



Joe Cross

October 3, 1942 - December 20, 2019

Joe Edd Cross passed away suddenly at the age of 77 in Naples, FL. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Margaret Kay (Kaper) Cross of Hamilton, MI; his daughter, Marka Jo (Cross) Steensma and her husband, Matthew Richard Steensma of Byron Center, MI; his two grandchildren, Jackson Joseph Steensma and Margaret Fayth Steensma. He is preceded in death by his sister, Annetta Cross. He is survived by his sister Janet (Cross) Clements of Hamilton, MI, as well as Chuck and Marsha (Kaper) Wiers of Demotte, IN, and Groy and Linda Kaper in Chicago, IL.; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. "Joe" was born on 10/3/1942 in Monticello, KY to Ramie and Eva Cross. He graduated from Holland High School in 1961 and immediately joined the Army, serving in the Reserves. He subsequently joined the Hamilton Interlocal Fire Department serving as a volunteer firefighter for over 45 years. "Joe" was an accomplished general contractor who was passionate about serving his country, community and church. He valued hard work and competitive sports, encouraging his children and grandchildren to honor God with their gifts and talents. He was a loyal husband, father and friend. Funeral, services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 3, 2020 at Haven Reformed Church, 4691 Oak St. Hamilton with Revs. David Bast and Mike Drew officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Hamilton. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday, January 2, at Haven Reformed Church. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Words of Hope or Greater Holland Area Young Life. The family is being

served by Langeland-Sterenberq Funeral Home. To leave a condolence and more information, please visit www.langelandsterenberg.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Joe Cross

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"My heart is sadden as I just found out today. Joe will be missed dearly as I always called him my second dad....Our hearts and prayer to the family during this time of sorrow."*

Stephanie Smith - January 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and we shall be thinking of you Jan - so sorry for the sudden loss of your dear brother and your sister - both in 2019."*

Candice Scharver - January 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"A mark of one's legacy is those he nurtured. Marka is a wonderful physician, parent, colleague, spouse. She was nurtured by team Cross for many years I am sure and her family reflects that same nurture. My deepest sympathy to the extended Cross family."*

Ronald Hofman - January 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Sure will miss him always waved and smiled and said hello he was a nice man"*

Sarah Blodgett - January 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GP

“Joe was a client and more importantly a friend that I have had the pleasure of knowing well over 25 years. Joe was always an encouragement to me due to the way he walked (literally and figuratively) out his life, his intelligence, character and passion for life is what I see when I think of Joe. He loved the Lord, his wife and family, which always showed on his face when he would talk about them. Well done JOE!! I will miss you.”

Gary Palmitier - January 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AV

“We only got to know Joe in the past year, but he has made a lasting impression on us. He lived his out his faith. He loved his wife and family deeply. Our prayers are for those left behind, as they have to adjust to life without him. May the good memories carry them through the difficult times ahead.”

Andy and Joyce Vandermeer - January 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JW

“I worked with Joe many years ago at E & V. He was such a sweet man and I always remembered him fondly when I would drive by your home. God bless you as you go through these difficult days.”

Jan Wheeler - January 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DW

“My wife and I have had the privilege of getting to know this man, Joe Cross while living next door to Matt and Marka and the kids. You could always see in Joe that he deeply loved his family and always shared with me how proud he was of his daughter and her husband, Matt and their family. Also, he knew he was very fortunate to have a gal like Markay in his life. A guy like Joe doesn't come along often and we will miss his witand caring personality. He will be missed.”

Dean Weber - January 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MN

“Our sympathy to the entire family! Joe Ed was a pillar for many!”

Matt Neil - January 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AC

“Mrs. Cross, the children and I are heartbroken and are praying for you and all the family. We just want you to know how much we appreciate all Joe Ed and you have done for us, and we love you very much. Love, Angela, Jason, Calvin, Abigail & Andrea”

Angela Crum - December 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JO

“My Sincere Condolences for.the whole family”

John - December 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ So sorry for your loss, our Thoughts and prayers go out to Family and friends. Joe was a great guy, Always enjoyed visiting with him when able. He will be missed..”

Gary and Connie Chrispell - December 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ER

“Markay and family, Know that you have our sympathy during this difficult time. Our sincere condolences to you all.”

Ernie - December 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TE

“MarKay and family, please know all are in our hearts, our thoughts, and our prayers. Joe was very, very special; will always remember our journeys down memory lane. He will be deeply missed.”

Terry - December 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LK

“Papa joe you were not only a friend to Brian and I but a father figure and a grandpa to our children. We are grateful that Marka and momma Markay shared you with us. I want to personally thank you papa joe for helping mold the man that I call my husband Brian with his good work ethic and sense of humor. You will be greatly missed. We love you papa joe until we meet again in heaven. Love always and forever the Kempkers.”

Lisa Kempkers - December 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TH

“We are so sorry for your loss! Thoughts and prayers from our home to yours!”

Thomas - December 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Dear Family of Joe Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May precious memories comfort you at this sad time. Take care. With Love and Sympathy Sue & Mike Anderson”

A friend - December 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BH

“*Linda and I have many fond memories of Joe Edd. We served on the Young Life Committee with Joe Edd and Marka in the 80's. The Cross family had a passion for Young Life. Joe Edd made a difference in the Hamilton /Holland Community in the name of Jesus. Rest In Peace My Friend. Bob and Linda Haveman*”

Bob Haveman - December 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM