



Josef L. Portner

August 15, 1941 - March 1, 2023

Josef L. Portner, 81, formerly a long-time resident of Marietta, passed away on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at his residence. Born in Marietta, he was the son of the late Paul E. and Mary (Paules) Portner. Joe was the husband of Loretta (Scholl) Portner with whom he celebrated 62 years of marriage.

Joe was a graduate of Donegal High School class of 1960. He proudly served in the United States Army. Joe owned and operated J&L Ltd. with his wife. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Marietta, Marietta American Legion Post 466 and was past commander, and the Susquehanna Beneficial Association. Joe was also an exhausted rooster from the former Marietta Jaycees.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Loretta, are three children, Tammy Smith, wife of Peter of Elizabethtown, Dwayne Portner, husband of Donna of Fischer, TX, and Deane Portner, husband of Tracy of Marietta; six grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; two great great granddaughters; and two sisters, Annette Knepper of York and Marthann Mowrer of Greenbackville, VA.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Nicole Styer; a sister, Sara Jane Treinen; and two brothers, Paul Edwin Portner and David Jean Portner. The Portner family would like to thank the Lebanon VA and Amedisys Hospice for all their care and support.

A memorial service honoring Josef's life will be held at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1290 River Rd, Marietta, PA 17547 on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the Sheetz Funeral

Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 6 PM to 8 PM and again on Friday at the church before the service from 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Candle Fund (address above) or The ALS Association Greater Philadelphia Chapter "Let Hope Grow Team", 321 Norristown Road, Suite 260, Ambler, PA 19002.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home
16 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA

Visitation

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
1290 River Road
Marietta, PA 17547

Memorial Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dwayne and family, so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Joe at football practices and games. I know he will be missed but he will be forever carried in your memories and hearts.

Jeffry Duke - March 28, 2023 at 07:35 AM



“ Dear Loretta, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Joe was a special man who was loved by his classmates. He was a dear man who made us laugh so much but had a lot of common sense. I believe he lived life to the fullest and brought much joy to so many people. He was a good man.
Love, Christine and Art

Christine O'Connor - March 09, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ From one past Commander of the American Legion Post 466, to another: we had a lot of good times, at deer camp, at the Legion and any time I would run into you in Marietta. Remember all those times at the Candy Shoppe? You will be missed, my friend. George "the Greek" Stephanis

George Stephanis - March 08, 2023 at 09:01 PM

JB

“ Loretta and Family: Linda and I send our heartfelt sympathy to you upon Joe's passing. While you, Loretta, Joe and I were classmates, it was in later years that we became good friends. Linda and I looked forward to our visits with the two of you while visiting my Mother in Mount Joy. In addition, we really enjoyed being with you in Texas when you visited Dwayne and Donna. Joe was a wonderful and very positive individual. The photo included with his obituary says it "all"--a smile on his face and a tremendous sense of humor.

May Joe rest in peace. With profound sadness

Jim and Linda Bennett

Jim and Linda Bennett - March 03, 2023 at 04:37 PM

JC

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Family from the Carroll family.

JODY CARROLL - March 03, 2023 at 11:23 AM

TR

“ Hey old man...It's been an honor to have called you a friend. Thank you for being a part of my dash. Rest in power Joe.
~Trish

Trisha Ries - March 03, 2023 at 07:14 AM

LS

“ It's been so long since I've been in touch but this saddens me so much. Loretta, Dean an Tracy I am deeply sorry to read of this. Joe was a wonderful friend. He always made my evenings when I would see him. May God place comfort an peace over your family. Prayers for you all.

*Respectfully an with Love
Laura*

Laura Schmoyer - March 03, 2023 at 07:01 AM

SS

“ Oh Joe, all the times you made me laugh during church when it was not an appropriate time to laugh. Your words of wisdom, I say with a snicker. I honestly cannot think of memories of you without smiling and laughing. Please don't try to control heaven. Let the powers that be handle that. Say hi to my dad for me please. Try to behave.

Susan Snyder - March 03, 2023 at 05:54 AM

PN

“ Joe you certainly will be missed. Thank you for being such a good friend to my grandparent's Emma and Sam all those years you lived by them as a neighbor. Rest in peace. Say, Hello to Nan and Pappy for me. AKA as you would call them Hummbabies!

paige j nein - March 02, 2023 at 09:34 PM

PN

“ Joe u will be greatly missed by many. Thank you for being such a great friend to Bill. Rest in peace see you on the other side some day

Pamela M Newcomer - March 02, 2023 at 07:38 PM

TI

“ A long time friend of my family. Joe was one of a kind. Never a dull moment when he was around. You knew he was in the building at the wrestling matches and very party. What a great guy! Heaven just got one of the good ones. Party with my parents old friend. Smiles and laughter will fill your family’s heart! 💕💕

TinaTanner - March 02, 2023 at 05:07 PM

BD

“ Was a great man, have wonderful memories of our days of football and wrestling. Surely will be missed,.

bill dishart - March 02, 2023 at 05:02 PM