



Joel Harris Westerberg

January 11, 1937 - December 25, 2020

Westerberg, Joel Harris (Papa Joe), age 83 of Shoreview, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on December 25, 2020.

Joel was born on January 11, 1937 to Robert and Margaret Westerberg. He grew up in SE Minneapolis, the youngest of nine children: Harold, Irvin, Bill, Harris, Tom, Danny, Jerry and Phyllis Stoehr.

He was married to the love of his life, Eleanor, (Ellie) for 63 wonderful years. He was an amazing dad to his 4 children Craig (Maria), Jill Hadash, (Eddie), Michael and Joey. He was a proud and devoted Grandpa to 9 grandchildren, Brandon Carlston (Lindsey), Ali Urbatsch (Brent), Vanessa, Lindsey, Christian, Brianna, Jonathan, Audrey and Aria and 4 great grandchildren, Cayden, Everly, Connor Joel and Quinn. He is also survived by brother Tom, Austin, Texas and sister-in-law Mary Lou , Minneapolis and many nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

Joe worked for Hennepin County Highway Department for 33 years, retiring at a young age giving him many years to devote to the youth of S.E. Minneapolis coaching and mentoring.

He loved coaching his children in a variety of sports, especially hockey. He

was a season ticket holder of Gopher hockey for 46 years. He was his children's biggest fan and reveled in watching, coaching and participating with them. He continued to coach them as they became adults where he was a fixture in the third base coaches box on his son's fastpitch softball team for over 35 years. Joe enjoyed spending time with family and friends cheering on his favorite Minnesota sports teams.

For all that knew and loved Joe, he was "Papa Joe" a gentle giant. He taught his children to work hard, have fun and make a positive impact on the people in their lives. He truly lead by example.

Papa Joe will be deeply missed by family and friends and especially his "glued to the hip" best 4-legged buddy...Charlie.

The best part of your life is when your family becomes your friends, and your friends become your family... a little bit of crazy, a little bit of loud and a whole lot of love.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later time.

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Tribute Wall

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“ he was my brother and i will miss talking to him by phone as we never lived close by since we both got married back in the 50's. we did have some time together on visits thru the years. may he RIP along with my recently departed wife and daughter. God bless our Westerberg extended families.

tom westwerberg - January 03, 2021 at 12:28 PM

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Uncle Joe such a kind man - will always remember when growing up - the good times we had staying with with them , how we all stayed in 1 house - 4 parents, 9 kids, 2 dogs:)

Carolyn Westerberg Thompson - January 03, 2021 at 11:52 PM

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“ Sorry to See that he passed away And prayers and thoughts go out to the family.

Gary York - January 03, 2021 at 11:02 AM