



Joseph Panis

January 5, 1931 - August 16, 2022

NIAGARA- Joseph Donald Panis, Jr. age 91 of Niagara, passed away Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at Promedica Care in Kingsford, MI.

He was born January 5, 1931 in Norway, the son of the late Joseph and Jennie (Bernard) Panis, Sr.

Joe attended Niagara Township schools, until he decided to venture into his life passion, which was farming.

In 1954, while dancing at the J & J Club, Joe met the love of his life Shirley Enama. Just one year later they were united in holy matrimony at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan on June 18, 1955. They continued to share their love for one another for 67 years.

Farming was Joe's passion and he was very good at it. Garnering numerous State and County awards, such as the 1964 Outstanding Young Farmer, sponsored by the Marinette Junior Chamber of Commerce for exceptional progress in agriculture and contributions to the community, and the 1970 Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year.

Joe also was an exceptional welder, learning this trade while attending tech school after his long days in the fields of potatoes and other crops. He seriously could fix, design, or fabricate anything for his farm.

His spare time was little but he always found time to take his children on family vacations and spend time with his grandchildren. He traveled to Canada fishing with friends and family. He also took a trip of a lifetime with his son Michael to Belgium to finally meet his extended relations at the Panis family reunion. Joe enjoyed going and never missed a Minnesota State Fair.

He was a member of St. Anthony Church in Niagara and the Knights of Columbus.

Joe loved animals, he had several dogs over the years, a rescue Horse and farm animals.

Joe is survived by his loving life partner Shirley; son Michael (Sally) Panis; daughters Julie (Eric) Hansen and Mary (Donald) Drogemuller; grandchildren Brady (Clare LaFaivre) Panis, Dylan Panis, Jenna (Anthony) Erno, Tyler (Destini) Hansen, Kayla (Kyle) Hansen-Fox, Morgan (Amos Mahoney) Hansen, and John Panis; great grandchildren Bryce and Carsen Erno, Kyler Hansen-Fox and Ella; brother-in-law Jerome (Cleo) Enama; sister-in-law Lorraine Thomas; many nieces and nephews; and special friends Joe Geldmeyer and Anthony Jodocy.

He was preceded in death by his beloved son David; sisters Marie Rochetti and Louise "Wizzy" Panis.

According to Joe's wishes there will be private funeral services at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our condolences to Shirley and all the rest of Joe's family.*

*Jeff Lyman
Marcella Lyman Lucas*

Jeff Lyman - August 23, 2022 at 10:59 AM

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“ *Mr Panis was our hay provider for many years. He was a hard working nice person. May his family find peace in all of the good memories. Our deepest condolences to the family. The Nygards*

Paula Nygard - August 18, 2022 at 09:50 AM