



Joseph Carl Schwartz

November 27, 1950 - April 10, 2019

After 68 years of joy, friendship, and kindness, Joseph Carl Schwartz passed away on April 10, 2019, surrounded by his family.

Born and raised in Adrian, MI, Joe was popularly known as the tailback for the University of Toledo during the 1970-72 seasons, and was inducted to the UT Hall of Fame in 1991. While his performance on the field set many records, what was more important to Joe were the lifelong friendships he made during his time in college. His friends and family knew him as easy going, humble, supportive, and welcoming.

Joe served the Lucas County Courts system for over 30 years, retiring as the manager of the juvenile restitution program. He was a loving and kind father. He coached many little league teams, and encouraged responsibility and education. He enjoyed playing basketball, softball, and golf with his friends. And he spent much of his time with his friends and family – watching sports, traveling on road trips, and celebrating life's great moments together.

Joe leaves behind his son Charlie Schwartz (Shayna Royal), his siblings Thomas J. Schwartz, Kathy Schwartz, Patty Whaley (Chris), his sister-in-law Sharon Schwartz, his former wife and friend Jan Rogers, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas G. Schwartz and Eileen (Westfall) Schwartz, his brother Richard "Butch" Schwartz, his sister-in-law Elizabeth Schwartz, and brother-in-law Dale Byce. Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m., with the Memorial Service beginning at noon.

Interment will be at the St. Joseph Cemetery, Adrian, MI at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the University of Toledo Foundation for benefit of the football program. Please view Joe's memorial video tribute and leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

St Joseph cemetery Adrain, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial

APR **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Enjoyed walking with my doggie Suzie, down toward Joe's home. As soon as she'd see Joe, she pulled to him where he always patted her on the head. We'd sit for a short time visiting, always talking about the Tiger's !! Would have liked to come and pay my last respects, but having been home from St. Luke's but a week, I'm still on the mends!! My sincere condolences to Charley and Family !! God bless you all. Doug Sneider.

Doug Sneider - April 20, 2019 at 12:16 PM

VW

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Joe. I knew him at Catholic Central. Kind person always.
Valerie (Lattuca) Wojnarowski

Valerie Wojnarowski - April 20, 2019 at 09:48 AM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - April 20, 2019 at 06:29 AM

ML

“ Deepest condolences and prayers to Charlie and family.
-Megan Lindle

Megan Lindle - April 19, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Carl Schwartz.



April 19, 2019 at 06:11 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Joe. May he rest in Peace. Thoughts and prayers for all the family. Dusty and Ray

Dusty and Ray Foreman - April 19, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ My condolences to the Schwartz Family, Joe was a true Friend, and will forever be in our thoughts.

Bill Hillabrand - April 19, 2019 at 02:33 PM

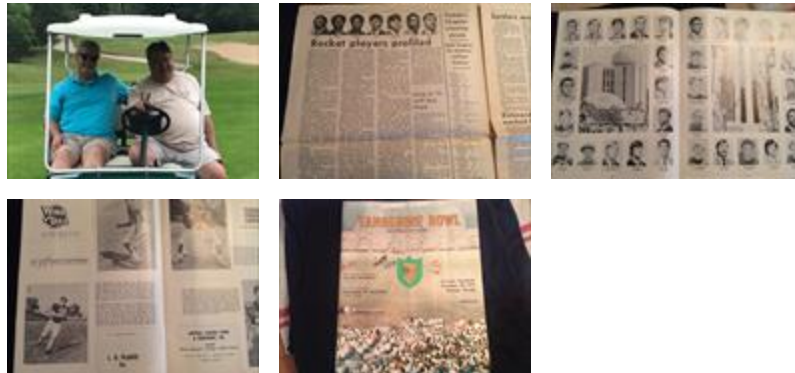


“ Jan and Charlie, so sorry for your loss.

Cathy LaCourse - April 19, 2019 at 02:24 PM

MA

“ 6 files added to the album Joe



Mark - April 19, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Carl Schwartz.



April 19, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Carl Schwartz.



April 18, 2019 at 05:23 PM

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CE

“ *Charlie and Jan, I'm very sorry for your loss. Some of my fondest childhood memories are of the time that I spent with you, Joe, and my dad. Whether we were hanging out at your house, watching Joe and my dad play basketball, or getting into trouble while they played softball at the rec center, Joe always had a smile on his face and made me feel welcomed. Joe will surely be missed. I'm sorry I won't be able to be with you in person, but my thoughts and prayers are with you and Joe.*

With Love,

Clint Eberlin

Clint Eberlin - April 18, 2019 at 11:04 AM

TH

“ *Unbelievable and sad news. My thoughts are with his family and friends. Thomas Hartley*

Thomas Hartley - April 18, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Joseph Carl Schwartz.*



April 18, 2019 at 04:35 AM



“ *John & Cam Gawronski purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph Carl Schwartz.*

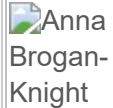


John & Cam Gawronski - April 18, 2019 at 12:23 AM



“ *A Great Neighbor and I hope he Thought of me the same as well as a Friend. I was privileged to be invited in 2008 by Joe to attend The UNIV of Toledo vs MICHIGAN football game in ANN ARBOR. To see our alma mater defeat U of M that day is a memory I will never forget. Miss you every Day God rest in peace Joe. forever in our prayers and hearts. Thanks for the Memories. Tom Knight Maumee Ohio*

Thomas Knight - April 17, 2019 at 08:46 PM

 Anna
Brogan-
Knight

“ For more than 16 years, Joe was the kindest neighbor we could ask for. He was so sweet to our daughter, Grace. He always remembered gifts for birthdays and Christmas- or put her to work picking up sticks or pulling weeds. We would visit in the driveway while he listened to the radio. Grace would play basketball or play with our little dog, Domino, who loved Joe. He never had a harsh word, and was never upset. Just steady Joe, across the street, a presence of love who will be sorely missed by us and so many. We are holding you, Charlie, and your entire family in our hearts. Love- Tom, Anna and Grace Knight

Anna Brogan-Knight - April 17, 2019 at 08:30 PM

 LN

“ Great human being, never remember when he couldn't make me laugh, played softball and golf with him, coached our sons together, you'll be fondly remembered, Lad

Luther Norris - April 17, 2019 at 08:25 PM

 DP

“ So sorry for your loss Jan and Charlie. Joe had such a kind heart. Sending thoughts and prayers. DEB PEZZIN

Debra Pezzin - April 17, 2019 at 01:54 PM

MS

“ Our family lived next door to the Schwartz family while we were all in St. Joseph grade school and Catholic Central high school and beyond, as we grew up, and then moved along our paths. We were at each others' houses constantly, especially in grade school and my parents and Joe's parents were friends. Joe, his cousin, Frank, and my brother Dave were thick as thieves throughout their youth, and high school years. I have lots of fond memories of the family as well as their uncles, aunts and cousins. Great people, all. Joe will be missed, as his brother Butch is missed. Gone too soon.
To the Schwartz siblings, Tom, Kathy Jo and Patty, from the Ball siblings, Ron, Mary and Carolyn , and Mom, our condolences at this difficult time. We cherish the childhood memories, and hope you do too. All the best.

Mary (Ball) Sterling - April 17, 2019 at 01:48 PM

BW

very nice Mary Ball Sterling - so many friends and relatives listed here

Bill Westfall - April 18, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph Carl Schwartz.



April 17, 2019 at 01:30 PM

LS

“ Bob and Jan Foster share our sentiments of Joe being a gentle giant. One could not help but feel happiness when in his presence. That deep voice and unique will always remain a fond memory. Whenever anyone in our family said “Jan and Joe and Charlie are coming over”, the Stackhouse family knew we were in for a great time. Both Joe and dad were in the football hall of fame for T.U. and Ohio Northern - imagine how close they were! Charlie, we love you and we loved your father. After the loss of our sister Lisa, we all had an extremely difficult time putting our lives back together. Eventually, we realized that Lisa would not want for us to stop living life to the fullest - and that’s the best advice that we can offer to you and your family. Lots of love from the Stackhouse family: Mike, Collin, Lynne, and Dacie

Lynne Stackhouse - April 17, 2019 at 12:44 PM

MS

“ Mike, Collin, Lynne, and Dacie Stackhouse purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Joseph Carl Schwartz.



Mike, Collin, Lynne, and Dacie Stackhouse - April 17, 2019 at 11:56 AM

JA

“ Schwartz Family,

Worked with Joe at the CSI Family court for years...A really nice guy. May our Lord wrap his arms around him and give him peace.

Jeff Arman

Jeff Arman - April 17, 2019 at 10:18 AM

SD

“ Mom used to share stories about Joe as a toddler, young boy. She’d say that even at 2-3 years old he always carried around a ball of some sport. Uncle Bob would tease him about getting him a doll for Christmas or his birthday. Joe would say if you do, “I’ll throw it in the road”. He and Mom always talked baseball. That’s because he always considered others interests. He was such a nice man. God bless him and your family. Paul and Sharon Dusney

sharon Dusney - April 17, 2019 at 10:16 AM

JB

“ Joe,my friend---- You are a very Special person and Good Friend!!! The many laughs that we shared with so many good friends will be forever in my mind!!!! Know that you will never be forgotten!!!! Much love to you and your family!!!! Love you,My Friend!!! Your Pal,Big Buck Stuck Knuckles!!!!

Joe Beckler - April 17, 2019 at 05:25 AM



So sorry to hear of your passing Frenchy. You were my friend and an amazing human being! My thoughts and prayers to all who miss you so much! I'll never forget our trip to Mardi Gra in New Orleans. Rest in Peace! D. Cole

Dennis Cole - April 18, 2019 at 11:32 AM

LG

When I was a freshman in high school at Catholic Central, Joe was a senior. I was already aware of his athletic abilities and accomplishments since I had been a regular fan watching the Fighting Irish for a number of seasons. While he was up on a ladder decorating for a dance in the gym, I mustered the courage to go to him and ask him to sign my yearbook. He patiently and graciously came down from the ladder and signed it. He was humble and kind.

My dad and I had the pleasure to pick up Joe, a hitchhiker on his way home from T.U. to Adrian one day. We almost passed him by until I recognized, "That's Joe Schwartz!!". Dad pulled over immediately. WHAT A THRILL!!

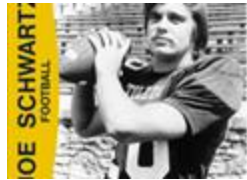
One of the greats will last in my memory forever. May he rest in peace. May your family be comforted in this time of loss.

Lynn (Lattuca) Gurica

Lynn Gurica - April 18, 2019 at 12:44 PM

MM

“ 15 files added to the album Joe



Mark McG - April 16, 2019 at 11:09 PM

JG

“ I was very fortunate to get to know Joe in the middle of our lives. He was a great neighbor and friend playing cards and hanging out with him was a lot of fun. Joe and Jan brought a truly wonderful son into the world who I have known almost his whole life and he has become a great friend of my sons. Joe and Jan went with our group to put n bay for a lot of Fun and we coached baseball together as our sons played. going to miss seeing you Joe
Jim And Judy Gates

Jim Gates - April 16, 2019 at 08:35 PM

BA

“ Joe was a great friend and athlete during our years together at the University of Toledo in the early 1970's. Simply put, he was one of the most natural and talented athletes I have had the pleasure to play college football with. As co-captain of our 1972 Rockets, Joe was an excellent leader and competitor! When our offense needed a big play, Joe was getting the football, and he delivered. That is why he is a UT Athletic Hall of Fame member. Through the years I have enjoyed seeing Joe at UT football games and "Varsity T" outings. Joe's smile and stories will be missed but not forgotten. May peace be with members of Joe's family during this difficult time. God bless!

*Bruce Arthur
UT Rocket Football, 1969-1972*

Bruce Arthur - April 16, 2019 at 05:46 PM

BA

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Bruce Arthur - April 16, 2019 at 04:52 PM

BA

Scanned from the UT Football Guide from 1972.

Bruce Arthur - April 16, 2019 at 05:53 PM

SB

“ Joe is the greatest athlete ever to graduate from Adrian Catholic Central and there were many of them including his brothers.

Mike Brooks

"65"

Susan Brooks - April 16, 2019 at 04:43 PM

J+

“ Johnstons, Joe, Joey, Suz, Mike, Jeanne, Donna + purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph Carl Schwartz.



Johnstons, Joe, Joey, Suz, Mike, Jeanne, Donna + - April 16, 2019 at 01:01 PM

BF

“ If you had a choice of a friend in your life it would be Joe. I am one of the lucky ones over the past nearly 50 years. Joe was a Gentle Giant. Gentle in demeanor and a Giant in personality, character and soul. His unassuming manner, smile and charm will always be held in our hearts and memory. Our heartfelt sympathy to Charlie and the entire Schwartz family. Joe’s presence in our lives has been a blessing. Love and peace to all his family and friends.

Bob and Jan Foster

Bob Foster - April 16, 2019 at 12:34 PM

RF

“ Robert R Foster purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Carl Schwartz.



Robert R Foster - April 16, 2019 at 12:11 PM

JM

“ What an awesome lifetime friend to have. Joe was in my life from the time I was 20. He is Godfather to my children. Always “down to Earth,” humble, supportive, loving, loyal, genuine and empathetic. I know his family and he knows mine. We shared them and so many wonderful friends. I will never take that for granted and I will miss him terribly. Rest In Peace, Joe, I love you.

Jan McGarvey

Jan McGarvey - April 16, 2019 at 11:53 AM

MM

“ Joe was a wonderful person and a great friend to all of us. He oozed integrity, humility, sincerity, and kindness. His love for his family and friends was boundless. The entire extended McGarvey family (coast to coast) loved him dearly. Joe and Jan and my Jan and I shared many decades of wonderful times, raising our families (Charlie, Colleen and Jessica) and hanging out together. Joe was there for many of the most cherished moments of my life. He was also there to console me in the dark moments. Life, going forward without him, will not be the same. It is a tribute to Joe that so many of his friends considered him to be one of their best friends. Rest in peace, my friend, I already miss you

“Crying is really great. Everything is always better afterwards, except when your best friend has died. Then you just cry some more.” - Author: Lenore Look

Mark McGarvey

Mark McGarvey - April 16, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Carl Schwartz.



April 16, 2019 at 11:35 AM

LS

“ I met Joe when I was 15 while visiting my brother for little sister weekend at UT. Decades later he still had those sparkling, laughing eyes. He saw me rarely but still recognized me , gave me a big smile and remembered my name, when I saw him in the grocery store. Joe had a great sense of humor even when his health issues became more serious. One of the fondest memories I have of Joe was when my brother Al remarried and my 80+ yr old Mom talked him into dancing with her. He was very gracious and humored Peggy and danced and joked with her. Rest In Peace Joe. You touched so many peoples lives while we we had you here on earth. 🙏🙏 Lorna Robinson Schumacher

Lorna Schumacher - April 16, 2019 at 11:05 AM

JS

“ To the one and only Joe, and family...he was truly a great friend to all. I never ever heard an unkind word spoken about Joe, that is quite an accomplishment. Sad to lose a good friend. Charlie, hold the family together. Very sad day indeed. See you this weekend as we say goodbye and celebrate his wonderful life. Pie Man

John "Pie Man" Szychowski - April 16, 2019 at 09:55 AM

LK

“ Lisa Keller lit a candle in memory of Joseph Carl Schwartz



Lisa Keller - April 15, 2019 at 04:07 PM

LK

Our deepest sympathies to the whole Schwartz family.

Lisa Keller - April 15, 2019 at 04:08 PM

RT

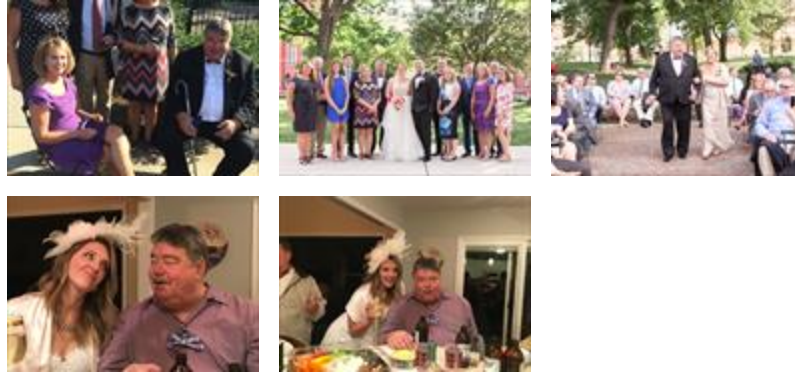
RIP "Bancroft Joe"! You were always so "laid back" and "real"! Proud to be a teammate of yours. Gone but never forgotten.

Rick "Topper" Tolland - April 16, 2019 at 09:47 AM



Shayna Royal

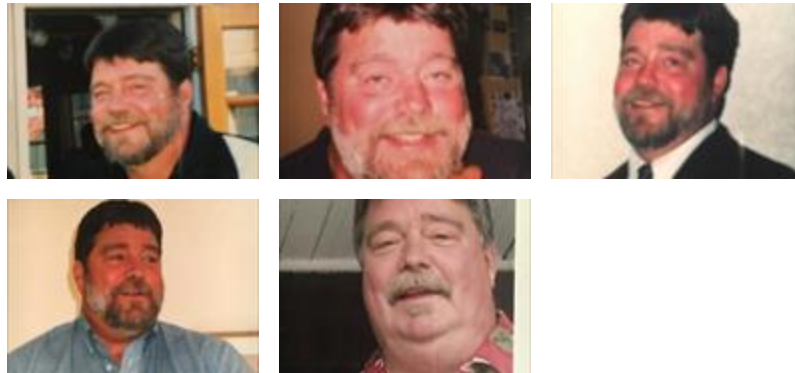
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Shayna Royal - April 15, 2019 at 12:08 PM

CS

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Charlie Schwartz - April 15, 2019 at 10:37 AM