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Joseph H. Wessling, age 79 of Batesville, died Thursday October 15, 2020 at home, surrounded by his family. Born July 19, 1941 in Batesville, he is the son of Agnes (Nee: Bohman) and Joseph Wessling.

Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your life - Joe lived that motto. He enjoyed 50+ years with Hillenbrand Industries, including work in the mail room and the corporate garage, driving semi over-the-road to the west coast, chauffeuring the Hillenbrand family, and he was proud to be the captain of his beloved Land Cruiser One. Many customers and Batesville associates enjoyed the trip to Batesville with "Go Joe". He was the ultimate company ambassador and the first-ever recipient of the Hillenbrand Service Excellence Award. Many remember Joe's courtesy, respect, and overall good-natured attitude; he truly never met a stranger. Joe also cherished his time providing personal chauffer services for Dan Hillenbrand and his family. He retired in 2007 but continued to drive and forge friendships with others in the community.

Joe was a collector of friends through the years. He was a member of St. Louis Church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1130. He retained childhood friends for a lifetime, but he always had room to add more. Many of his work associates became close friends. After retirement, he was able to enjoy winters at Camp Florida, where he continued to meet new people and expand his circle. He was a regular at the "table of knowledge" at the Hobo Hut or McDonalds, enjoyed Sundays at the Sherman House or Cricket Ridge, and spent his Wednesdays at The Midtown Diner.

Faith and devotion were hallmarks in Joe's life. He was a life-long member of St. Louis Catholic Church and worked tirelessly to ensure that his family valued faith as much as he did. He was a family man in every sense of the word, and he took great pride in caring for his parents and his sister, Marie.

The most important aspect of Joe's life was always his family. He taught his children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces, as well as many of their friends, the value of hard work and



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encouraged all to reach out in a positive way. He clearly believed it was important to work hard and play hard. He delighted in not only attending all of his grandchildren's academic, athletic, artistic, and musical events, but he also became the "team grandpa" and for many, the favorite bus driver for their sports teams (long after his grandkid's graduations). There are too many to count, but many lovingly remember him as Grandpa Joe.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Elaine (Wittkamper) Wessling of Batesville; son, Neal (Deb) Wessling of Batesville; daughter, Gail (Cirilo "Tim") Timonera of North Port, Florida; granddaughters, Kayla Wessling (Jake Rados) and Kendra (Pat) Weisbrod, and grandsons, Blaine (Hillary) and Bryce Timonera. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister (Marie Wessling), and his nephew (Mark Wittkamper).

Visitation is Monday, Oct 19th, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at St Louis Catholic Church in Batesville. Funeral services immediately following at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Stan Pondo officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family requests memorials to St. Louis School Tuition Angels or Margaret Mary Health Foundation Hospice. The current Governor's mandate requires physical distancing and recommends the use of masks in church.



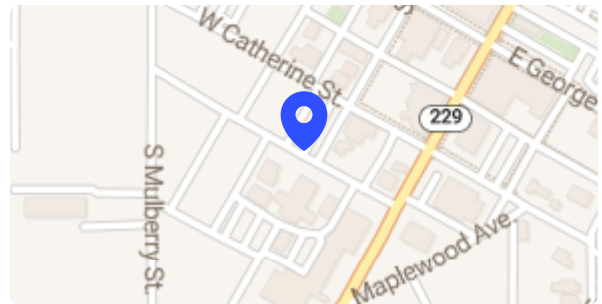
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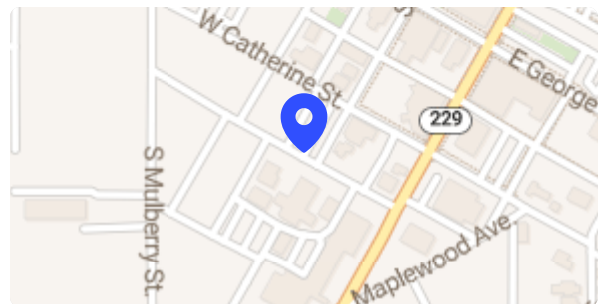
Visitation

- Monday, October 19, 2020
- 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM ET
- St. Louis Church**
13 St. Louis Place, Batesville IN 47006



Service

- Monday, October 19, 2020
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Cemetery Details

- St. Louis Cemetery**
Batesville IN





Tribute Wall

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Debbie And Ron Zimmer, St. Leon lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

To all of Joe's family You have our Deepest Sympathy on the loss of Joe. He was a great person, always smiling and friendly. I worked with him many years at Hillenbrands as well as Marie. He always was a "fun" tour bus driver for all of the visitors to Batesville. RIP dear friend! Debbie and Ron Zimmer, St. Leon



October 23 at 3:11 PM



David Rolf posted:

I got to know Joe through one of his childhood friends John B and his nephew Mark (Porky) Wittkamper. I went to several races with Uncle Joe and heard many stories over the years from Porky who was our brother in law. The comment about him not knowing a stranger was so true. I talked to him on several occasions. I know one thing for sure, Joe and Porky are shooting the wind together in heaven. Our deepest condolences to everyone who loved him. David & Ann Rolf

October 19 at 1:36 PM



Mary Dietz posted:

Elaine, Neal, Gail and families. Deepest sympathy from an old neighbor. Joe was the friendliest man I knew. And he never knew a stranger. May he rest in peace

October 19 at 12:46 PM



Fred And Donna Amrhein posted:

So very sorry to hear of Joe's passing, Elaine. We have many fond memories of our Florida trips to Camp Florida to see you and Joe cause we were Indiana people in the the sun state. Freddie always tooted or stopped to say Hi in Batesville when we were there. We will miss his smiling face. Love to your family.

October 19 at 6:24 AM



Uriel Werner lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Joe was a great guy, he will surely be missed. You have my sympathy. Huey & JoAnn



October 19 at 4:07 AM



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Perry Hasselbeck lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Wessling family:I worked with Joe at Batesville when Joe drove the bus for customers and I was the guide for them. He is a great man and we had a lot of time together I for the 3 years that I was in that role. May the many memories comfort you during this difficult time.With deepest sympathy,Perry Hasselbeck



October 19 at 1:42 AM



Dave Shank posted:

Elaine, Neal, Deb, and extended family,Rhonda and I send our deepest condolences to you all. It was a privilege to have known Joe... first, as a customer riding the tour bus with Joe at the wheel, and then as a fellow associate. I witnessed first hand the remarks so eloquently written about Joe in the obituary. Those who met him realized Very quickly that he set the bar for high character at new heights. We are all better for having known Joe Wessling! Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you entrust him to God's care.Dave Shank

October 18 at 1:40 PM



Anne & Rob Hierlihy posted:

We are so sorry to hear about your loss of Joe. We always looked forward to our visits in A Circle, Camp Florida, for a Happy Hour laugh. He had stories to tell and was always so vibrant and happy. Our hearts are with you Elaine and the rest of your family. Anne and Rob Hierlihy-The Canadians

October 18 at 12:26 PM



Charlie Ray posted:

My sincere thoughts to the entire Wessling Family. There is no one memory of the Go Joe, there are to many to count. Joe left has left a major impact on my life and have lost a true friend, coworker, and a buddy, My years with Hill ROM and Hillenbrand Ind were the greatest years of my life and I can thank Joe for all of them. God Bless Joe and the Wessling Family!

October 18 at 7:02 AM



Margaret Neth posted:

Prayers for all who gather to celebrate Joe May Gail and the whole family know that I pray for you all at this time of sadness.

October 18 at 4:55 AM



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AE

Audrey And Jack Elliott posted:

Joe did not know a stranger. Can still hear that strong and happy voice. Good guy for sure. Rest In Peace, Joe. Job well done!!

October 18 at 3:58 AM

RS

Regina Siefert posted:

Joe always made me feel welcome and always had a smile on his face. I am fondly remembering the times I spent at your house as a high school student. Hugs to the family

October 17 at 4:37 PM

LH

Lexi Hatcher posted:

I must say I was beyond blessed to have Joe as my "grandpa." Grandpa Joe lived down the road from me and I remember visiting him often. Joe was such an important role model for me in my life. We all went on vacation to Florida together and I remember him making fun of me because I tripped and fell over the sandcastle I made. He always gave me the best life advice no matter what the situation was. He once told me "hold your head up high and give life a swift kick in the butt." to this day i still follow that rule

October 17 at 2:45 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Wessling family.



October 17 at 2:24 PM

LH

Linda J Horner posted:

Our deepest sympathy. Joe and Linda Horner

October 17 at 10:04 AM



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MW

Mary L White posted:

Elaine, so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Tony and I always enjoyed meeting and talking to both of you at the Hobo Hut. I always liked his motto, and totally agree with him, 'cause if you have to work hard at a job, you can't have any fun. Take care Elaine, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family, may you all be there for each other in this time of sorrow. Rejoice, in his life through memories and experiences, always and ever.

October 17 at 8:06 AM

BH

Buzz And Sharon Howed posted:

Sincere sympathy to Elaine and family on the passing of Joe. It was a pleasure knowing Joe in our Circle of Friends in Camp Florida Resort, Lake Placid, Florida. Love Buzz and Sharon Howes. Michigan and Florida

October 17 at 7:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wessling family.



October 17 at 7:48 AM

GA

Gary & Barbara Abplanalp lit a candle in honor of Joseph.



October 17 at 7:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wessling family.



October 17 at 7:29 AM

BJ

Bridget J. sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Wessling family.



October 17 at 7:19 AM



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TB

Tom Bischoff posted:

To: Elaine & family: We are very sorry to learn about Joe's death. As Hillenbrand's bus driver, Joe always had a smile on his face and very helpful in whatever need to be done. The Company's customers loved him as well. We always loved to be with him. We will miss him but will never forget him. God Bless. Tom Bischoff

October 17 at 6:43 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wessling family.



October 17 at 6:09 AM

JB

Jim Bauschke posted:

Joe was everything his obituary says about him. I remember well his hospitality with funeral directors on the company bus. He'd bring the bus up to Michigan and take my clients and me down to JAWACDAH Farm. What a marvelous guy Joe was as a travel host—fun, caring, and first-class in every way. Joe was truly one in a million. I will remember Joe always.

October 17 at 5:34 AM

TK

Tony Koors lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Neal & family, very sorry for your loss, God Bless.

October 17 at 5:17 AM



FC

Frank Connelly posted:

Joe was an amazingly good person. We all had many stellar experiences with him both in Batesville and in our territories. Customer trips to Nashua and New York City. He was a connection for all of us with the Hillenbrand Family and the history of Batesville. Joe was one in a million and I know that he will be missed by many. My prayers to Neil, Deb and the entire Wesseling Family.

October 17 at 4:13 AM



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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Wessling family.



October 16 at 7:46 PM



Terri Litmer lit a candle in honor of Joseph.



October 16 at 7:18 PM



Beng Timonera, Candice, Ivy And La Tahimic sent a Heavenly Light to the Wessling family.



October 16 at 7:16 PM



Angelo Timonera lit a candle in honor of Joseph.



October 16 at 6:27 PM



From Timonera Family sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Wessling family.



October 16 at 6:07 PM



Mary Jo Heppner posted:

Joe was an all around good guy, liked by all. Our deepest sympathy to you Elaine and to your children. Mary Jo & Jim

October 16 at 5:54 PM



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KK

Kenneth Krinhop posted:

Elaine & family, We are so sorry for your loss and want you to know that we are indeed with you in spirit at this difficult time. Joe was such a delightful friend. We will miss seeing him. We are grateful for the 50th class reunion time that we were able to share. Hugs, love and blessings to all of you. Until we meet again, Love Kenny & Mary Krinhop

October 16 at 4:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Wessling family.



October 16 at 4:12 PM

JN

Jim And Dianne Newberry posted:

Sending our sympathies to you Elaine and your family. We always enjoyed seeing and talking with Joe. He never failed to share a good laugh or funny story every time we saw him. He will certainly be missed at Camp Florida. Jim and Dianne Newberry

October 16 at 4:09 PM

TS

Theresa A Schaefer posted:

My daddy Bob Schaefer always loved hanging with Joe. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Theresa A Schaefer

October 16 at 3:55 PM

DF

Dorothy Federle posted:

I grew up as a backyard neighbor to Joe, all of us kids just loved him and his sense of humor. RIP Joe

October 16 at 2:30 PM



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PG

Pam Gerdowsky posted:

Joe was a wonderful man who gave his all to enjoy his family and friends. He was always putting a smile on someone's face just by talking with them and letting them know he cared. He made Chad's Sunday's when we went to Mass by reaching for his hand and saying, Joe Wessling, Chad, how are you doing? He truly cared about people and those who had the privilege's of knowing him will miss him so much. He was Mr. Batesville in every sense of the word. Rest in peace Joe and God be with your cherished family! Chad said, Joe is in heaven with God and I know God will take good care of him. I know he is right! Love, Pam, Ski, and your buddy Chad Gerdowsky

October 16 at 2:20 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wessling family.



October 16 at 2:05 PM

CD

Carol Davis posted:

So very sorry for your loss. Joe was a special man who could make anyone smile. He was a jokester & never knew a stranger. My Mom & he would tease each other every time they met. He will be missed by many. Carol Davis

October 16 at 1:32 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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