



Joseph Callovi

March 24, 1943 - November 28, 2020

NORWAY-Joseph Frank Callovi age 77 of Norway, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford, MI. due to complications of Covid-19.

Joe was born on March 24, 1943 in Stambaugh, the son of the late Ernest and Bertha (Lahti) Callovi.

Joe grew up near Amasa, Michigan. Joe had a love of animals and the “farm life” that started as a young child and continued on through his adult life. He joined 4-H as soon as he was old enough and continued through his high school career. He was in various clubs through high school but enjoyed being part of the Iron County Service Club.

Joe attended Crystal Falls High School and graduated in 1961.

After high school Joe worked at Ahlberg Implement in Crystal Falls. He served in the Michigan National Guard 182nd Artillery Division for seven years. He worked most of his career as a Parts Manager at Schultz Equipment in Iron Mountain. He had an amazing ability to remember numbers, dates, and names.

Joe was a 4-H leader and served on the Norway Fair Board for many years.

He raised cattle and horses and showed horses well into his adult life and loved spending time in the barn doing all the things that were associated with caring for the animals.

Joe loved football; especially the Green Bay Packers. He also enjoyed supporting all the local football and basketball teams.

He is survived by two sisters Geri (Cindy) Callovi of Saginaw and Paula (Rick) Jackson of Dunedin, FL; one brother Dave (Carol) Callovi of Iron River; three nephews Rick Jack Jackson, and John and Dennis Callovi.

Joe is also survived by his best friend and partner Margaret Sundstrom of Norway; his "adopted" children Todd (Donna) Sundstrom and Lynn (Tim) Mattord; along with grandchildren Jim (Heather) Sundstrom and Andrew (Anna) Mattord; as well as great-grandchildren Cecelia and Evelyn Sundstrom and Weston and Olivia Mattord.

Joe was preceded in death by one brother, Pete Callovi.

Joe leaves a big whole in many hearts. He had a big personality and loved talking about animals and really had the gift of gab.

At this time funeral arrangements will be postponed until spring and will be announced at a later date.

Tribute Wall

ES

“ Joe and I went through school together from second grade through high school in Crystal Falls. Joe was the starting center on the football team and I the quarterback. He was an excellent center and blocker. He was a good guy and had the respect of all his fellow team mates. After high school I lost track of Joe and just knew he lived in the Iron Mountain/ Norway area. Joe loved animals and farming. Sounds like he kept that love throughout his life. RIP Joe!

Ed Sandri

Ed Sandri - December 24, 2020 at 06:41 PM

SB

“ So sorry Margaret, Tim, Lynn, and Andrew I saw how much you loved Joe. He was a special guy and will be missed by all who loved him. RIP Joe!

Suze & Jim Benzing - December 09, 2020 at 12:29 PM

TS

“ Joe was my best friend from 2nd grade thru high school. We had so many good times with 4H, fairs, girls, football, car accidents. He was always fun to be with even when we got in trouble. We had not seen each other for a long time. but I will really miss him. Tom Smithson

thomas samuel smithson - December 04, 2020 at 05:23 PM

JG

“ My family and I arrived in Norway in 2005 and were immediately embraced by Margaret and Joe as fellow neighbors and church members. Joe listened to all the Knight games and would call our house immediately after each game to say how proud he was of one of the boys performance and give encouragement to them when needed. He was a very kind and gentle man. We're thankful for our time spent with Joe and will miss his huge smile and pleasant personality. Very sorry to the family and loved ones for the loss of such a great man.

John & Cynthia Grayvold - December 03, 2020 at 12:55 PM

DB

“ Joe was a great mentor of mine when I was in the 4H horse club. He was a neighbor when we lived on Kimberly Road. I always had great respect for him and he had a caring nature. I remember his horse Trinidad a stallion which was quite a handful. I will miss him.

Dave Brodersen - December 03, 2020 at 09:57 AM

TP

“ So sorry for your loss Margaret and Family! Joe was such a wonderful neighbor and always friendly our boys Kevin and Keith sure asked about Joe every time because they grew up knowing him personally! God bless you at this time!

Tom & Pat Pearman - November 29, 2020 at 06:24 PM

LU

Joe was a great friend of mine. We went all through school together. He taught me a lot about farm life and farm animals. I think of him often. I'm so sorry to learn of his passing. May God bless his family.

Leonard Urban

Leonard Urban - December 04, 2020 at 04:21 PM

RD

“ *My favorite memory of Joe: Years ago at the Iron County Fair, his brother David and Joe were in one of those cages where body weight and motion are used to make the cage go up and over. We were cheering them on until they were successful. Life truly is a vapor. It is here and gone. Bob and I will miss Joe's smile and stories on Sundays. My heartfelt sympathy is with each of you as you grieve the loss of Joe.*

Robelle & Bob Degenaer - November 29, 2020 at 06:16 AM