



Joseph W. Walther

November 29, 1964 - October 19, 2023

Joseph W. Walther, age 58, of Lake Bluff, IL, passed away October 22, 2023 peacefully in his sleep at home. Joe was born on November 29, 1964 in Lake Forest, IL to the late Bernard A. Walther and Ruth M. Boutin Walther.

Joe was raised in Lake Forest for the first 8 years of his life. The family moved to Waukegan where he was raised with his siblings. Joe was a graduate of Waukegan West High School and later earned his bachelor's degree from Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, IA. Following the distinguished family career path, Joe dedicated his professional life to law enforcement, serving as a Correctional Officer for 28 years before retiring. His commitment to maintaining peace and order was a testament to his strong sense of duty and his deep love for his community.

An avid history buff, Joe had a deep appreciation for the past and its influence on the present. He was a passionate fan of the Chicago Bears, and his enthusiasm for the team was contagious. His love for travel led him to many beautiful places, with Galena and Germany being among his favorites. He particularly enjoyed attending Oktoberfest in Germany, a tradition that combined his love for travel, history, and good company.

Joe was also a wine collector, and he took great pleasure in discovering new wines and sharing them with friends and family. His other hobbies included

reading and gardening, activities that allowed him to enjoy quiet moments of solitude and reflection. He had a special place in his heart for his two cats, Abbey and Natty, who were his constant companions and brought him much joy. Music and movies were another source of enjoyment for Joe.

Joe will be remembered for his warm smile, his generous spirit, and his ability to make people laugh. He had a knack for making everyone feel welcome and valued, and his presence always brightened up the room. His passing leaves a void that will be hard to fill, but his memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his father Bernard A. Walther. He is survived by his mother, Ruth M. Boutin Walther; siblings Bernadette Walther, Bernard Jr. (Jacqueline); niece Sydney and nephews Ian and Grayson Walther.

A graveside service will be held at 11am on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at St. Mary Cemetery, Lake Forest, IL followed by a memorial luncheon at Gorton Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Joe's name may be made to Save-A-Pet, Inc. 31664 N. Fairfield Road, Grayslake, IL 60030, or to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at www.jdrf.org.

For more information contact: Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest at (847) 234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

Spruce Road & Sheridan Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cemetery
Spruce Road & Sheridan Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Gathering of Friends

NOV 29. 12:00 PM (CT)

Gorton Center
400 E. Illinois Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Tribute Wall



“ *Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph W. Walther*



Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest - November 17, 2023 at 10:25 AM

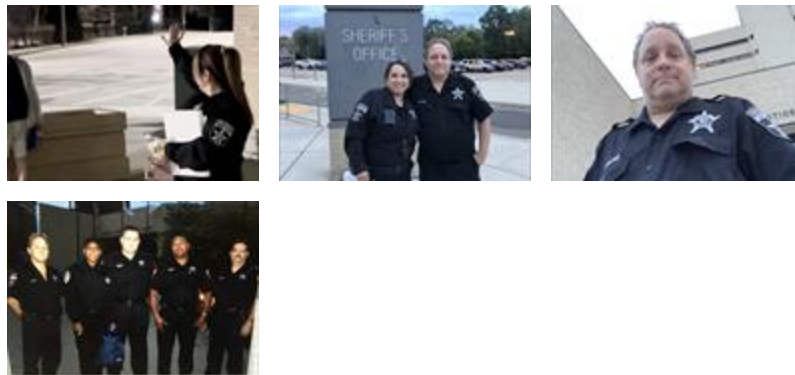


“ *I worked with Joe at the jail for 17 years. He was a nice guy and he loved cats. RIP Joe. Condolences to your family,*

Kelly Anderson - November 04, 2023 at 09:16 PM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Laura - November 04, 2023 at 02:10 PM

JF

“ Janet family friend sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Walther



Janet Greenwald family friend - November 03, 2023 at 09:24 AM

JF

“ I met Joe through his family and spent a few holidays with him and family at the Walther home. A fond memory was Joe carving the turkey in kitchen or ham very joyfully. A very nice man with a great smile and personality as well. He will be missed by his family and friends. My heartfelt sympathy to his Mom, Ruth and his family. God Bless may he rest in peace.

Janet Greenwald family friend - November 02, 2023 at 06:38 PM

GJ

“ I am Joe's first cousin, and with our birthdays being only 5 months apart, I can honestly say that I knew him all of my life. We spent lots of happy times together in our grandparents' backyard playing tag and frisbee and catching fireflies, and when Grandpa wasn't looking, swiping sips from his water glass! We snuck crackers out of the not-so-secret hiding place in their hall closet and played in their dark & scary basement when the weather was bad. Joe wanted our family to be closer now that we were all grown-ups with lives of our own, so I am happy that I got to spend some time with him this summer. I will miss his funny texts & his Facebook posts as his sense of humor was one of a kind. May those who knew and loved him find smiles and comfort in their own memories of this truly unique individual. RIP Joe. - Gwen Boutin Johnson

Gwen Boutin Johnson - November 02, 2023 at 06:11 PM