



Joseph S Hirniak

December 7, 1933 - December 8, 2023

On December 8, 2023 Joseph Hirniak died peacefully at his residence at age 90. A graduate of Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts, Joe was an artist, a creator, a fixer who enjoyed gardening. He often had a pen, pencil, repair tool or watering can in hand. Joe was ready to offer assistance, lend an ear, share a light hearted observation or give a funny one liner. When you met Joe you saw someone who was engaging and interested in you, and the world around him. He was an avid reader, looking for information on how to improve the current condition, situation or task at hand.

He was born on December 7, 1933, and on Valentine's Day 1953 he married the love of his life, Anita Lutak. They spent 62 beautiful years together before she passed in July 2015. They left behind three daughters: Joanne, Jeanette, Christina; their husbands Michael, Stephen and Tom; four grandchildren: Jonathan, Alexandra, Tara and Kaleigh; sister Mary and nieces and nephews. In addition, Joe passed down a positive outlook on life and the importance of family and faith. Having immigrant parents from Ukraine, he knew what a blessing it was to be living here in the states. During the Korean War he enlisted in the US Army and is buried with honors in St. Augustine FL.

A memorial service will be held at 9 am on April 5, 2024 at St. Anastasia Church, 5205 A1A S., St. Augustine, FL 32080. Repast immediately following the service at the church hall.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations to St. Jude's Children Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?dedication=1&>

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I have fond memories of Joe and Anita and time we spent together. They were a warm and generous couple. My sympathy to the family.*
Eunice Priester

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“ *To know Joe was to love him. What a kind, funny, and loving soul! My brother and I have such fond memories of times spent with him, sweet Anita, and their beautiful daughters. Joe was generous with his time - so willing to help whenever called upon. We'll all miss his smile and sense of humor. Until we meet again...*

All my love to Joanne, Jeannette and Christina.

Giselle Chachula

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