



Joseph J. Flegal

March 17, 1934 - September 1, 2022

Joseph J. Flegal, age 88, of Gobles, passed away Thursday, September 1, 2022 at Wings Home, Allegan. Joe was born March 17, 1934 in Kalamazoo, son of the late Charles and Mattie Flegal and has lived in the Gobles area since 1950. Joe wore several professional hats over the years. He was a John Deere mechanic, a construction worker, insurance salesman and most recently had retired from the City of Kalamazoo where he served as Fleet Manager. Joe was involved with the Gobles Pine Grove Fire Department for 39 years. From serving as a firefighter, a 10-year term as Fire Chief, grief counselor and finally as a member of the fire board. Joe was also known in his neighborhood for his lawn mowing and snow blowing services. He and his wife Donna were long-time members of Merson Church and involved with many committees and projects over the years.

Surviving is his wife of nearly 70 years, Donna; children, Dr. Gary Lee (Vernonda) Flegal, Debra Jo (Bill) Rhodes, Diane Lyn (Joe) Markus; grandchildren, Dan (Holly) Rhodes, Matthew (Tosha) Rhodes, Samuel (Lorraine) Flegal, Diana (Alan Slone) Flegal, Lyndi Markus, David (Rachel) Markus, Jonathan Markus, Kaitlyn Markus; 6 great grandchildren, Ginny Flegal, Caden Rhodes, Brilynn Rhodes, Brooke Rhodes, Benjamin Rhodes, Henry Markus; a brother, Dr. Cal Flegal; sister-in-law, Linda Hobbs; and daughter-in-law, Daphna (Robert St. John) Flegal. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will meet friends on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, from 10 AM until time of funeral service at 11 AM at the Merson Church. Interment will follow in Kendall Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to either Wings of Hope Hospice or Merson Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Kendall Cemetery

CR 653 and CR 388
Kendall, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Merson Church
3313 102nd Ave.
Gobles, MI

Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

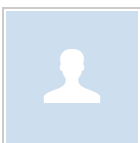
Merson Church
3313 102nd Ave.
Gobles, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Joe and Donna and Fred and I shared our anniversary together. He was such a sweet and kind hearted guy as is Donna a sweetheart. May God send his sweet spirit to sustain you in the days ahead. He is always near!

Eloise Boothby - September 05, 2022 at 03:31 PM



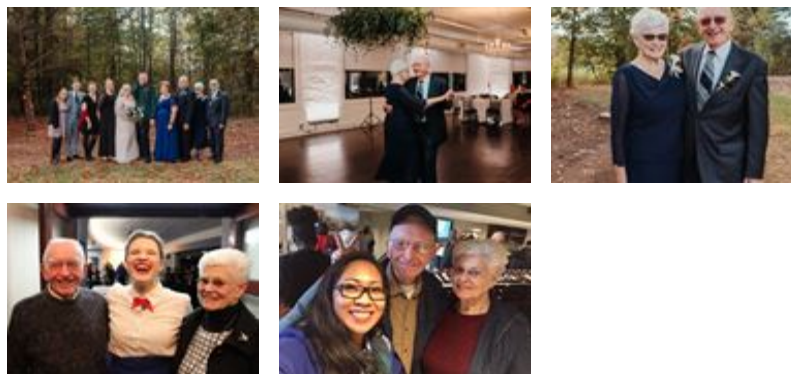
“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Flegal.



September 05, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Life Tributes



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - September 05, 2022 at 12:18 PM



Joe was a life long friend of our family, shared many a laugh and stories over the years. Will miss his humor. Tom and Arlene Magierka

Thomas E Magierka - September 05, 2022 at 01:38 PM

PH

*When I was a very young boy growing up in the countryside around Bloomingdale and Gobles there were active farmers within a mile of each other all over. In that time farm tractors were petty impotent, and I learned the name and face of Joe Flegal because he was for a time the man who represented John Deere sales and service at VanVorhees Ironmongery (Hardware) in Gobles.either side of 1960. And his fine stature and personal character made a strong impression on me at a young age, though he had no way of knowing that then. It was an era where the best of companies were to be represented by the best of people. Speaking for myself and many others, Joe sure fit the part it seemed. When Joe moved on his friend Gerry Metzger took over his job for a few years continuing the line of integrity. From the obvious quality in the products, company, and people like Joe and Gerry, then and there, for me it was something I wanted to be 'like' and indeed provoked me to spend many of my own life years with John Deere people at various levels who commonly shared my perception of Joes good character and integrity. Years ago already I called Joe and talked of his John Deere sales and service days 'way back when' and of course he knew my Dad..I was so happy then to have talked to him decades later. He was happy to get that call. Joe will forever for me be a vision of the first fine and proper person I came to know fast on the trails of the trademarked 'Leaping Deere'. *** Thank You, Joe Flegal *** Phil Hunsberger for me and Dad at Bloomingdale.*

Phillip W Hunsberger - October 05, 2022 at 01:40 AM

BK

“ Sending our condolences to you & your family.

Bob & Sharon Knowlton - September 03, 2022 at 06:53 PM

LS

“ Lyndi's Nav TDC family, Colorado Springs purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joseph J. Flegal.

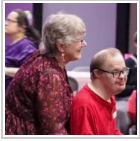


Lyndi's Nav TDC family, Colorado Springs - September 03, 2022 at 10:53 AM

DB

“ We were so sorry to hear of Joe’s passing. I really enjoyed the times we spent with Dave and Jack practicing and singing as a quartet, and Sue playing for us. He will be greatly missed. We are out of town and will not be able to come, but will keep you and the family in our thoughts and prayers. Dan and Claudia Blaha

Dan & Claudia Blaha - September 03, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ What a tremendous loss, so sorry.

Sharon Stephayn - September 03, 2022 at 09:21 AM

DS

“ Donna we just heard of Joe's passing and our hearts are hurting. We've lost a good friend...love you

Don and Bobbye Schoneboom - September 03, 2022 at 07:30 AM

PB

“ Donna and family, We are so sorry for your loss. You both have been such a blessing to our family. Joe will missed so very much by us and everyone that knew him. We know that he is in Heaven now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

John 3:16 Romans 10:9 John 14:1-3

Patricia Ann Bolen - September 03, 2022 at 01:34 AM

JM

“ 52 files added to the album *More Pictures*



Joe Markus - September 02, 2022 at 10:04 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album *Joe Flegal - Videos*



Joe Markus - September 02, 2022 at 09:51 PM

PF

“ *Paula Filip lit a candle in memory of Joseph J. Flegal*



Paula Filip - September 02, 2022 at 08:55 PM

GB

“ *Diane and Joe,
So sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.
Ginnie Barber*

Ginnie Barber - September 02, 2022 at 06:36 PM

LS

“ *Joe was the most caring gentleman I ever met. His gentle soul will
be missed by every member of the Gobles Pine Grove Fire
Department. I'll see you on the top floor, Chief!*

Lon Schafer - September 02, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *15 files added to the album Life Tributes*



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - September 02, 2022 at 02:10 PM

BJ

“ *Diane, Joe and family,
So very sorry for your loss. Keeping you in our prayers.
Beth and Kevin Jones*

Beth Jones - September 02, 2022 at 01:48 PM

PF

“ *Poffenberger Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph J. Flegal*



Poffenberger Family - September 02, 2022 at 01:11 PM

VN

“ *Vicky Norman lit a candle in memory of Joseph J. Flegal*



Vicky Norman - September 02, 2022 at 09:38 AM