



## Joseph Michael Senser

August 18, 1956 - May 7, 2026

Joseph M. Senser, age 69, of Edina, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2026, surrounded by family and friends. Born on August 18, 1956, to Louis and Eileen Senser, Joe grew up in Penndel and Hershey, Pennsylvania. After graduating from Milton Hershey School and attending West Chester University as a Criminal Justice major, Joe built an impressive athletic career in basketball before becoming an All-Pro tight end for the Minnesota Vikings, where he played for six seasons.

Following his NFL career, Joe worked in sports commentary for both local and national radio broadcasts and continued supporting the Wayzata High School football program as an assistant coach. In the early 1990s, he became the owner and operator of Joe Senser's Sports Theater and Restaurant, which expanded to four locations throughout the Minneapolis area. Joe also returned to serve on the Board of Directors for the Milton Hershey Company, Milton Hershey School, and Hershey Entertainment & Resorts.

Joe was a devoted Christian whose faith guided every aspect of his life. He was an active member of several local churches over the years and often traveled to share his faith, encouragement, and love for others. Above all else, Joe's greatest joy and proudest accomplishment was his family. He cherished time spent with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Beyond his athletic accomplishments and professional success, Joe will be remembered most for

his extraordinary kindness, compassion, generosity, and the genuine care he showed to everyone he met.

Joe is survived by his beloved wife of 36 years, Amy Senser; his daughters, Brittani Senser, Ashlee Senser, Molly Senser, and Hannah (Daniel) Waggoner; son, A.J. (Tomicka) Sieve; sister, Eileen (Paul) O'Leary; brother, Bob (Linda) Senser; and grandchildren Brixton, Ledger, Jonny, and Luxe. He is also survived by nephews Chris, Greg, Ryan, and Matthew; nieces Erin, Kristi, Jessica, Andria, Lauren, Lily, Emily, Jenna, and Carly; along with many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Eileen Senser; his brother, Louis Senser; his sister, Mary Nolte; and his beloved granddaughter, Aria Joy.

Memorials preferred to Milton Hershey School, Wishes & More Children's Wish Foundation.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff and community at Haven Homes for the love, care, and compassion they provided during the last four years of Joe's life. A public visitation will be held on Thursday May 14, 2026, from 4-8 p.m. all at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W. 50th St., Edina. 952-920-3996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **14.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

# Tribute Wall



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Joe and his family. You have my sincere sympathy in your loss. A donation has been sent to the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association in Joe's memory.

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**Sharon Gellert** - May 19 at 03:57 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Michael Senser.

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May 14 at 04:20 PM



“ Joe played basketball for my Dad at West Chester University. He broke Lew Alcindor's (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) field goal percentage record which resulted in his making it into Sports Illustrated - something WCU basketball had never seen before. His toughness on the basketball court was unparalleled. He set the bar for every player who followed for the rest of Dad's career. As a player myself, I looked up to him and modeled my style after his. He also babysat my brother and me on occasion and was just a great guy who we always looked forward to hanging out with. Despite how busy he was, he flew in for my Dad's funeral. I will never forget the impact Joe had on my life. Rest in Peace Joe.

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**Robert Voss** - May 14 at 11:27 AM



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

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May 14 at 10:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Senser.*



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May 14 at 10:53 AM



“ *Pollee Parnell and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph Michael Senser.*



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**Pollee Parnell and family** - May 13 at 09:34 PM



“ *Pollee Parnell and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Michael Senser.*

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**Pollee Parnell and family** - May 13 at 09:34 PM



“ *Your Salvation Army ARC Family! purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph Michael Senser.*



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**Your Salvation Army ARC Family!** - May 13 at 12:35 PM

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“ Your Salvation Army ARC Family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Michael Senser.

Your Salvation Army ARC Family! - May 13 at 12:35 PM

TF

“ The Aukes Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Joseph Michael Senser.



The Aukes Family - May 13 at 08:46 AM

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“ The Aukes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Michael Senser.

The Aukes Family - May 13 at 08:46 AM

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“ The Hrudka Family purchased the Gracious Lave n der Basket for the family of Joseph Michael Senser.



The Hrudka Family - May 13 at 08:37 AM

BG

“ Terrific human being ❤️ I remember the first time he walked down the steps to the West Chester college practice field ... me and the other wide receivers are like, he's a big dude. Let's see what he got. 10 minutes into first practice, he's making one handed catches. Tremendous teammate 👍. 3 years of practicing next to him ... he did every freakin drill like it was the Super Bowl 🏈 He played his best games against Delaware and defending national champion, Lehigh. Off the field - Great sense of humor. 😂 and very kind , interesting person. Took him to a Phillies game and he had his first beer. Years later , he left tickets for us , vs. Eagles - he scored and after the game, he apologized cuz he loved the Eagles lol 😂 and then again at Washington, he met us after the game and he said “ I can only hang for 5 minutes cuz Bud Grant very strict. Sure enough, Coach Grant appeared and yelled “ Senser , let's go “ lol 😂 RIP my friend. 🙏 Love ❤️ u man !

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**Bernie Gallagher** - May 12 at 01:48 AM

PH

“ Paul and Paige Hanson purchased the Serene R etreat for the family of Joseph Michael Senser.



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**Paul and Paige Hanson** - May 11 at 11:46 AM

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**Paul and Paige Hanson** - May 11 at 11:46 AM

RG

“ Sorry for your loss. I knew Joe and his Mother thru the Pitcher family of Bensalem, PA. The Senser family would go to the Pitcher house to swim. Even at 14 he was a great athlete. Rest in Peace.  
Ray Guim

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ray guim - May 10 at 09:14 AM

MB

“ To the man of no enemies, with his heart to God and his hand to man. He will forever be in the part of my life that makes me strive to be a better person. Congratulations Joe it's your time and your reward as you have been promoted to Glory! Well done my friend



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Major Jim Brickson - May 09 at 11:34 PM

GR

“ Joe had a huge impact on my life. My faith got stronger. My priorities changed. Simply put...Joe was a game-changer on my journey. I look forward to the day we are reunited.  
Greg Rye

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Greg Rye - May 09 at 07:02 PM

KE

“ Met joe at his restaurant great person

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kevin - May 09 at 04:59 PM

BR

“ *Bonnie Ritter purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Joseph Michael Senser.*



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**Bonnie Ritter** - May 09 at 10:06 AM

RS

“ *I am saddened to learn of Joe's passing. Joe was a very kind, helpful, generous and faithful man. In the early 90's, Joe was very kind to me and my sons at a time in my life that kindness was definitely needed. I will never forget the times we spent together and the memories made. My sincere sympathy to Amy, the entire Senser Family and to all of his friends. Rest in Peace Brother, you will be missed.*

*Raymond J. Clasing, Sr.  
Forest Hill, Maryland*

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**Raymond J. Clasing, Sr.** - May 08 at 03:05 PM