



Joseph M Black

August 17, 1951 - August 11, 2024

Joseph M. Black, 72, of North Tonawanda, surrounded by his loving family, passed away on August 11, 2024 after a brief illness. He was the son of the late Thomas and Mary (Sparks) Black. Survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Christine (Sarzyniak). Devoted father of Jeffrey (Meghan) and Daniel (Summer), grandpa of Jaret, Meredith and Derek, and “furbaby” Libby. Predeceased by brothers James and John Black, sister Bridget Winter, mother-in-law Carrie Sarzyniak and brother in-law Joseph Sarzyniak. Dear brother-in-law to Robert and Theresa Klimek, Patricia Sarzyniak, Brenda Black, and Robert Winter. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Joe worked at the 107th Air Refueling Air National Guard for 39 years, retiring in 2008 as a Life Support Technician, earning the rank of Master Sergeant, and was a Veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom. For many years he worked part time at the Calspan Corporation. He was a volunteer firefighter and member of Columbia Hook and Ladder. He also belonged to the Fireman Benevolent Association and 3rd Ward Social Club.

Family and friends may call on Friday August 16th from 4 pm to 8 pm at Wattengel Funeral Home, located at 533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. Funeral services will be held on Saturday August 17th at 9:30 am at St. Christopher Roman Catholic Church, 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda, NY 14150. Immediately following the service, the family invites friends and loved ones to Sweeney Hose Company #7, 499 Zimmerman

Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Joe's memory to the Niagara County SPCA (www.niagaraspca.org) and the Disabled American Veterans (www.dav.org).

Cemetery Details

Mount Olivet Cemetery

4000 Elmwood Ave
Kenmore, NY 14217

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Christopher R. C. Church
2660 Niagara Falls Blvd
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Went to Bishop Gibbons High School with Joe!! Class of 1969!! Great guy ! used to run into him on occasion at Top mkt !! Rest in peace Joe!! God bless you and your Family!!

martin mis - August 16, 2024 at 01:20 PM

RB

I was sad to learn of Joe's passing, my deepest sympathies to Chris and the entire family. Rich Boxhorn, retired 107th Alum.

rich boxhorn - August 19, 2024 at 08:13 AM

SF

“ I worked with Joe in Life Support for ten years. He was easy-going with a great sense of humor. Prayers to Chris and the family. I'm very sorry for your loss.
Steve Fritschi

Steve Fritschi - August 15, 2024 at 05:36 PM

FS

“ Frank, Anneke, and Jennifer Sarzyniak purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph M Black.



Frank, Anneke, and Jennifer Sarzyniak - August 13, 2024 at 04:03 PM

KW

“ Isaiah 25:8: "He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken."
You will be missed! Rest In Peace!
Love Always- Kathy

Kathleen Warriner - August 13, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph M Black.



August 13, 2024 at 02:16 PM

WF

“ Warriners, Sarzyniaks and Guenot Familys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M Black.

Warriners, Sarzyniaks and Guenot Familys - August 13, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ I just remember going over to the Black's when we were teenagers. They were so welcoming to us even though we were pain in the asses! Dan's dad (Joe) was always so soft spoken and friendly to us. He was such a great person! He really enjoyed seeing us be stupid kids and never turned us away, it felt like a home away from home to me at the Black's. Thanks for the amazing memories RIP Mr. Black...

Michael Lovullo - August 13, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph M Black.



August 13, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ Chris, Taylor and the BW's Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M Black.

Chris, Taylor and the BW's Family - August 13, 2024 at 09:05 AM