



Joseph L. Butler

August 1, 1955 - January 31, 2014

JOSEPH BUTLER NORWAY- Joseph L. Butler age 58 of Norway, died Friday, January 31, 2014 at Bellin Memorial Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was born on August 1, 1955 in Iron Mountain, the son of Dolores (Tomasini) and the late Willard Butler. Joe graduated from Norway High School in 1973, and attended Michigan Tech University. Joe married Kathy Opolka on September 9, 1988 in Iron Mountain; their wedding was blessed by the Catholic Church on September 9, 1995. He worked for Lakeshore for several years and in sales for various car dealerships in the area. He currently was employed by Wood Fibers in Niagara, WI in sales. Joe enjoyed volunteering at the Norway School keeping score and running clock for various sporting events. He also enjoyed hunting and ice fishing. He was a member of St. Mary's Church in Norway, Oak Crest Golf Course, and the Loyal Order of Moose. Joe is survived by his wife Kathy; daughters Carrie Scott of Kingsford and Kelsey Butler of Green Bay, WI; son Kyle (Mary Beth) Butler of Norway; mother Dolores Butler of Vulcan; grandchildren Emma and Olivia Scott and Callie and Colton Paul; brother Brian Butler of Bloomington, MN; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his special niece Heather Janssen. Family will greet friends on Thursday, February 6 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis officiating. Interment will be held in the Norway Township Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Kathy & family - We are sorry to hear of Joe's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
GOD BLESS!

Barb & Bill Menghini - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Kathy and family, I am shocked and so very sad to hear of Joe's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I have a special place in my heart for Joe. He was such a great guy and i will always remember how caring and kind he was when Steven passed. I will never forget that. I got to have a drinks with him on a few different occasions and he was just one those guys that you wanted to be around. My heart is sad and heavy for all of you. Love to all
Julie

Julie McDonald - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Kathy & family,
So saddened to hear of Joe's passing. I'll always remember him as a fun loving, upbeat person.
Deepest condolences.

Cindy Tousignant - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ To the Butler family - We are very sorry to hear of your lose. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless.

James Malone & Kathy Allen - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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TB

“ Dear Kathy, I would like to send my deepest condolences to you and your family. I never had the privilege to meet Joe, but have heard nothing less then he was a wonderful, caring man. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Tammy Bilski - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Kathy and family,
So sorry to hear about Joe. Prayers for God's comfort to embrace you all.
Bruce, Linda and boys.

Linda Johnson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ My only perspective of Joe is much different than anyone else's as I never got a chance to know him, but in through listening and watching his dear family at his side, I know he is one who is missed by many. My condolences to his family whom I've had the pleasure of meeting. I'm sorry our efforts did not have a different outcome for you. Keep smiling!

Jessica, RN Bellin ICU - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Joe, he was liked by many in school, and all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, children, grandchildren and closest friends.

Holly McCarthy-Biolo - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Dear Kathy and family . .I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Joe, know you are in my thoughts and prayers, praying for your strength during this difficult time. God Bless you all!

Amy Orn - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Kathy and family so sorry for your loss, thinking of you all during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Donna Dams - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to you as we are out of town. We will keep the family in our prayers. Joey will be sadly missed.

Paul and Lori Dzik - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Kathy and Family,
I was so sad to hear of Joe's passing. Please know you are in my prayers and may God bless you and help you through this very difficult time.

Sincerely,
Alicia

Alicia Henderson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my thoughts.

Shannon M. Stanek - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Dolores and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep you all in our prayers. With love, Lisa and Jim

Jim and Lisa Farrington - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Delores , Brian, Cathy and family, you all have been in my thoughts. I am so sorry for the loss of Joe. My deepest sympathy to all of you.

Carol VanGoethem Angeli - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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SG

“ Carrie and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss...there really are no words. Please know that I am keeping your entire family in my prayers throughout this difficult time.

Susan Grondin - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dearest Auntie Sis, Cathy, Brian, Carrie, Kyle, & Kelsey, My heart is broken with the passing of Joe. Not only a dear cousin but a friend. I will miss him always. But as I hope the same for you, the memories I hold, will keep him alive forever.

Suzanne Rawling - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My sincere and heartfelt prayers to the Butler family. Joe was a special friend and great guy. He will be missed.

Michael Rawling - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Dear Kathy & Family, We were so sorry to hear about your loss. We are thinking of you at this difficult time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Don, Beth, Nick & Kyle

Beth Aubrey - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ To the Butler family, You are in my thoughts at this very sad time. Joe was a great guy and will truly be missed by all. Sincerely, Arthur Rosatti

Arthur Rosatti - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ im sorry to hear of you loss Carrie and family of your father and husband. Our thoughts and prays will be with you.

evelyn trecrtin campioni - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Brian, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Debbie Karam - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Sending our deepest condolences....Norway Sports will never be the same ..Glad we got to see him on our last Parents Night for Wrestling .God Bless and Prayers to his family*

Rachel, Patrick Siegle and Family - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Kathy, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. Praying for you and your family during this difficult time.*

Michelle Schneider - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *We were so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. We have so many fond memories of Joe from NHS from our girls sporting events. He was loved by many! There are no words I can say to make this time any easier for you but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers and with time your days will get a little easier but he will never be forgotten! Much love~*

Becky & Terry Kleikamp and family - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *My deepest sympathy and so sorry for your loss. Joe always had a smile on his face. My heart goes out to all of his family. Prayers for you and your family. RIP Joe*

Debby and Pat Sullivan - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Mark and Carol Skog - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Delores, Kathy & Family,
We are so saddened by the news of Joe's passing. He always had a big smile and hug whenever I saw him. He will be missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. May God be with all of you now as you face this time of grief.

Dave & Faith Peterson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ I'm so sorry for you loss Joe and I went to school together He was a great person and will be sadly missed my thoughts and prayers are with you

Kim Zimmerman - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Words cannot express the sadness in my heart for all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May the fond memories of Joe bring you strength during this difficult time and in the coming days. May God wrap his arms around you and bring you comfort.

Nancy LaFreniere - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM