



Joseph S. Stachnik Jr.

March 30, 1954 - May 29, 2019

Joseph S. Stachnik Jr. of Charlotte, a very kind and gentle man who freely gave of his time to support his friends and community, died Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at the age of 65. He was born March 30, 1954 in Tecumseh, MI, one of 8 children of Joseph and Dorothy (LaTouralle) Stachnik Sr. Graduating from Clinton High School in 1972, Joe went on to study at MSU where he earned a degree in Agricultural Science in 1978 and was a lifelong MSU fan. In April of 1979, he married LuAnn Wheaton and enjoyed farming in Onondaga at the large Byrum farms, working with swine and farming 2,000 acres. After that he was a salesman of farm equipment at Hamilton Distributing. While Joe always enjoyed farming, he decided to become a financial planner and was very proud when he earned his Certified Financial Planner certification, starting with IDS as a junior partner with Chuck Gulliver. Then IDS became American Express Financial and today is Ameriprise Financial Services where he worked for a combined 33 years. Many of his clients will remember Joe as a conscientious and loyal advisor and friend.

Joe was very involved in the Charlotte community, participating in many clubs and organizations over the years. Some of the organizations Joe was involved with included: Chamber of Commerce Treasurer for many years; member and Past-President of the Kiwanis Club of Charlotte; Kiwanis-Homes President and Board Member; CAN DO!; Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital Development Council Member; St. Mary Church Finance Council; and 4-H supporter extraordinaire. Many 4-H members over the years benefited from Joe's experience with farming and animals, and he was even known to house their hogs in his barn a few times when the family didn't have a barn to do so themselves. Always giving, Joe was a friend to many and very loyal to his family, while still giving to support his community.

Joe is survived by his wife of 40 years, LuAnn; siblings, Carole (John) Schneider, Cathy (Wally) Kotlarczyk, Charlene (Dennis Hollis) Stachnik, John (Pam) Stachnik, Andrea (Steve) Warner, Jim Stachnik; brothers and sisters-in-law Leland and Denise Wheaton, Barry and Linda Stuart; and many beloved nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Margaret Cross; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Joe's family. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, June 3, 2019, 11:00 AM at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. Visitation is Sunday, June 2, 2-6:00 PM with a Rosary Service at 2:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Kiwanis Club of Charlotte. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Joe on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Events

JUN **Rosary** 02:00PM

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Pray Funeral Home

401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

JUN **Visitation** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

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JUN **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Mary Catholic Church

812 St. Mary Boulevard, Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Pray Funeral Home - June 01 at 03:35 PM



“ Thank you for this lovely tribute to Joe. I enjoyed watching it. Wendy Sellers

Wendy Sellers - June 03 at 12:17 PM



“ I'm so sorry that Joe has passed... far too soon. Joe has been my financial advisor since 1996 and I grew to just love that man. He was patient and wise. He gave the most careful explanations and answered my endless questions with great patience and clarity. He always took time to catch up on my life and my work so he could provide the best guidance. We shared many laughs. I always looked forward to my financial checkups so I could spend time with Joe. I will always be grateful for his wise counsel and how it helped me through a difficult time in my life. My most recent visit was to see Joe's new office in January 2019. As always, we had a great time. Rest in peace, Joe. You will be missed and remembered.



Wendy Sellers - June 03 at 11:59 AM



“ LuAnn and the Stachnik family, Our family sends its sincere condolences at Joe's passing. What a great man whom we always enjoyed and will certainly miss, as we've known him and worked with him since he first came to Charlotte. Joe always had a smile and a few good stories but most of all he was a very caring person. Peace and God Bless you.

The Lake family.

Steve Lake - June 03 at 09:32 AM



“ I have so many good thoughts and memories of Joe that I don't know where to begin. I had the pleasure of working for Joe; which very quickly grew into a friendship. Joe would always ask about my family and how they were doing. I think he didn't want work to interfere with their needs. He was one of the most sincere, caring and thoughtful people that you will ever meet. Joe's outlook on everything was amazing. He always looked for the positives in a situation and in people. Family, friends and community were all one in the same to Joe and equally important to him. We all have fond memories of Joe and will miss him. LuAnn you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Chris Young - June 03 at 09:11 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Luann. Joe was truly a good, kind and caring man. Always smiling and ready to help. It was an honor knowing him.

Carol Kirvan - June 03 at 08:51 AM



“ Joe was always so kind and understanding. I worked with him a few times with those dumb sheep from across the road, and he was always patient and calm. When I was quite young I rebuilt the motor on his Farmall H, it took several tries for it to run correctly, but he was understanding and encouraging. He was one of the good ones no doubt. He will be missed.

Derik Rickerd - June 02 at 09:02 PM



“ We are saddened to learn of the loss of such a good man. Our condolences to Luann.

Steve & Nancy Shaver - June 02 at 08:14 PM



“ Joe: A good decent honest man. Thank you for a job well done with our financial portfolio. You didn't have to leave so soon you know because I was suppose to leave first. I kinda wanted to keep you around a little longer to watch over things. When you said you planned to retire I didn't want you to go this far. In any event thanks for your friendship and business relationship for the last twenty years. We will miss you.....but the shop is in good hands. Keep the light on when I come to Heaven. Condolences to your family.

Kip & Linda Williams.

Kip Williams - June 02 at 03:39 PM



“ Joe was always a class act! I will carry a memory of him as very positive, smiling person that was a friend to me and many.

Vinnie Ferris - June 02 at 11:07 AM



“ So saddened at the loss of such a good and caring man. I had the privilege of working with Joe for many years. I so appreciated his generous spirit and good humor. A favorite memory; one bitter winter evening, my car battery bit the dust at the old Felpausch grocery store. I had no one else to call, and dear Joe came and stood out there in that below zero wind to change my car battery and get me on my way. “No big deal.” That’s the kind of guy he was. He will surely be missed. LuAnn, my prayers are with you as you learn a new normal and how to walk in life with this part of you missing. Love and hugs,
~Diane Vogel

Diane Vogel - June 01 at 10:53 PM



“ My husband Joe and I would quite often run into Joe at a restaurant during lunch, always made sure to talk to us. LuAnn and I have many great memories from high school, working at the library, still friends to this day. My heart and love goes out to all of his family.

kathleen hubbard - June 01 at 06:37 PM



“ 48 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home - June 01 at 02:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Stachnik Jr..



June 01 at 11:32 AM



“ LuAnn, Our thoughts and Prayers are with you. We have fond memories of Joe, his kind smile and generous nature. May God give you strength in your days ahead.
Your friends,
Chuck and Nina Gulliver

Chuck Gulliver - June 01 at 11:08 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Stachnik Jr..



June 01 at 08:05 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Stachnik Jr..



June 01 at 08:04 AM



“ My heart is saddened by the loss of such a great man. Always putting others first and always being there when anyone needed him. I was blessed to know him, work for him and most of all calling him a friend. My family will never forget you Joe you were a great friend to us. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Luann and the rest of the

family.

Christi Whiting - May 31 at 10:24 PM



“ Our fondest memory of "Uncle Joe" was when Matt and Megan got married and he was reading the Scripture from Genesis and the cows mooed on cue. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn.
Sincerely,
Richard and Carol Ritter

Carol Ritter - May 31 at 06:54 PM



“ From: Richard & Carol Ritter, Dave & Miranda purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Joseph S. Stachnik Jr..



From: Richard & Carol Ritter, Dave & Miranda - May 31 at 06:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Stachnik Jr..



May 31 at 04:19 PM



“ Oh, Joe. Where to begin. I have had the pleasure of working with you for the last three years. Never have I met a person with such a passion for their community. Always ready with a witty word or a wise piece of educational knowledge he was able to fill a conversation no matter the topic. I loved catching him off guard with a one liner that got him laughing with his big contagious smile. Joe's absence will be felt immensely in the office and in the community as a whole. LuAnn I am thinking of you and wishing you comfort in your happiest memories with Joe.

Kaila Soto - May 31 at 02:57 PM



“ My thoughts are with Joe's family! I met Joe early on at my career with IDS/ American Express. He certainly helped me get started and showed me that hard work pays off. I was always impressed with his patient and friendly matter. He made a great impact on my life and I know he's helped many. What a great loss for us all-

Tom Valade - May 31 at 01:47 PM



“ Once when Joe was on the farm the bull gouged him!. Joe and Dorothy went to Detroit for family visit and we called our neighbor to get him to the hospital, but all that while Joe kept saying it was nothing...he was all right, as he sat there bleeding. Joe had a plan go to college and go in farming and he grew into a leading pillar in the family and community

Carole schneider - May 31 at 01:29 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Stachnik Jr..



May 31 at 11:08 AM



“ Over the past 20 years, I had the opportunity to get to know Joe as a warm, friendly and community-minded person. He was quick to smile and had an affectionate laugh. I was always happy to see him, and am sad to know he's passed. Charlotte is a better place for his having lived and worked here. My sympathies go out to his family.

Bryan Myrkle - May 31 at 10:19 AM



“ I had the honor of working side by side with Joe for several years. He will be missed beyond measure. I am honored to not only to call him a my mentor and role model but a dear dear friend. Prayers of comfort!

Lorri Doolittle - May 31 at 10:13 AM



“ My heart is broken to hear this sad news. I worked for Joe for several years when the company was American Express. He has watched me grow from a kid in high school to an adult. He will surely be missed by all the lives he has touched. Luann my thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family!



Colleen Preston - May 31 at 09:14 AM



“ Barbara Fulton and Richard Butman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joseph S. Stachnik Jr..



Barbara Fulton and Richard Butman - May 31 at 09:08 AM



“ Thank you Joe for the many years of sponsoring the Aquatic Center advertising in the local papers. You never asked to have your name on those ads. Thank you for your support. Rest in Peace good man.

Laurie Newland - May 31 at 08:10 AM



“ What a great brother and a super friend..I will miss you " BIG BROTHER".

Jim stachnik - May 31 at 07:42 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We shall miss Joe's laugh and advise.
Tom and Cindy Raymond

Cindy Raymond - May 31 at 05:50 AM



“ We met Joe through American Express, Joe was much more than our advisor. He was a friend. Joe was always interested in community and doing right. He was a more than a good citizen. I so enjoyed stopping by to share a joke, he always laughed. He will really be missed by family, friends and community. Gene and Ruth Conley

Gene Conley - May 30 at 09:22 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Stachnik Jr..



May 30 at 08:25 PM



“ Joe was the first advisor I trained to start his long career with IDS/American Express that became Ameriprise. Such a gentle, friendly and warm person who treated others with dignity and respect. Always a pleasure to work with and will be greatly missed.

Brian P Sommer

Brian Sommer - May 30 at 07:46 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to the entire Stachnik family for their loss of this very very nice man. Joe will be missed by many people, we will always remember his sincerity, thoughtfulness and great laugh. We always looked forward to seeing him.
Regards Brinda and Dave Hawkins

Dave Hawkins - May 30 at 07:43 PM



“ LouAnn . We're so sorry for you loosing Joe. He's a great guy for sure. His smile and laughter will always be remembered. Hoping to see you on Sunday..

Larry and June Decker - May 31 at 10:24 AM



“ My heart is so saddened with the news of Joe. I had the pleasure of working with Joe for over 15 years at IDS/American Express and he is truly one of the "Good Guys" Always a smile on his face and would help anyone anytime. He will truly be missed. Sending hugs to LuAnn.

Connie Hartwick

Connie Hartwick - May 30 at 07:09 PM