



Joseph Anthony Niedecken

1965 - 2018

Joseph “Joe” Anthony Niedecken, age 52 was called to the Lord Thursday night February 22, 2018. He died peacefully in his sleep at home in Maumee, OH.

Joe was born in Delphos, OH in 1965 to Charles “Charlie” and Esther Niedecken. Joe graduated from Delphos St John the Evangelist High School, where he was a member of the band and wrestling team and the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Joe was a licensed Professional Engineer during his career that spanned nearly 30 years in the petroleum and refining industries. He was known for his commitment to safety. His extensive on-site refining experience allowed him to contribute in many roles for a variety of companies during his distinguished career. Joe advanced in his career and made lasting friendships along the way. Joe welcomed challenges and found great fulfillment in helping others succeed. He gave his best everyday doing what “he always wanted to do.” He earned several notable awards for his service. Joe retired in 2017 at the height of his career and looked to a future of new adventures and opportunities to serve his community. Joe’s kindness and support was greatly appreciated by his brothers Ed and Harry and his sisters Becky and Sharon. Joe was a “favorite uncle” and the entire family enjoyed trips to visit him – especially during Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Most of the family still has beads collected during the parades that passed in front of his St Charles Ave home.

Joe and Retha met in New Orleans, Louisiana and had been together

fourteen years. Joe was the light in Retha's life. His kind, generous, warm nature was ever present. Joe loved his friends and family and was always eager to travel or take on a new adventure. In recent years he went to Paris, Ireland, Africa, Germany, Prague and England and was eager see more of the world and try new hobbies. He was most content in his river front home with his beloved wife and canine companions, Fritz and Grace.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Sharon Reuther. He is survived by his loving wife, Retha; sister, Rebecca "Becky" (Charles) Ansley of Columbus, OH; brothers, Edward "Ed" of Toledo, OH; Harold "Harry" (Debbie) Niedecken of Pleasanton, CA; mother-in-law, Constance Hardin; sister-in-law, Rachel (Marc) McCarthy; brother-in-law, Carlton (Jade) Karnes; nieces, Katherine "Kassie" (Mike) Czubik, Christine (Andrew) Seeholzer, Kristen (George) Bruque and Ariel Niedecken; nephews, Kyle Ansley, Scott and Reiss Niedecken as well as, many great-nieces and nephews. Joe will also be missed by his faithful canine companion of many years, Fritz and Fritz' sweetheart, Grace.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43614, on Tuesday, February 27th from 4-8 p.m. where a Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. There will also be visitation from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28th, in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church, 104 W. Broadway St., Maumee, OH 43537 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be private.

The family request donations be made to the Engineers Foundation of Ohio, 400 S. 5th St., Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43215-5430 or to the Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, OH 43609. Please sign and view our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Joseph (Maumee)
104 West Broadway Street
Maumee, OH 43537

Visitation

FEB 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

CS

“ In going to high school with Joe, I always considered him a true friend who could be trusted to always be concerned about other people and their feelings. He never made any one feel inferior to him even though he was at the top of the class, and I never felt like I was in competition with him. We both gave valedictorian speeches at high school graduation and I can remember him confessing to me that he had gotten a B one quarter and felt like I should have been up there by myself, but just as he always did for me, I confirmed that he shouldn't feel that way and that he deserved it. I can't recall him ever complaining about anything, despite the fact that his mother had a long illness. I can remember talking to his father in the nursing home and him telling me about Joe's success. When his father asked what operations manager for a refinery meant, he told his father that it meant when anything when wrong everyone said, "Where's Joe?" That pretty much sums up his attitude of kindness, humility, and I believe, gratitude to God for his blessings. I am sure he would have continued to do many more great things and I pray for his family and friends comfort at this time. Carol (Kleman) Suever

Carol (Kleman) Suever - March 01, 2018 at 08:14 AM

RE

Thank you, Carol. Joe had very fond memories of high school. Thank you for sharing. - Retha

Retha - March 17, 2018 at 07:39 PM

BR

“ Bill and I are sending up prayers for you and your family! You are strong and loved by so many here in Toledo ! May God lift you up on eagles wings and keep you in in the palm of God's hands.

Barbara Richardville - February 28, 2018 at 09:11 AM

RE

Thank you, Barb. - Retha

Retha - March 17, 2018 at 07:40 PM

CA

“ *Your friends from New Neighbors League send their deepest sympathy on your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.*

cathy - February 28, 2018 at 08:55 AM

RE

Thank you, Cathy. -Retha

Retha - March 17, 2018 at 07:40 PM

PW

“ *Pam, David, Ellison, Kelli, and William purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Joseph Anthony Niedecken.*



Pam, David, Ellison, Kelli, and William - February 27, 2018 at 12:15 PM



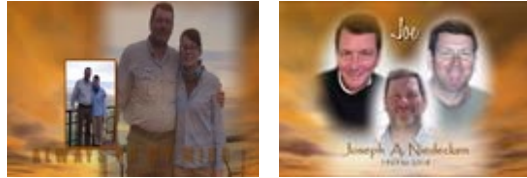
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Niedecken.*



February 27, 2018 at 11:14 AM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - February 26, 2018 at 09:03 PM

FG

“ Joe was a great guy knew him from high school. Always was a good guy and will be missed.

Francis German - February 26, 2018 at 07:58 PM

RE

Thank you, Francis, for sharing. Thank you. -Retha

Retha - March 17, 2018 at 07:41 PM

LG

“ My husband and I were privileged enough to have Joe as a classmate of ours (Class of 1983 Delphos St Johns). This is a sad time as a genuine good sole left this earth. Joe was destine to do great things. And he did! The class of 1983 is very proud of Joe Niedecken. We were blessed. Though we did not see Joe enough. His sincere laugh will not be forgotten.
Leane (Schagbaum) and Dan Geise

Leane Geise - February 26, 2018 at 06:16 PM

RE

Thank you. -Retha

Retha - March 17, 2018 at 07:42 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Niedecken.



February 26, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Niedecken.



February 26, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ *Stately Lilies* was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Niedecken.



February 26, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Niedecken.



February 26, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Niedecken.*



February 26, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ *Joe was in the dorm room next to mine during our freshman year at UC, and the following year we lived in a house off-campus with a few other engineer friends. I always appreciated Joe's willingness to help me out when I sometimes struggled with difficult engineering problems - he was one of the smartest people I've known. He will be missed. My prayers go out to his entire family.*

Mark Wendorf - February 25, 2018 at 10:22 PM



Thank you, Mark. - Retha

Retha - March 17, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Niedecken.*



February 25, 2018 at 10:06 PM

CM

“ I am sorry to hear of Joe’s passing. Joe and I worked together at Sohio/BP as well as PBF Energy - Toledo Refinery. Joe was a brilliant man and was kind-hearted. I always respected his opinion on things. Cindy and I are out of town this week so we will not be able to attend the services. Please accept our condolences for your loss. We will be praying for you and your family.

Chris McCormick - February 25, 2018 at 07:55 PM

RE

Thank you, Chris. - Retha

Retha - March 17, 2018 at 07:44 PM



I will try to do positive things, to help keep connections to the better things that Joe and Retha advanced

Edward Niedecken - May 28, 2024 at 10:16 PM