



Joseph B. Pokaluk Jr.

November 12, 1953 - September 25, 2022

Joseph B. Pokaluk, Jr, 68, of Kansas City, KS, passed away on Sunday, September 25, 2022 at his home. Joe or Known too many as "JoeP" was born November 12, 1953, the son of Virginia Downey and Joe Pokaluk, Sr. Joe worked at the Safeway Bakery in the warehouse from November 1974 until December 1989 when they closed. He also worked at Midwest Terminal in the warehouse shipping and receiving from April 1990 until retirement. Joe's biggest passions in life were hanging around outside at his many BBQ grills with his family and friends. If you were ever looking for Joe all you had to do was look by his grills. Joe was a sports fanatic and would talk to anyone about any kind of sport and always gave great advice on grilling. Joe had a passion for bowling and bowled several 300 games. He is preceded in death by his mother and father; brother Bob Pokaluk; brother Dave Downey. He is survived by his brother Jeff Downey (Sue); nieces and nephews;, cousins, and many great friends.

A visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 AM Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Maple Hill Funeral Home followed by a graveside service at 11:00 AM at the Maple Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph B. Pokaluk Jr.*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - September 29, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ *Joseph B. Pokaluk Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Joe P, Joe P I never met a finer person, Joe was the best of the best. The world's a lesser place with Joe gone, we lost a good one. We bowled many years together, I loved the man. Rest in peace my friend.*



Roy Worthy - October 03, 2022 at 06:33 PM

CD

“ We will miss you Uncle Joe



Caroline Downey - October 01, 2022 at 08:16 PM

CD

“ We will miss you Uncle Joe.



Caroline Downey - October 01, 2022 at 08:14 PM

LR

“ JoPo my pal and lifelong friend,
You've left way before you should have!
The memories we've shared from playing ball at Rosedale Park to attending my kids Christmas programs at Holy Name and St. Agnes, Camping at Pomona Lake, BBQing with Big Otto and the Monday Night football games on the tube.
God bless you my brother, we had been through a lot during our life times and I'm sorry we didn't share more during these last few years!

I will miss you as I drive by 43rd. and Mission Rd. even though we grew apart when we did get together it was like we never missed a day!

Be at peace ! I know you suffered greatly! I write this with great sadness, tears in my eyes but with a happy heart that you are suffering no more!!

Brother Lou

louis ruiz - September 30, 2022 at 02:41 PM



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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - September 30, 2022 at 01:17 PM

KT

“ Joe was a great friend for many years. I met Joe when I was 18 bowling in a summer league at Shawnee Village Bowl. The next year we started bowling in the Tower Tarpons league and continued bowling together for 40 years. Whenever I had parties at my house Joe was always there to man the smokers earning his nickname as Smokin Joe. He will missed by many. Love you my friend.

Keith Trobough - September 30, 2022 at 09:53 AM

DR

Greatness, well said

DANIEL REYNOLDS - May 03 at 05:35 AM

SL

“ Salsa Joe,
You will be missed, but you will not be forgotten. With love, Steve and Tonya Lemonds.



Steve Lemonds - September 30, 2022 at 09:44 AM



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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - September 29, 2022 at 05:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph B. Pokaluk Jr..*



September 29, 2022 at 04:39 PM

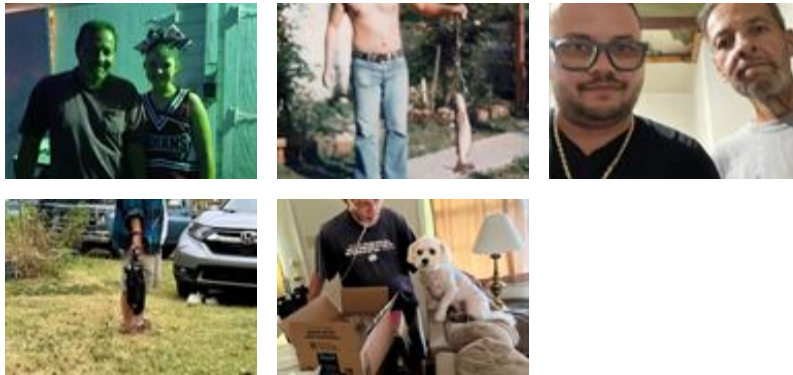


“ *Bowled many years with Joe. Sorry to hear this.*

Larry Moore - September 29, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - September 29, 2022 at 09:05 AM

CR

“ Joe, was a big part of my childhood, as he was a dear friend to my mom and dad. I idolized him back then as my dad's coolest friend. He always had time to take me on bike rides or to play catch. He helped me get my first job at Rosedale BBQ when I was 15. Although I haven't seen him for years Joe will always have a special place in my heart. Prayers for you and your family. You will be missed.

Chris Ruiz - September 28, 2022 at 07:24 PM

JW

“ I bowled with Joe many years ago when we were younger. Great bowler and friend I will miss him. He and his family are in my prayers.

jim worthy - September 28, 2022 at 06:41 PM

AM

“ My friend Joe was a knowledge of sports and life. We shared many thoughts on both subjects. We enjoyed many beers and of course the BBQ. Joe would brings some BBQ chicken which is shared among his friends. Joe will be missed. To everyone raise a beer in Joe's honor.

Tony M. Strawberry

Anthony Martynowicz - September 28, 2022 at 10:07 AM

JF

“ Joe was one of the best friends anyone could ever hope for. There are so many memories of sandlot baseball and other pickup games on long summer days that seemed like they would last forever. Nights of just sitting outside with other friends enjoying our youth. I enjoyed his grilling, having a cold beer together and talking about just not about sports but a variety of topics. Joe was an excellent athlete himself, but also had a true intellectual curiosity and knowledge. He could converse on almost anything. He was also kind hearted and nonjudgmental of others. Joe was one of the good ones and I will be ever grateful for our friendship. My deepest condolences to Jeff, Sue and family.

Jon Ferrell

Jon Ferrell - September 27, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Joseph B. Pokaluk Jr..



September 27, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Joseph B. Pokaluk Jr..



September 27, 2022 at 05:02 PM