



Joseph James Janisch

January 29, 1933 - November 19, 2023

Joseph (Joe) James Janisch, 90, a longtime resident of Mount Prospect, Illinois, passed away in Cary, North Carolina, on November 19, 2023.

Joe was born on January 29, 1933, in Chicago Illinois, to Ludwig and Pauline Janisch. He was the youngest of three children. Immigrants from Austria, his parents had a meat market for many years in the West Englewood neighborhood on Chicago's South Side. He attended St. Rita of Cascia High School in Chicago and helped out at the meat market after school and on weekends. Foregoing the family business, Joe went on to study architecture at the University of Illinois (Navy Pier) and proudly served in the United States Army.

After being introduced by mutual friends while vacationing in Saugatuck, Michigan, Joe married the love of his life, the former Mary Therese Keane, on September 10, 1960. They had four children and were happily married for 63 years, making their home in Mount Prospect for almost all of that time.

A loyal husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Joe always put family first. He and Mary enjoyed frequent visits to see their four children – Diane, Joe Jr., Daniel and Mary – and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Wisconsin, North Carolina, California and Washington state. “Papa Joe” particularly enjoyed cheering on his grandkids in their sporting events. In addition to visiting their family, he also traveled with Mary to many fantastic places, including Florida, Hawaii, France, and his parents’ native Austria, as well as Mary’s beloved Ireland.

As a native South Sider, Joe was a passionate and longtime Chicago White Sox fan, passing on his love of Nellie Fox and the 1959 “Go Go” White Sox, and Chicago sports in general, to his children and grandchildren. He was actively involved at St. Raymond de Peñafort Catholic Church in Mount Prospect, serving in various roles, including usher, in his more than 50 years as a faithful parishioner. Joe was a dedicated employee of the F.W. Woolworth Company, where he worked for over 30 years, starting as a draftsman

and working his way up to director of construction before retiring in 1993. At home, Joe was known to be able to “fix anything but a broken balloon”; he meticulously maintained his houses and designed and built enclosed porches on two of them.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Ludwig and Pauline Janisch, his brother, Bill (Joan), and his sister, Eleanore (Ed). He is survived by his wife, Mary Therese; his children Diane (Steve), Joe (Samra), Daniel and Mary (Bill); grandchildren Joe (Katie), Tom (Danielle), Theresa (Matthew), Dan (Irene), David, Greg, Tylan, Tess, William and Kean; great-grandchildren Philomena, Gemma and Maeve; and numerous longtime cherished friends.

Services are at 11 a.m. EST on Fri, Dec 1, 2023, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Cary, NC.

Livestream is available here: <https://www.stmichaelcary.org/live-mass>

Post-service viewing: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/cngtc2lhyliq8r89zhq7>

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Michael The Archangel Catholic Church Columbarium
804 High House Rd
Cary, NC 27513

Committal Service

DEC 1 (ET)

Historic Oakwood Cemetery
701 Oakwood Ave,
Raleigh, NC 27601
<https://historicoakwoodcemetery.org/>

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I was lucky enough to spend time with Joe and Larry on two of Mary and Joes porches, one of Larry’s porches and rehabbing our cottage. We all loved to play at building things and enjoyed our time together. Lots of fun and laughs together.
Ron Stavoe.

Jane Stavoe - June 06, 2024 at 01:22 PM

AM

“ Mary Therese and Joe and Larry and I were dear friends for 65+ years. So many wonderful memories. You will be missed, Joe. Love you, Mary Therese.

Alice Mulholland - January 25, 2024 at 10:27 AM

WS

“ I remember Papa Joe reading the paper and working on crossword puzzles at the breakfast table. He loved to go to the Museum of Flight when he would come to visit us in Seattle. When he came to my Mom's graduation from UW, we took them out for Pho for the first time. He also liked to play Legos and trains with me when I was little. Love to the family.

William Stauber - December 01, 2023 at 12:03 PM

BS

“ Rest in peace, Papa Joe. You were a role model to me as a father and husband in many ways. I will always remember your calm and comforting presence in our home. And, indeed, you never left a task undone.

Love and comfort to Nana Mary and family.

Bill Stauber - December 01, 2023 at 11:51 AM

KS

“ Love you, Papa Joe

Keean Stauber - December 01, 2023 at 03:50 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album Oldies



Mary - November 30, 2023 at 06:22 PM

SV

“ As I mourn the passing of Uncle Joe, my memories are priceless. Always focused on family, friends and helping others. A life well lived.

My thoughts are with the family, Aunt Mary Therese, Diane, Joe, Dan and Mary.

Susan Janisch Vann

Susan Vann - November 30, 2023 at 05:56 PM

KS

“ Joe always said hello. He had a calming demeanor. My parents really liked him .He was credit to humankind.

Kenneth M Steinke - November 28, 2023 at 07:15 PM

RW

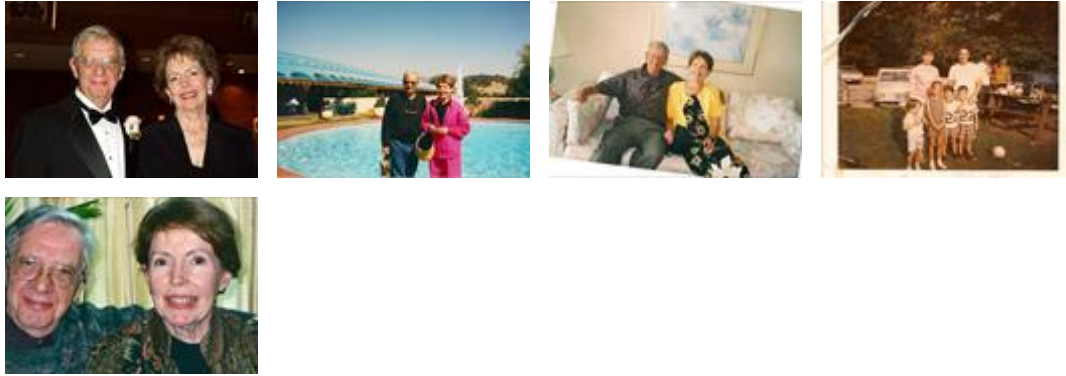
“ Joe and I go back many years, both being Sox fans, we attended many games together, along with Charlie Lux, who passed many years ago. Joe had to be the most laid back person I've ever known, nothing ever seemed to bother him. I'll miss you friend. Hang in there Tess.

Ron Willer

Ron Willer - November 28, 2023 at 05:16 PM

DJ

“ 15 files added to the album *Family*



Daniel K. Janisch - November 28, 2023 at 04:47 PM

BK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Mary Therese today. Joe was always engaging, had an endearing personality and a constant smile. May he Rest in Peace.*

Bea Keane - November 28, 2023 at 04:11 PM

CS

“ *They are all together now.....in the tavern drinking a beer!*

Carol Smith - November 28, 2023 at 11:58 AM

CS

“ *My husband and I had the pleasure of having lunch with both of them in Chicago around 5 years ago, I really enjoyed the visit. The Janisch's seem to die around the holidays, just thinking about that the other day Bob, Grandma, Judy, so sorry for all of you and your family that again another cloud over the holidays.*

Carol Smith - November 28, 2023 at 11:53 AM

JP

“ *Papa Joe at his 90th birthday, wearing the birthday crown and eating cake: "It's good to be king."*

Joe Pfister - November 28, 2023 at 11:03 AM

EM

“ *Mr. Janisch was such a sweet & good man. Family was everything to him. He was like a second Dad. I was always at the Janisch house growing up. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*
Love, Eileen

Eileen McLaughlin - November 28, 2023 at 10:21 AM

TJ

“ *this is my grandfather. love you papa joe ❤️ rest easy* ”

Tess Janisch - November 28, 2023 at 06:39 AM