



## Joseph G. Mraz

January 20, 2025

Joseph G. Mraz Jr., 87, of Mount Joy, passed away peacefully the morning of Monday, January 20, 2025 at the Lebanon VA Hospital surrounded by his loving daughters. Born in 1937 in Bethlehem, PA, Joe was the son of the late Joseph G. Sr. and Margaret (Pecuch) Mraz. As the middle child, Joe enjoyed his care-free childhood days alongside two sisters, Lucille Fowler (d. 2014) and Marguerite Mahoney (d. 2001). After graduating St. Mary's Prep School in 1955, Joe followed in his father's footsteps to work at the Bethlehem Steel Mill where he would eventually meet the love of his life.

For nearly 60 years, Joe was married to his best friend and loyal traveling mate, Rose-Marie (Kovacs) Mraz. Joey & Rosie as they were affectionately known, loved traveling, dining out, and planting trees. Sadly, Rose-Marie predeceased Joe on October 31, 2022. After a few years at Bethlehem Steel, Joe proudly joined the United States Army and served as a Chaplain's Assistant. Upon discharge from the military, Joe returned to graduate school where he received a Master's degree in Gerontology at UNC. Shortly after graduation, Joe & Rose-Marie returned north where he embarked upon a 50+ year career as a Nursing Home Administrator in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland. Joe's life-long mission was ensuring that all residents received the highest possible quality care in a nurturing, loving, and safe environment. Joe's last few years as a Nursing Home Administrator were spent at Mt. Hope Nazarene Retirement Community in Manheim. Once officially retired, Joe took a part time job where he spent close to a decade driving a bus for the Donegal

District and getting students safely to and from school.

Joe is survived by three children; Jennifer S. Mraz of Mount Joy, Joseph G. Mraz III of Clifton, NJ, and Beth Ann Conway of Elizabethtown, as well as four grandchildren; Tyler J. Mraz, and Madison K., Morgan H., & Logan R. Conway.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Mary Mother of the Church Parish, 625 Union School Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Friday, January 24, 2025 at 1 PM. Family and friends will be received at the church before Mass from 12 PM to 1 PM. Interment will be private at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mary Mother of the Church Parish.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mary Mother of the Church  
625 Union School Road  
Mount Joy, PA 17552

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jodi Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Joseph G. Mraz*



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**Jodi Schwartz** - September 02, 2025 at 06:38 AM

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“ *My Unky Monkey with his smile and laughter will be missed. He was truly blessed to be under the care of Jennifer and Cam. His Niece, Lauren*



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**Lauren** - January 23, 2025 at 01:48 PM