



Joseph D. Butcko

November 6, 1941 - November 24, 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother, Joseph Daniel “Joe D.” Butcko of Saline, Michigan. Joe was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on November 6, 1941, to Joseph Albert Butcko and Mae Alice (Davis) Butcko and passed away on Saturday, November 24, 2018, at age 77.

Joe graduated from St. Thomas High School and attended Jackson Community College and Ferris State University. Joe joined his father in managing Crescive Die and Tool, a metal stamping manufacturer in Saline and Milan, Michigan, producing automotive parts for major automobile companies. During his tenure as President and Chief Operating Officer, Joe grew the firm from about 50 employees to a sizeable firm of over 400 employees. He was active in the area JC’s and served as Chairman of the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce in 1981. He was a founding member of the Board of The Presidents’ Forum, an association of chief executive officers of high-growth companies affiliated with the Eastern Michigan University Center for Entrepreneurship. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of United Bank and Trust, Tecumseh, Michigan, subsequently the Michigan Region Board of Directors of Old National Bank, Ann Arbor, Michigan from 2001 to 2010.

Joe enjoyed many outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, skiing, boating and was an avid wing shooter. He was a co-founder of Lakewood Lodge, a sportsman’s club dedicated to duck hunting. His years were punctuated with hunting adventures with friends and family that included elk hunting in Wyoming and Colorado, mule deer and pronghorns in Texas, and wing shooting in South America. He enjoyed Alaskan fishing with his friends and his wife, sending salmon home to be smoked. His boat was aptly named “Anticipation,” for adventures cruising and fishing were always just around the corner. He nurtured a love of hunting and fishing in both of his sons and his grandsons.

Joe is survived by his loving wife Patricia Louise (Nagel Weber) Butcko, his sons Joseph William “Joe W.” Butcko and Dr. Timothy Martin (Rebecca) Butcko and their mother Sharon Ann Butcko. His beloved grandsons Joseph Michael “Joe M.” Butcko, Andrew James Butcko and Jack Alexander Butcko, his mother, Mae Alice Butcko and his brother James Martin (Michele) Butcko, nieces Kate (Greg) Butcko Lett and Elizabeth (Anthony) Butcko Abbatiello. He will be missed by many in the extended Butcko family and a host of

friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Joseph Albert (“Joe A.” or “Senior”) Butcko, daughter Jacquelyn (“Jacque”) Butcko Bliss and his uncle Lynwood Davis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Joe’s name may be made to St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 910 Austin Drive, Saline, Michigan 48176; the Ypsilanti Historical Society, 220 North Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197; Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103; or to the charity of your choice.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Liberty Road Chapel

3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48103

NOV **Vigil** 07:00PM

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DEC **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St Andrew's Catholic Church

910 Austin Dr, Saline, MI, US, 48176-1157

DEC **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

910 W. Austin Dr., Saline, MI, US, 48176

Comments



“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Dear Joe D., we 'll never forget beautiful moments and time spent with you and your family: salmon fishing on Lake Michigan, visit in your house and garden, trip to the cottage with your dad Joe and Mae Alice, Double Diamond X Ranch, horse riding... We 'll never forget your big open heart. Our thoughts are with Pat, Joe W., Tim and all members of your family.

Edward, Yarka, Robo with family Bratislava, Slovakia

Edward Thomas - December 02, 2018 at 03:01 AM



“ From Jaycees to marrying him to fishing with him to arguing politics with him, Joe was always a pleasure to be with. Our thoughts are with his family.
Don Shelton

Don Shelton - December 01, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ Joe was a gentle man, quick to laugh and forgive, slow to find fault and blame, always a constructive problem solver. He embodied true Christian values. A generous friend, we'll always cherish long evenings in front of his cracking fire sharing a glass of wine. We loved hearing about his hunting adventures surrounded by his magnificent wild trophies, and especially savoring delicious meals from the bounty of his skills.

Blessed to have known him, Nigel and Aida

Aida McGugan - November 30, 2018 at 04:45 PM



“ Our condolences to the family. Stan remembers going fishing in Canada with Joe and Stan's dad Harold Duede
Stan and Althea Duede

Stan and Althea Duede - November 29, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Butcko.



November 29, 2018 at 01:27 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May many fond memories and the Love of family and friends provide you with peace and comfort. Joe will be greatly missed by those who were blessed to know him.

Lance & Jean Rowe
Saline, MI



Lance Rowe - November 29, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ Dear family, the deepest condolences to all of you!

We were very surprised to hear this sad news about Joe: however he will be always in our memories as we saw him last time, smiling, joking, showing us his beautiful house, collection of ducks, his garden, lake, driving us around in a big car and offering proudly his garden products. It is very difficult to believe that it will not repeat again if any of us get the chance to come to Michigan...

Joe will always remain in our minds as a great person, talented businessman, person with a big and sincere interest at the roots and history of his Butcko family from Slovakia: we can picture him at the roof restaurant in Detroit in GM building in 1993 showing me this area, at the cottage, in his house, in Crescive giving us the tour of the plant, but also in Slovakia - in Bratislava, Trnava or Libichava with his Slovak Bucko relatives.

One of us is coming to the services to represent all of us, all who met Joe and who will always remember him. He stays in our prayers together with all of you.

Sonia, Stefan, daughters and extended Slovak family

Sonia - November 29, 2018 at 04:09 AM



“ The Davis Family purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Joseph D. Butcko.



The Davis Family - November 28, 2018 at 10:18 AM