS, The Best!
Graceful Long Jumper! Yes, while growing up as kids, my brother Troy and I would sleep over and if there was a EMS call in the middle of the night, he could clear all the kids sleeping on the living room floor from the hallway to the front door as he was putting on his boots in mid air!
Our family was truely blessed by Joe & Cathe and family.
Todd, Diane, Jack, Ben Halbur*

Todd Halbur - February 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe Vanderheiden.*



February 26, 2015 at 02:38 PM

JT

“ *Cathe & Family,
The angels came to earth and took our Santa
away, is truly a sad moment. I remember one
time when my little sister had a bicycle
accident and Joe was one of the EMS guys.*

*When I saw him, I knew everything was going to be ok. He had this
aura about him that gave peace and calm to everyone. He has
touched my life in many ways and I will truly miss him. God Bless
you and your Family.*



Jill Tiefenthaler - February 26, 2015 at 05:56 AM

JB

“ *Cathe and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I
wish I had the ability to write in words how Joe helped and/or
changed so many lives. We are so lucky to have known him and
enjoyed him in our lives.*

*God Bless you all,
Jim Boyd family*

Jim Boyd - February 26, 2015 at 12:03 AM

LS

“ *Mr. Vanderheiden was a great human being who believed that love and honesty made the world go round. He was a true gentleman and will be missed by so many people. He taught so many on how to have compassion, how to give a hug and just care about someone. His jolly laugh will be remembered and smiles will show when we think of him.*

If I remember correctly-he was at a June 1995 car accident by Coon Rapids, the end of Ed Kinnicks lane and helped tend to me and my then 8 year old son. I won't forget the calm affect he had on us at that time. Our hero.

What a great person. We are sorry for your families loss and just remember that we are also thinking of you in this time of sorrow. Take care--Lorie (Miller) Snyder and Family (Class of 1985)

Lorie Snyder - February 25, 2015 at 05:44 PM

MP

“ *There isn't a tribute wall large enough to hold all the words to express the wonderful qualities that Joe shared with us. Teacher, Friend, Pillar of the Community..... Our thoughts & prayers are with you.*

Marv & Kristi Pudenz - February 25, 2015 at 04:06 PM

PS

“ Dear Cathe and Family,
Our hearts are breaking with yours over Joe's death. He was the life of every party, especially every Christmas party! I remember, many years ago, at a wedding that Joe was photographing, I watched him intervene when a young ring bearer decided he wasn't going to cooperate during the rehearsal. Joe sat down next to him and said only a few words, and the young boy was transformed into a cooperative little angel. I remember thinking, "I've heard of 'horse whisperers', but Cousin Joe is a 'kid whisperer!'"
May you hear the whispers of his love in every memory you hold dear. And, may your love for him help carry him safely into the arms of Jesus, where he'll rest in peace.
With deepest sympathy,
Pam & Glenn Sibbel & Family

Pam Sibbel - February 24, 2015 at 11:06 PM

DV

“ Dearest Cathe and family...our love and prayers are with you...we will miss Joe very much...my memory bank is full of all the wonderful times we all shared together and will be cherished all the more now...we are sorry that we won't be there to hug you all but we will be there in spirit on Saturday holding you up in prayer and wrapping you in our love...Father God comfort our dear family and each of their hearts in Jesus name Amen...we love you so very much...Michael and Darci (Vanderheiden) Rehfield

Darci Vanderheiden-Rehfield - February 24, 2015 at 11:12 AM

PR

“ *Cathe & family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I remember so many great things about Joe from being a photographer to being on the ambulance crew with my brother Ed Rohner. He also made a wonderful Santa Claus. Joe was and is a wonderful human being who helped so many people in his life. He will truly be missed. Hugs to all of his family.*

*Pat Rohner (One of the Rohner twins)
Cedar Rapids,IA*

Pat Rohner - February 24, 2015 at 05:00 AM

RH

“ *the kuemper class of 1962 sends prayers and comfort. we all wish we could be there.*



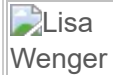
Richard Harlow - February 23, 2015 at 09:47 PM

CL

“ *Joe was a great guys and the best Santa. He touched many peoples lives and always had a joke for you. He will be missed by all.*

Chris Loew & family

Chris Loew - February 23, 2015 at 04:19 PM



Lisa
Wenger

“ Joe always had a smile for everyone. I loved seeing him walk in, whether He was Santa or himself. Cathe you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Lisa (Laub) Wenger

Lisa Wenger - February 23, 2015 at 01:42 PM



NP

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. Keep the memories alive he will always be in your hearts.
Monty and Nancy Padget and family.

nancy padget - February 23, 2015 at 12:09 PM



“ I remember living at New Hope, asking "mom Cathe" if Santa could come to my cottage every Christmas, he did! Cathe & Joe always would spoil me by taking me home for the day here and their! Many more memories, I can't remember all of them!!!!

Love to you all!!!!!!

Meri Van Ahn

Meri Van Ahn - February 23, 2015 at 12:07 PM

KP

“ *Cathe,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.
You and Joe have been so supportive of so many, now it is your
turn to be " cared for " The best memories I will have of Joe is the
joy he brought to so many being Santa. To see the residents of the
nursing home smile when Santa came in and visited with them was
priceless. Just know you are not alone, there are many caring
thoughts coming your way. Love ya girl*

kathi peters - February 23, 2015 at 06:02 AM

JE

“ *Jea lit a candle in memory of Joe
Vanderheiden*



Jea - February 22, 2015 at 09:33 PM

JR

*Cathe, and family, I am so sorry for your loss, I have so many
memories of Joe and of course you also Cathe when I came over to
babysit the kids and you made me feel like one of the family. He will
truly be missed by everyone that knew him he was a very special guy
whether he was playing Santa, or taking photos or being a emt or just
being a husband, friend, dad, grandpa or just being joe. He was one of
a kind.. Your family will be in my prayers.*

Jean M Reiff - February 22, 2015 at 09:39 PM

MR

“ Dear Cathe and Family Their are no words to ease this pain But are praying for you all

I was speechless to hear of Joe's passing I will now be buring my 2nd true Santa

Claus and my children their first. But Joe was so much more MY teacher of many things, Helped me during my Fundraising day at FRC, During difficult calls on EMS he always knew just what to say, Most of all he was a very Dear Friend who always made be a better person. Whose love for life was contagious, Joes unending jokes will be missed. God Bless until we meet again and yes I know you will be waiting on a bench at St. Peters gates waiting for your Lady.

With deepest sympathy

John and Mary Riesselman & Family .

Mary Riesselman - February 22, 2015 at 03:58 PM

KV

“ Joe Vanderheiden Family,

May God give you comfort and peace! Joe had determination, inspiration and dedication! He lived life for the moment! Always lending a helping hand and words of encouragement!



Karen and Kent Vollstedt - February 22, 2015 at 01:46 PM

LK

“ *Cathe and family...our deepest sympathy goes out to you all. We didn't know Joe that well but heard lots of stories from Tina and the girls of what a wonderful grandpa, father and husband he was. May his memories keep you lifted and know that friends are near to help you in this time. God's blessing to you all. Toby and Lynette Kleppin (friends of Lee & Tina).*

Lynette Kleppin - February 22, 2015 at 10:13 AM

TB

“ *Cathe*
You are in our thoughts and prayers. He truly was a a great person. I will never forget the times he would come as Santa. My kids would get so excited and he mad time to come and spend time with two very special boys that I work with. He will be missed very much.
Tammy Blum and kids

Tammy Blum - February 22, 2015 at 10:09 AM

BS

“*Cathe spent a lot of time with our family of nine little kids, so you can imagine our excitement to finally meet her new beau....Joe! We had really liked her previous one named "Butch" as he always came prepared with candy! But no one was more nervous in the house than our mom, Shirley, as she loved Cathe so much and wanted this first time to be perfect. So she proceeded to warn us not to mention the name Butch at all that evening...behave ourselves...and then made a beautiful dinner to celebrate the occasion. However, just as petite little Cathe walked in our back door with this giant of a man in a cowboy hat and boots and a belt buckle the size of Texas...Mom was retrieving the steaks from the bottom broiler....and in her haste and state of mind....one fell off and landed on the floor right next to his foot! The room was suddenly quiet....Mom gave a horrified look.....and Joe's voice boomed out: I'll take mine rare, Shir! Need I say more! He was a shoe-in for the next 50 some years with us all! He and Cathe were the bookends to a beautiful family that had no boundaries. They were soul-mates that shared a never-ending-love-not even in death--- And we 9 kids who loved him the moment we set eyes upon him, are positive that when he reached the Pearly Gates.....Mom was waiting for him with a big old steak!!! You see.....he passed away on her birthday! We love you Joe.....you will be missed.....Sending hugs and kisses to you, Cathe and Family.....we've lit a candle for you.....*

Love,

Barb and the rest of the "Schmitt Kids"

Barb Smith - February 21, 2015 at 04:38 PM

SO


“ *Cathe and family. I was so sad to hear about Joes passing. You both are so special to all our family. So many memories to keep close to our hearts. Joe was a special guy and mom knew it from his first visit. She was there to welcome him Home on her birthday with arms wide open. All our love to you all during this time and always. Love Stevie Tom and the ONeill family.*

Stevie ONeill - February 21, 2015 at 02:31 PM

DM

“ *Cathe and family,
Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Joe will be missed by many. May God hold you in his arms loving arms during this difficult time.
Deb Musfeldt*

Deb Musfeldt - February 21, 2015 at 02:09 PM

 Jackie Hogue

“ *Cathe and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Joe will be missed by everyone who came in contact with him.
Jackie Hogue*

Jackie Hogue - February 21, 2015 at 02:00 PM

RP

*Cathe and family,
Joe was so much fun! He was a perfect Santa as was his Father. GUESS THAT IS WHY I believed in Santa until 8th grade. GOD MUST BE PLEASED WITH JOE'S GENEROSITY AND THE CARE AND CONCERN HE HAD FOR OTHERS. DEEPEST SYMPATHY FROM OUR FAMILY.
Rich and Shirley Peters*

Rich and Shirley Peters - February 22, 2015 at 01:48 PM

MS

“ *Cathe and family,
So sorry for you all! I can't help but picture the photo of Santa holding the baby Jesus and that now Jesus is holding Joe (Santa). Hope this brings some comfort. I am so glad you celebrated your 50th anni. and have those pictures and memories to cherish!! With love and prayers,
Mary Ann Schulte and family*

Mary Ann Schulte - February 21, 2015 at 01:36 PM

 Beth
Cates

“ *We were so sorry to hear this. Please know we are thinking healing thoughts for you. We love you. Ron and Beth Cates*

Beth Cates - February 21, 2015 at 12:22 PM

JB

“ *Cathe,
Joe blessed my life and that of my husband and children, we are so fortunate to have had him in our lives.
May Santa sleep peacefully.
Joan Schumacher Bloom*

Joan Schumacher Bloom - February 21, 2015 at 11:56 AM

TH

“ *Cathe and family, So sorry to hear about Joe. You and your family are all in our thoughts and prayers. He will be missed by many.
Take Care, Love, Troy, Annette and Rachel Halbur*

Troy & Annette Halbur - February 21, 2015 at 11:26 AM

TT

“ Joe, you will be missed. What an amazing person and so very caring. I remember when my mother (Doris Grade) had to be life-flighted to Des Moines a long time ago, Joe wanted to go on the helicopter with her, but they said no. I wish for your family to know that you are being cared for now and that they will find comfort from everyone who knew you.

Trish Titus - February 21, 2015 at 11:15 AM



“ So very sorry to hear about this. He and my dad were friends in High School and I remember going over the house when I was a kid. He will be missed. My condolences.

Chris Neil - February 21, 2015 at 11:04 AM

RO

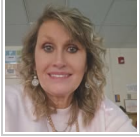
“ I was so sorry to hear about Joe. Immediately I was flooded with memories. He made me laugh, made me look beautiful in my wedding pictures and helped me through adolence and as a young adult. My thoughts and prayers are with all of u!

Roxanne Fryar O'Neill - February 21, 2015 at 09:34 AM

CS

Cathe and family, my deepest sympathy to you. Many good Memories with you and Joe. I am sure he and Lowell are reminiscing right now. May our Holy Father bless you and give you comfort and peace.

Connie Stammer - February 27, 2015 at 04:41 AM



“ *Cathe & Family*

So sorry for your loss! Joe was wonderful person and will truly be missed!!

Thoughts and Prayers for you and your family!

Mark and Sue Nickum

Sue Nickum - February 21, 2015 at 12:10 AM

PH

“ *I was so saddened by the news of Joe's passing. My gosh I think about how many people he knew and how many people knew of him.....many that is for sure...not a one could say a bad word about Joe. Cathe babysat my boys when they were young that is really how I got to know the family. Joe was always so fun to be around. Your life will be some what hollow without him, but the memories you have will certainly keep you going. Bless Joe, bless your entire family.*

Patt Heithoff Hultman

Patt Heithoff hultman - February 20, 2015 at 02:02 PM

MI

“ *Everyone here at Midwest will miss Joe and his visits. He will be missed at our Christmas parties (Santa always showed with his tootsie rolls) and then there was Joe with his wonderful homemade salsa and his jokes. He will truly by missed. God Bless and rest in Peace Joe.*

The gang at Midwest Wholesale

Michelle - February 20, 2015 at 01:13 PM

CL

“ *Cathe & family,
We are so sad to hear the news about Joe. He touched so many lives with his kindness, understanding, thoughtfulness and laughter. You and Joe are true humanitarians and Joe will be missed by many. We feel blessed to have you guys in our circle of friends and family. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Hold on to those great memories and may God wrap his arms around you all during this difficult time. Heaven has a great Santa Claus. love
Cathy & Keith Lawyer*

Cathy & Keith Lawyer - February 20, 2015 at 12:59 PM

RL

“ *Cathe,

You are in out thoughts and prayers. Joe was such an amazing person. He was the best Santa. My kids were so excited when Santa showed up their eyes just lite up with excitement. Hands down Joe was the greatest Santa!! We will truly miss him.*

Renee and Kraig Lux - February 20, 2015 at 10:45 AM

CI

““ Cathe,

I remember when I had Joe videotape Esther's birth. Such a wonderful job of taking care of this special day!! Since he was in the OR, he had to wear scrubs. He was so funny! The nurse could only find a set a size too small and he said something to the effect: "These are so tight, I better not toot." That sure helped reduce some of the stress of my first scheduled C-section.

I also remember taking my First Responder class with him teaching CPR. Anyone who knew him on the paramedic unit KNOWS how much he enjoyed doing CPR.

May God give you the strength to get through the next year with lots of fond memories.

Cindi & John Van Horn, Glidden

Cindi - February 20, 2015 at 10:06 AM

JB

““ *God Bless Santa. May he "Sleep in Heavenly Peace".*

Jeanne Schumacher de Boee - February 20, 2015 at 09:15 AM

CK

““ *What a loss this is to all who know Joe. He was a great friend and coworker, I have a lot of memories of the Times we shared with all of the family. Catherine here is a big hug until I see you. You are all in my prayers and thoughts. LOVE YOU ALL*

Clarissa

Clarissa Accola Kelly - February 20, 2015 at 06:55 AM

BF

“ Joe taught us what compassion really means. Joe was a true leader for so many of us. We pray God gives Joe's family strength and comfort in this time of sorrow.

Bill and Deb Fish

Bill Fish - February 19, 2015 at 09:40 PM

KI

“ It was great working with Joe in EMS. Our sympathy to you Cathe and family.

Kathy and Pat Irlbeck

Kathy Irlbeck - February 19, 2015 at 07:10 PM

LB

“ Cathe and family, it was truly a pleasure to know Joe. He touch our lives in many ways, from being a partner to bringing great joy to the kids as Santa. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.

Laryl Vanden Berg - February 19, 2015 at 05:52 PM

B5

“ The world has lost a great man. He touched so many lives through everything he did and so many are truly thankful for him. We will always remember the man, the friend, the legend!

We reach out to all of Joe's family at this time and offer sympathy and prayers.

Breda Medic 5 - February 19, 2015 at 04:51 PM

BM

Breda Medic 5 crew

Breda Medic-5 - February 19, 2015 at 04:52 PM

KG

“ *Cathe, I can't say how sad I am for you. You had a special marriage which blessed so many kids in our area. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Joe and Kiane Goebel, Coon Rapids*

Kiane Goebel - February 19, 2015 at 03:34 PM

JG

“ *Cathe and family,
So many wonderful memories. He was a special man and truly never met someone he didn't like and wouldn't help. He created many special memories for the boys around Christmas and he will never be forgotten. We are thinking and praying for you all
Love
Pat, Julie, Blake, & Evan Gray*



Julie Gray - February 19, 2015 at 02:19 PM

PD

*Cathe,
I always considered Joe as my 5th brother and the Renze photographer. You both were there taking pictures at graduations, weddings, reunions and funerals. Don't think my girls weddings would have gone as well without the Vanderheiden wedding planners! So many happy, funny memories.
Love and prayers,
Pat Davis and family*

Pat Davis - February 20, 2015 at 02:49 PM

CF

Cathe and family,

So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. So glad I got to have that short visit with you 2 in optometrist office last week. He was a great caring individual and I always enjoyed working with him. Our thoughts and prayers to you all.

Connie and Bill Foval - February 24, 2015 at 10:43 AM

JS

Cathe and family,

You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Every time we would see Joe, he would share a story. Joe was a good friend and he will be missed by many.

Tom and Joan Sporrer

Joan Sporrer - February 26, 2015 at 01:00 PM

SM

Cathe, I am so sorry to hear of Joe's death, but I know the Lord will give you the strength to carry on. You both were a blessing and gift to so many people in so many ways.

*Know my prayers and thoughts are with you, Cathe.
Sister Genny Morrissey (classmate of Joe's)*

Sister Genny Morrissey - March 03, 2015 at 04:16 PM