



Joseph Nicholas Perfetti

September 8, 1926 - November 20, 2024

Joseph (Joe) Nicholas Perfetti, age 98, passed away peacefully at home in St. Anthony, MN on November 20, 2024.

Joe grew up in the Beltrami neighborhood of Northeast Minneapolis. He had fond memories of early morning paper routes, hunting for mushrooms in the nearby quarry, and Ma's victory garden. He competed in golden glove boxing tournaments representing the Margaret Barry Settlement House gym and softball game rivalries between neighborhood boys.

Joe served in the United States Navy from 1944-1946, stationed off San Francisco Bay on Treasure Island, as a naval secretary typing discharge papers for departing World War II soldiers. Upon return, he pursued an accounting degree at Minneapolis Business College, where he found his true calling. He was an auditor at the National Accounting Firm and worked as a staff accountant for multiple businesses in Northeast Minneapolis. He secured a payroll administrator position in Greenland during the construction of the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, working to earn enough for a down payment on his first family home.

He became a Certified Public Accountant and founded his accounting practice Perfetti & Oberg in 1990, retiring in 2022 at the age of 95. Joe treasured his clients and truly loved helping people and small businesses on the path to

better financial security.

Joe was a devout Catholic, voracious reader, kept a fitness routine that would put most of us to shame, appreciated southwestern art, and was a connoisseur of red sauce. He enjoyed recounting stories of the old neighborhood and sharing his deep knowledge of Minneapolis with captivated audiences. He was a strong, independent, and remarkable person who will be greatly missed by family, friends, and colleagues.

He is preceded in death by son, John Perfetti; mother, Catherine Rotar (née laquinto), father; Nicholas Perfetti; brothers, Arthur Perfetti and Louis Rotar; sisters, Angeline Konieczny, Josephine Sochko, Theresa Lavaque, and Louisa Varga.

He is survived by children, Michael (Carole) Perfetti, Mary (Gary) Roback, Nicholas (Amanda) Perfetti, Bryan Perfetti, Christina (Alex) Perfetti, Nathan Perfetti; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother, Robert Perfetti.

Memorial Mass at St. Charles Borromeo, 2739 NE Stinson Blvd., Wednesday, December 4th at 11:30 AM with visitation one hour prior and a luncheon afterward. Interment at St. Anthony Cemetery. Family prefers memorials to Eastside Neighborhood Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Church of St. Charles Borromeo
2739 Stinson Boulevard NE
St. Anthony, MN 55418

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 4. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ A brilliant mind, a generous heart and my best friend forever. You will always hold a special place in my heart and never be forgotten. I will miss your stories, your never-ending optimism and your favorite red sauce. I love you my friend.

Debra Dymanyk Hrbek

Debbie Hrbek - December 03, 2024 at 05:37 PM

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“ Joe was an amazing story teller. We listened to Joe's stories over many Perkins meals. Will miss you Joe.
Mark Bonneville

Mark W Bonneville - December 03, 2024 at 01:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Nicholas Perfetti.

December 03, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Nicholas Perfetti.



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“ Thinking of the entire Perfetti family. I'll always remember Joe's interesting stories during many years of celebrating Christmas with our three Larkin Drive families at Buca di Peppo. Lots of laughs. Good conversation. And plenty of red sauce.

Annette Bertelsen - November 26, 2024 at 04:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Nicholas Perfetti.



November 24, 2024 at 10:06 AM