



Joseph G. "Joe" Gorajec

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Mr. Joseph G. "Joe" Gorajec, age 47, passed away Sunday afternoon, December 9, 2007. He was born May 19, 1960 in Muskegon to Henry and Patricia (Miszewski) Gorajec and had been a life resident. Joe worked for Knoll Group for 24 years. He enjoyed sailing, fishing, hunting, model rocketry, and spending time with his family. On October 14, 1989, he married the former Paula Petersen in Muskegon and she survives him along with 2 children, Yvonne and Kelly Gorajec both of Muskegon; mother, Patricia Gorajec of Muskegon; 2 brothers, Richard (Mary Kay) Gorajec of Grand Haven, John (Shauna) Gorajec of Muskegon; 2 sisters, Cathy (Dan) Bennett of Irving, TX, Joann (Steve) Trombley of Muskegon; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Gorajec. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 1:00 PM Thursday at

The Walburn Chapel

Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.

1547 W. Sherman Blvd.

(231) 759-8565

with the Rev. Fr. Michael Olson presiding. VISITATION with the family will be from 6-8 PM Wednesday. MEMORIALS to Yvonne and Kelly's Education Fund will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at

www.sytsemafh.com



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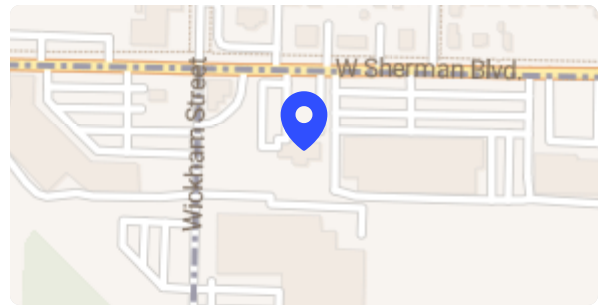
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, December 12, 2007

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Walburn Chapel**

1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon MI 49441





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Anonymous posted:

Sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Carl and Kelly Payne ##imported-end##

December 14 at 9:24 AM



Anonymous posted:

Richard and family,I'm so so sorry for you and your familiy's loss. I'll always remember the times Joe and Brad would come to the house and just hang out with my sister Lori and me. He was always fun to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.##imported-begin##Mari (Koteles) Hughes##imported-end##

December 14 at 8:59 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the whole Gorajec family: I am truly sorry for your loss of Joe. We hung out together a lot from the Bunker year's to the Muskegon High School Days. Joe's smile was contagious, as was his unfogetable laugh. Joe will be truly missed. God Bless your entire family.##imported-begin##Lori Armstrong (Koteles)##imported-end##

December 13 at 8:03 PM



Anonymous posted:

Paula and Girls, my heartfelt sympathies are with you. Mike and I met and became friends with Joe and Brad when we were about 21 years old. We truly loved Joe. We liked him so much our first dog was named Joe Bradley (as Joe and Brad were attached at the hip back then). Our 14 year old dog's name is Sparky Joe. Joe was a very cool and fun guy! We will always have the memories! It's so great to have people like Joe in our lives. If you ever need any help or advice, Paula, just let me know as I too lost Mike just this year. God bless and care for your family right now and always. Love, Elise, Mike, and Kay Witt.##imported-begin##Elise (Michael J) Witt and Kay Niskanen##imported-end##

December 13 at 1:16 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Paula, Yvonne and Kelly - I would like to offer my condolences on the loss of your husband and father..may your memories keep Joe forever in your hearts and minds....god bless you and your family...Toni##imported-begin##Toni Greiner##imported-end##

December 13 at 11:43 AM



Anonymous posted:

I was very sad to hear of Joe's death. I knew Joe from our years at Bunker and MHS and remember him as a great guy who was a lot of fun. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Gordie Dahlgren##imported-end##

December 13 at 9:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

To Joes family...Our thoughts and prayers are with you...Ive seen Joe a lot over the years,as our children went to school together at bluffton and bunker...a very fun loving guy...he will be missed...God bless,Joe,Mary,Joey and Audra.##imported-begin##joe christophersen##imported-end##

December 13 at 3:48 AM



Anonymous posted:

Man, what a funny guy. I worked with Joe for many years and he always had a story to tell and the way he told it made us all laugh. His family will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Robert "Robio" Karum##imported-end##

December 13 at 3:31 AM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathy to the Gorajec family. Joe was a good hearted, kind man. My heart aches for all of you. You are in my prayers.Pat B. Grimm##imported-begin##Pat Bradley Grimm##imported-end##

December 12 at 11:49 PM



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Anonymous posted:

To the Entire Gorajec Family, Pat, Cathy, Joanna, Johnny and Joe's wife and children, I was very saddened to hear of Joe's passing. Our family grew up right across the street and us Bluffton kids have a special bond as my brother quoted earlier. Joe always had that great big smile for everyone. I last saw him a few years ago when I was home visiting. He came up and gave me a great big hug and had that huge smile. He will be missed by all##imported-begin##Cheryl Bohland Hoffman##imported-end##

December 12 at 5:57 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Paula, Yvonne, and Kelly, My sincere condolences for your loss. We are thinking and praying for you.##imported-begin##Bernadette Zimmer Birdsall##imported-end##

December 12 at 3:54 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the family I convey my deepest sympathy from our entire family. We lived across from each other and grew up together. Bluffton truly was a close group of people. Joe was a great guy and would come up and visit with my mother each and everytime he saw her. We feel your grief at this time and pray with you for God's blessing on your family. Sincerely, The Bohland Family Matthew, Mark, Cheryl, Michelle, Jay, Scott, Craig, and mother Sue##imported-begin##Matthew Bohland##imported-end##

December 12 at 3:53 PM



Anonymous posted:

Rich: My most heartfelt sympathy for your loss...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May the love of friends and family be a source of comfort to you and your family. Chris##imported-begin##Chris A. Kelenske##imported-end##

December 12 at 1:19 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Paula, Yvonne & Kelly, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this hard time. We won't be able to make it to either service due to work and kids band concert. Please don't hesitate to call if there is anything I can help with. Love the Mark Nicolai Family##imported-begin##Mark Nicolai##imported-end##

December 12 at 4:04 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am Brad Wade's mom, and was so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. He was a good friend to Brad and to my family for many years, and I fondly recall all the times he spent at my home. My deep sympathy goes to all of his family.##imported-begin##Leslie and Jim Petersen##imported-end##

December 12 at 2:58 AM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers and thoughts are with you all. Joe was one awesome man and had a heart of gold and smile to melt the world!!!! He was much too young to leave but God must have been short an angel!!!! It would have been our 30th year class reunion next year he will be with us all smiling down.##imported-begin##Tami Johnson (Rinckey)##imported-end##

December 11 at 4:58 PM



Anonymous posted:

To my Gorajec Family, forever & always in my thoughts and prayers...love CindyI will be unable to attend because of my health. Know that I am there holding each of you with comfort. Please call and say hi or if you just need to talk no matter what time! Still a late bird! 231-730-4432...Love You All!Joey my FriendWhen death must come at Christmastime,There is a special grief,A mourning that must mix with joy,A pain that must be brief. There is an anguish underneathThe labyrinth of lightThat longs for simple emptinessTo contemplate the night. But life must bubble on its wayAnd pleasure be put on,For neither sorrow nor delightIs ever left alone. And, like the Virgin, we must smileWith enigmatic graceAs we receive the fragile giftThat nothing can replace.Joey forever Loved.....Forever missed.Cindy L. JonesDecember 11, 2007##imported-begin##Cindy L Jones##imported-end##

December 11 at 3:38 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We are friends of Gary & Carol Bennett and are very sorry for your family's loss.##imported-begin##Cathy & Gary Marshall##imported-end##

December 11 at 3:28 PM



Anonymous posted:

The Gorajec and Petersen families are in my prayers. I went to school with Joe even though he was two years behind me. I work with Paula's brother and just recently found out that Joe was in ill health. Remember the good times and that Joe isn't suffering any longer. May the LORD BLESS everyone associated with Joe.##imported-begin##Kevin L. Elwell##imported-end##

December 11 at 2:17 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Entire Gorajec Family: Thessalonians: 13:14 (13) And now, brothers and sisters, I want you to know what will happen to the Christians who have died so you will not be full of sorrow like people who have no hope. (14) For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus comes, God will bring back with Jesus all the Christians who have died. May God bless you all at this time.##imported-begin##Paula Jorgensen##imported-end##

December 11 at 2:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

All our thoughts, prayers, and hearts are with the whole family at this time. With the loss of your husband, father, son, brother, and extended family members. The Phelps Family. Joe & Donna - Jerry - James - John - Nora & Kevin. And Ken Miszewski too.##imported-begin##Phelps Family##imported-end##

December 11 at 1:16 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Joe's smile and bubbly demeanor will certainly be missed at all our gatherings.##imported-begin##Gary and Carol Bennett##imported-end##

December 11 at 12:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Gorajec family, I was so saddened by the news of Joe's passing. Our familys both moved into Bluffton around the same time and Joe and I spent years together, fishing, camping, playing all kinds of sports. He even talked me into picking blueberries so we could buy new 10 speed bikes. Joe was loved by more people than you will probably ever know. My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Jon Osborn##imported-end##

December 11 at 11:57 AM



Anonymous posted:

Gorajec family, so sorry for your loss. My depest sympathies for your family and Joes friends.##imported-begin##Bill Curtis##imported-end##

December 11 at 11:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

John and Family:I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.Kellie Gossett (Sischo)##imported-begin##Kellie Gossett (Sischo)##imported-end##

December 11 at 8:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

You have an amazing sister Cathy. I'm blessed everyday to work with her as you are I'm sure to call her sister. May God give you the strength you need to get through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Shelli Orjada##imported-end##

December 11 at 6:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

I went to high school with Joanne and Joe was always around with a smile. So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Mary Chauvez (Ackley)##imported-end##

December 11 at 5:31 AM



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Anonymous posted:

PAULA,YVONNE,&KELLY-I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.JOE WAS SUCH A SWEETIE,ALWAYS SO FUNNY,AND ALWAYS GREETING ME WITH A BIG HUG & SMILE.I WILL MISS HIM.KNOW THAT I AM THINKING OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.LOVE, KRISTI MILLS-SPRINGER###imported-begin##KRISTI MILLS-SPRINGER###imported-end##

December 11 at 5:27 AM



Anonymous posted:

Joe, I will miss your smile and your uplifting attitude! May God give strength to help your family through this difficult loss. You will be missed!###imported-begin##Jenise German###imported-end##

December 11 at 5:26 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the Gorajec family,I am deeply saddened by your loss and you are in my prayers.Joe & I were inseparable for 10 years. We were truly like brothers then.From 7th grade at Bunker to California to Ruddiman Terrace and beyond, we really lived the life.While I have a tear in my eye now, I still remember what a fun, funny, nice, caring, and downright "jolly" guy Joe was.I will miss him as my brother forever.###imported-begin##Brad###imported-end##

December 11 at 5:24 AM



Anonymous posted:

Paula, my thoughts & prayers are with you and the girls at this time. May your memories comfort you. Our deepest sympathies.###imported-begin##Denise King & family###imported-end##

December 11 at 4:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers are with your family during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Debbie Youngs###imported-end##

December 11 at 4:30 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Paula and family you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kevin and Mary Coyne##imported-end##

December 10 at 7:22 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to Joe's family.I worked with Joe at Knoll. He was a nice guy. So saddened & shocked to hear of his passing. Harold##imported-begin##Harold Hardin##imported-end##

December 10 at 5:40 PM



Anonymous posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Karen Turner##imported-end##

December 10 at 5:27 PM



Anonymous posted:

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to all of you. This is a difficult time. Stay strong with the help of God, your family and firends.##imported-begin##Mary Ann Scofield##imported-end##

December 10 at 5:24 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathies to all of the family and friends.##imported-begin##Scott C. Wade##imported-end##

December 10 at 4:10 PM



Anonymous posted:

Paula, Yvonne, and Kelly,I am very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all at this time.##imported-begin##Mr. Panici##imported-end##

December 10 at 3:09 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Cathy,I am thinking of you and your family during this time. My prayers are with you and yours.Love,Beth Meador##imported-begin##Beth Meador##imported-end##

December 10 at 1:35 PM



Anonymous posted:

John & Shauna, Steve & Joann & Families,I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.Shauna, please call me if I can do anything for any of you.Love you Sissy##imported-begin##Andria Carpenter##imported-end##

December 10 at 12:46 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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