



Joe Howanec

December 1, 1956 - January 8, 2026

Joe's life on earth began December 1, 1956. His parents, Joseph and Mary (Tomazin) Howanec were thrilled. Joe grew up in Houston, PA. On January 8th, 2026, Joe met Jesus face-to-face, entering eternal life and gaining his greatest joy and victory. Joe's parents and still-born brother preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Lois (Morris) Howanec, his siblings Michael Tomsic, Jean (Tomsic) Popovich, Richard and Janice (Marchezak) Tomsic, and Robert and Joanne (Duckworth) Howanec. Joe is also survived by his brothers and sisters in-law, Ruth (Morris) Moore, Keith Morris, Ron Morris, and Karen (Morris) Moriarty, who consider Joe to be a dear brother, and by numerous nieces, nephews, and special friends.

Joe met his Lois when he was a student at Penn State, Dubois, studying Wildlife Management. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting trips with family and friends. Joe worked in the field of orthotics and prosthetics with Hershey Medical Center and Lawall at Hershey, a skilled technician whose braces and prosthetics changed the lives of his clients.

Joe worked meticulously in everything. He has completed beautiful woodworking and remodeling projects with Lois working by his side. They worshipped together, enjoyed their cats, loved friends, hiked, visited beautiful places, and quietly supported those they love.

An avid baseball fan, Joe played as a young boy in little league, in high school and college, and in a church league into his 50's. He even had a Pirates license plate on his dream truck, a hot pepper red Ford Ranger.

Joe's life changed when he began a daily walk with Jesus. In his quiet way, Joe shared his faith. His godly example impacted many family, friends and coworkers for Christ, along with medical caregivers during his journey through cancer this past year.

Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Lord!

A service to honor Joe and celebrate his life will be held Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Community Bible Church, 331 Anderson Ferry Road, Marietta, PA 17547. Visitation is from 10-11am. The memorial will start at 11am with a meal served immediately after. For those unable to travel, a live stream can be accessed at <https://control.resi.io/webplayer/video.html?type=schedule&id=ead68e1-d5ef-477b-8901-a4dde4f49a38&startTime=2026-01-31T15:50:00.000Z> starting at 11am EST.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made instead to Community Bible Church Mission Fund at cbcpa.org; to Lancaster Cancer Center at 703 Lampeter Road, Lancaster PA 17602 or to Hospice And Community Care at 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy, PA, 17552.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Bible Church
331 Anderson Ferry Road
Marietta, PA 17547

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I've been thinking and recalling some of the good times we have had together. One event we shared was our trip to Tuscaloosa. It was fun to spend some time with you and Lois. And I would say it was a very productive trip. We worked hard, ate well, and had fun at the same time. We also spent many weekends together at Yoder's cabins. Some weekends we were working and sometimes we worked and played around. And there was always time to go for ice cream. Oh the awesome times we had just spending time together - right down to splittig and stacking wood. So glad we got to know you and Lois.

Doris and Dave Lockard

Doris Lockard - January 25 at 03:02 PM

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Andy Bachert - January 23 at 08:23 AM

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It was an honor to serve with you Joe. God put us on that team back then so we could build the friendship he intended.

Andy Bachert - January 23 at 08:25 AM

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“ LOIS & FAMILY,

Carlene and I want you to know how sorry we are to learn of Joe's death. He was a great cousin and a wonderful human being.

Looking at his photo it struck me how much he looked like Uncle Joe Howanec and reading his obit he shared many of his Father's traits. I am so sorry for your loss.

A lot of wonderful memories are rushing to mind and especially of your visit here to Portland . Many ,many Tomazin /Howanec picnics growing up. I had forgotten that his birthday was one day before mine .

You are in our thoughts and prayers !!

RICK TOMAZIN

PORTLAND,MAINE

RICK TOMAZIN - January 15 at 11:17 PM