



# Joseph Duriak

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## **Joseph Duriak**

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**J**oseph Duriak passed away suddenly on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Born on August 2, 1961, to the late Joseph and Rosemary Duriak (nee Driscoll), Joe grew up in a large Catholic family and treasured his childhood years on Boston Road in Hinckley. He graduated Padua Franciscan High School in 1979. Later, he went on to earn a B.A. in Accounting from Cleveland State University, and he never lost his curiosity or his love for learning.

On July 12, 1986, Joe married the love of his life, Loretta "Lori" Brugmann. Three years later, they welcomed their first daughter Mallory and soon after, their daughter Carly. Joe loved his girls with all his heart and did everything to support and care for them, ensuring they never had to worry about anything.

Joe worked in retail management at Giant Eagle for over 40 years. He went above and beyond every day and was deeply committed to his team. A hard worker, he never failed to answer the call if there was anything he could do to make things run more smoothly for his coworkers and customers. He also worked as a bartender at the Aurora Inn for over 20 years, where his easy smile, steady presence, great sense of humor, and listening ear made him a best friend to his guests and co-workers.

Joe cherished his extended family, including his many siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, in-laws, nieces, and nephews. He was beloved "U.J." to nieces Katie and Kelli Gurin, niece and goddaughter Danielle Phinney (Matt), and nephews, Connor (Savannah) and Collin Johnson. Every year, he looked forward to his Florida trips with his brother-in-law Alan Brugmann, and his dear friends Jon Osborn and Brian Tayerle.

Joe was also a great friend to all animals, furred, feathered, finned and otherwise. From his beehives to his aquarium, he opened his home to all creatures. His dogs, Romy Mae and Wrigley



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"W.D.", his cat Crumb, and his parrot Cappuccino were a few of his treasured pets. He cared for wild birds, squirrels, and any other animal fortunate enough to cross his path.

Always up for an adventure, Joe enjoyed everything from scuba diving, skiing and kayaking to taking his dogs on bike rides. He also loved to travel, especially with his daughter Carly. They visited football stadiums across the country. He finished the Chicago Marathon many times, none more special than the few he shared with Carly.

A devout Catholic, Joe taught PSR classes at St. Joseph's Church in Mantua for many years. He also served the church as a Eucharistic minister and Ox Roast volunteer.

He was welcomed into Heaven by his adoring Irish mother, his father, his uncle John "Buzzy" Driscoll, and all the other family members and precious friends who have gone on before, including his four-legged family members Gladys, Ramona, Cookie, and Gigi. His passing leaves behind a void that can only be filled by memories. Joe is survived by his wife and daughters; his sisters Kathleen (the late Stevan) Stroom, Mary Jo Gurin (Chuck), Noreen Johnson (Brian); his brother Tony; and his nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, November 24th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church, 11045 St. Joseph's Blvd. Mantua, OH 44255. Mass of Christian burial will be held 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 25th, also at St. Joseph's Church, led by Father Ed Stafford and Deacon Gerry Scopilliti. Alan Brugmann, Ryan Driscoll, Davey Lukwinski, Jon Osborn, Jamie Spacek, and Brian Tayerle will be honored to serve as pallbearers. Joe will be laid to rest beside his parents at Calvary Cemetery 10000 Miles Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105.

Flowers or donations can be sent to St. Joseph's Church and donations can be made in Joe's memory to PAWS Chicago, 1997 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60614. Arrangements are by Green Funeral Care, 4668 Pioneer Trail, Mantua, OH 44255 where his condolences and memories may be viewed at [www.greenfuneralcare.com](http://www.greenfuneralcare.com), video tribute to follow.



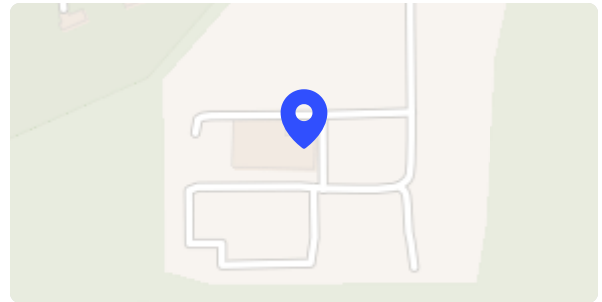
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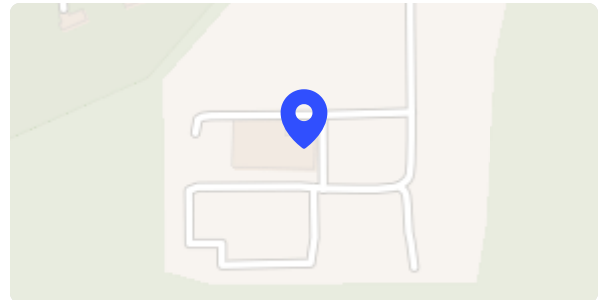
## Visitation

- Friday**, November 24, 2023
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
11045 St. Joseph Blvd., Mantua OH 44255



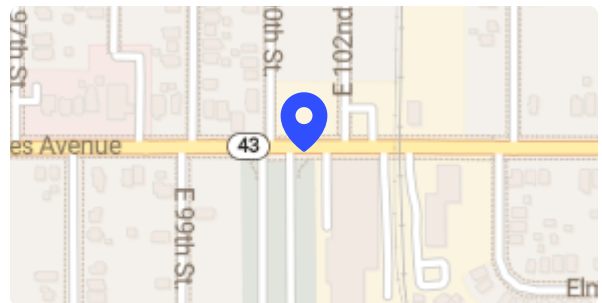
## Funeral Mass

- Saturday**, November 25, 2023
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM ET
- St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
11045 St. Joseph Blvd., Mantua OH 44255



## Burial

- Saturday**, November 25, 2023
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET
- Calvary Cemetery**  
10000 Miles Ave., Cleveland OH 44105





## Tribute Wall

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ML

**Maureen L.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



December 1 at 5:29 AM

MA

**Marilyn Allshouse** posted:

My husband Mike and I met Joe when he was at Country Counter. From that point on we got to know him very well. He was always cheerful and had that welcoming smile. I remember working at the bank and some of the employees at the Eagle gave me a going away party and Joe showed up and I thought that was really nice. Joe is now Jesus Christ and he will be missed by all. Mike and Marilyn Allshouse

November 27 at 11:39 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Duriak family.



November 23 at 11:05 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Duriak family.



November 23 at 11:35 AM

PO

**Paulina O.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



November 22 at 8:21 PM

PO

**Paulina O.** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Duriak family.



November 22 at 8:21 PM



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**Jeffrey Gail** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Duriak family.

November 22 at 7:17 PM



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**Brett Reid** posted:

Dear Lori, Mallory, Carly and family, I remember Joe when I was a new Sales Representative for Nabisco. He was one of the nicest, kindest managers not only at Giant Eagle, but in all of retail. Our oldest daughter Madeline also has fond memories of Joe being her teacher and St. Joe's. Brett Reid Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, The Reids: Tara Brett Madeline Kate

November 22 at 4:16 PM



**Your Pwc Team** sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Duriak family.

November 22 at 11:04 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Duriak family.

November 22 at 8:42 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Duriak family.

November 22 at 7:08 AM





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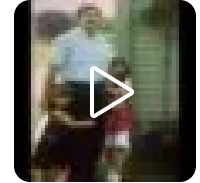
**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Duriak family.



November 22 at 4:58 AM



**Green Family Funeral Home** shared an album called **Tribute Video**.



November 22 at 3:57 AM



**Debi Robinson** November 28 at 12:12 AM

Dear Ones, there are just no words,,,,,. I will cherish all the wonderful memories in my heart forever and ever. Sending you all my love and prayers everyday,,,,.. love in Christ, Debi Robinson



**Laura Stallard** November 22 at 2:32 PM

This is absolutely beautiful. I'd not heard this song before and watching this, with the song there, required tissues after. I so love the photos of he with Uncle Joe and Aunt Rosemary. Much love to the Duriak family during this very difficult time, from cousin Laura. My heart is with you, and I will light a candle on Saturday here in Oregon. I am with you there in spirit. ❤️



**Roxanne** November 22 at 5:40 AM

Will miss you so very much Joe You have a heart ♥ of gold Such an amazing , amazing man ❤️



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Duriak family.



November 21 at 8:24 PM



**Taylor's** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.



November 21 at 7:07 PM



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HM

**Helene M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

November 21 at 5:54 PM



HM

**Helene M.** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Duriak family.

November 21 at 5:54 PM



CD

**Chuck And Jan Difeo** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Our prayers to the family!!

November 21 at 4:19 PM

LT

**Lynda Tayerle** posted:

Praying for Lori, Mallory, Carly and all those that loved Joe. Sending our sympathy, Lyle & Lynda Tayerle

November 21 at 2:03 PM

TF

**The Hirsch Family** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Continued thoughts and prayers for the Duriak & Brugmann families!

November 21 at 12:32 PM



MF

**Martin Fergus** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

November 21 at 12:28 PM





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**Connie & Stan Brue** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

November 21 at 12:24 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Duriak family.

November 21 at 12:24 PM



**Julie Orth** posted:

I used to work at the Aurora Inn Front Desk. On the nights when Joe worked as bartender, I knew my shift would be an easier one. We played trivia games mostly about music and movies. He was such a sincere person that cared about so many things. He never stopped talking about his family, definitely including his puppies and Cappuccino, He always had his hamburger for Wrigley until Wrigley had to share it with Romy. He always had a story and at the end, it was guaranteed that there would be a laugh. There was no one like Joe, atleast that I have ever met. He was one in a million and will be missed so much. -Julie Orth

November 21 at 12:12 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Duriak family.

November 21 at 11:33 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Duriak family.

November 21 at 11:22 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Duriak family.

November 21 at 11:06 AM



**Blessings On You, Sandy Severa, 0515 Ge** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Duriak family.

November 21 at 10:56 AM





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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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