



Joseph L. Kitten

September 25, 1937 - April 28, 2023

Joseph L. Kitten, age 85, of Park Falls, died with his wife by his side on Friday April 28, 2023 at Park Manor Nursing Home in Park Falls, after a courageous 13-year battle with cancer. He was born on September 25, 1937 in Chicago, IL., the son of Leslie and Betty (Balzer) Kitten. Joseph attended Gray Grade School, Round Lake Grade School, Grant High School and Round Lake High School, graduating in 1956. On May 9, 1964 he married his best friend Marilyn Schmidt at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls. The couple along with their two sons moved to Park Falls permanently in 1975.

Joseph was employed at Foxboro Company in Elk Grove Village for 18 years and Saunders Home Center in Park Falls for 18 years. He retired from Coldwell Banker after serving 12 years as a Real Estate Agent. He achieved his private pilot license at age 40 and learned to play the piano at age 58. He was also a Town of Eisenstein Supervisor for 8 years. Joseph was co-founder of Associated Fliers, Inc., and a proud member of Northwoods Classics Old Car Club. He enjoyed golf, fishing, woodworking, gardening, wood carving, and was an avid collector of firewood for wood stoves.

Joseph will be remembered as a beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, friend, and co-worker.

He is survived by his wife Lynn of Park Falls, (2) sons and (7) grandchildren;

Michael Joseph (Jennifer) Kitten of Appleton, WI, and their children; Leslie, Nicole, Margaret and Audrey. Robert Carl (Marichris) Kitten of Stillwater, MN, and their children; Joseph, Emilee, and Monica. He is further survived by his sister Geraldine (Henry) Hoes of Fox Lake, IL and their children Jody and Jeff. He was preceded in death by his parents, (1) granddaughter Angelica, his father-in-law and mother-in-law Carl and Edna Schmidt, and (2) sisters-in-law Carla Rybak and Barbara Schmidt.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls. Deacons Chet Ball and Robert Schienebeck will co-officiate.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the hour of service at the church on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

The family would especially like to thank the staff at Park Manor Nursing Home for all their care and compassion during these difficult years.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.
www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Anthony's Catholic Church
276 S 5th Ave
Park Falls, WI 54552-1143
(715) 762-4494

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ I remember going to visit Uncle Joe and Aunt Lyn. My Dad worked with him at Foxboro. Funny I just move to Wisconsin and he is the first person I thought of. God bless your family

Martin Bonfanti - March 31 at 07:19 AM



“ Joseph L. Kitten

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Lynn, Many good times with you, Joe and my sister Janet. Our condolences to you and your family. katie and rich reeter

kate - May 30, 2023 at 02:26 PM



Thank you for thinking of us and for the kind words.

Lynn Kitten - June 20, 2023 at 08:41 AM

“ Joe and I became good friends, and we spent many good times together...like the time we closed Sugarbush, and as our wives went home early, the decision involved one of us driving subject to a DUI, or...opting to let Joe's son (who was not of driving age to drive). So we did the "right thing" and let the unlicensed, underage kid drive. And, "whew" he got us home safely.

Looking at Joes picture now brings back good memories of time together. Like Joe and I taking on our two kids in basketball games at Joe's driveway basketball net. Joe and I always bragged about winning, but truth is the kids always beat us...badly.

And there was the time we decided to join the Park Falls Country Club mens league. Joe was a pretty good golfer. I was terrible, but Joe kept encouraging me onward...like a good friend would do.

This experience lasted for one year, after which Joe said he could no longer grip his clubs, so he had to. "retire". I sometimes after that thought maybe Joe used that as an excuse to stop the misery of my terrible golfing. Kidding.

At a time, there was talk about an Oldtimers softball league. So Joe and I got on it, and we had about 10 teams, one of which was the Eisenstein Old Timers Team, of which Joe and I were team members. Joe was our first baseman, and I relish the memories playing games with Joe and many other friends, on our team and other teams.

Win or lose, always a few brewskis after the game with members of both teams.

I visited Joe at the Waterford whenever I was back in Park Falls, and it was so sad to see the good friend losing himself.

So again, the obituary picture of Joe is that which will remain with me, and always remind me of the Joe I knew and enjoyed So be with God, Joe. RIP.

My sympathies to Lynn, Mike & Rob, spouses, grandkids.

Wayne Herbst

Wayne Herbst - May 24, 2023 at 09:53 AM

LK

Thank you, good friend, for sharing those memories which made me both smile and weep. He was a good guy, as evidenced by the turnout for his Celebration of Life on Saturday.

Lynn Kitten - May 30, 2023 at 01:47 PM

LW

“ I think I hear "The Tones" singing now that the boys from Round Lake are together again in Heaven. Thinking of them and you.

Linda Wiltberger - May 23, 2023 at 10:58 AM

LK

I I look at that picture of those four young, good-looking dudes singing and always think how that occurred before I met Joe, so I never got a chance to hear them harmonize. Good times, good friends.

Lynn Kitten - May 30, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ Our condolences to the entire Kitten Family. Many fond memories of Joe!

Daren Mazier - May 02, 2023 at 10:40 PM

LK

Thank you to the Mazier family for your kind words and friendship over the years.

Lynn Kitten - May 22, 2023 at 09:35 AM

TF

“ *Our family is thinking of and praying for you at this tough time.*



The Hayft Family - May 02, 2023 at 09:46 AM

LK

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers from the whole Kitten family.

Lynn Kitten - May 30, 2023 at 01:51 PM

LH

“ *Love and prayers to all of you!!!*



Lisa Hoffman - April 30, 2023 at 11:11 PM

KB

Sad to hear this. God comfort the family. Karyn Davis Bravo

Karyn Bravo - May 01, 2023 at 06:40 PM

BP

So sorry to hear about Joe who has been a friend for 70 years. We played sports together in High School and several years after. He was always a great person to be around. He has been a real warrior and may he R.I.P.

Bill Parr - May 01, 2023 at 10:00 PM



I am sure he's fishing with my Dad up in Heaven - love to all from the Bailey Caln

Dawn Iselin - May 02, 2023 at 02:16 PM

OB

*Hey Lynn, So sorry for your loss!! Sending hugs and prayers.
May Joe rest in peace. Love, Cal & Onee. 💕💕💕💕💕*

Onee Butts - May 03, 2023 at 04:57 PM

LK

Thank you, Cal and Onee. He was the light of my life....will miss him terribly.

Lynn Kitten - May 30, 2023 at 01:52 PM