



Charles "Joe" Benore

March 26, 1945 - August 3, 2025

Charles Joseph "Joe" Benore, 80, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2025, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Born Giuseppe Antonio Grande in Candela, Italy, during the final days of WWII on March 26, 1945, he was adopted from an orphanage in Rome at the age of 6 by Russell and Mary Beth Benore and brought to Toledo, Ohio, joining their daughter, Beth. Joe graduated from Toledo St. Francis de Sales High School, Villanova University, the University of Dayton (MBA), and later, the University of Toledo College of Law. He helped grow his family's toy store chain, Hobby Center, into a regional success before embarking on a second career in law, serving as a public defender and advocate for families in Lucas County.

In 1978, he married Shelley Mercurio, and together they raised three children: Charlie, Monica, and Kate. Joe was a devoted father and later found joy in being a grandfather to four grandchildren. He loved the outdoors, family trips to Northern Michigan, fishing on Lake Erie, boating on The Lady Blue, and cooking meals at home. Joe was an explorer at heart and a man who embraced life fully—from music (saw Elvis Presley at the Toledo Sports Arena) to world travel, including solo-trips to Mexico City, Acapulco, and his hometown in Italy.

Joe is survived by his wife, Shelley, and their children, Charles Russel Benore (Amisha), Monica Alexis Cannon (Dave), and Kathryn Noel Wallace (Jeff), and four grandchildren, Alana Benore, Ellie and Henry Wallace, and Pierce Cannon.

Visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home on Thursday, August 7, from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a memorial service at 5:30 p.m. Those wishing to donate in his name are encouraged to consider Toledo St. Francis de Sales High School or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

AUG 7. 5:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

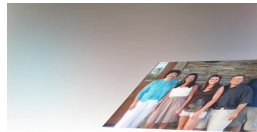
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“ Please accept the sympathy and prayer of St. Francis de Sales High School and my personal sympathy on Joe's recent death. Regrettably I am out of town on Friday and unable to be at the Funeral Home. Beginning this fall on the Sunday nearest All Saints' Day we shall remember him at our Annual Mass for Deceased Alumni, Faculty, and Staff celebrated in our school chapel. Family and alumni will be invited to pray with us.

Rev. Ronald Olszewski - August 07, 2025 at 03:50 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - August 07, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Charles "Joe" Benore.



August 07, 2025 at 09:01 AM

WB

“ Wallace, Seiler, Simpson, Barkley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Joe" Benore.

Wallace, Seiler, Simpson, Barkley - August 06, 2025 at 03:59 PM

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“ Wallace, Seiler, Simpson, Barkley purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Charles "Joe" Benore.



Wallace, Seiler, Simpson, Barkley - August 06, 2025 at 03:59 PM

KW

“ Kris & Julie Walsh purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Charles "Joe" Benore.



Kris & Julie Walsh - August 06, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Joe" Benore.



August 06, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles "Joe" Benore.

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“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Charles "Joe" Benore.



August 05, 2025 at 10:55 PM



“ Mike and Tamara Woods purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles "Joe" Benore.



Mike and Tamara Woods - August 05, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ Rich and Larrie Habel purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Charles "Joe" Benore.



Rich and Larrie Habel - August 05, 2025 at 07:31 PM

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“ *Weiner Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Charles "Joe" Benore.*



Weiner Family - August 05, 2025 at 07:19 PM