



Joseph "Joe" DeCou

August 1, 2019

Joe DeCou, a resident of Wallaceburg, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at Chatham-Kent Hospice on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at the age of 65. Joe is the son of the late John Coughlin "Jack" and Anne Bobier (Gollogly) DeCou. Loving father of Colleen Barnier (Scott). Cherished grandfather of Leah. Dear brother of Mary Anne Millson (Graham), Alice DeCou, Doug (Myrna), Colleen Jones (Joe), Lawrence (Kathy Monge), Paul (Margaret) and the late Jean and Gerry. Uncle of Jennifer Thompson (Mike), Jeff, Alicia, Yessica, Aimee, Adam, John and Ryan. Godfather to his niece Aimee and great niece Emily. He is loved and will be missed by Mary DeCou. Will also be missed by his many cousins. The family will receive relatives and friends at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg on Monday from 2-4 & 7-9 PM. The funeral Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 11 AM. Cremation will be followed by interment at Riverview Cemetery at a later date.

If desired, remembrances to C-K Hospice may be left at the funeral home 519.627.3231. Online tributes may be left at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 08, 2019 at 02:11 PM

SB

Beautiful memories of dear Joe!!!

Steve Brent - August 22, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ Joseph "Joe" DeCou

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM

AS

“ *Fond memories of Joe during our high school days most notably on the track and field teams in the spring. A dear friend gone too soon. Deepest sympathies to the DeCou Family.*

Al Sullivan, Guelph, ON

Al Sullivan - August 28, 2019 at 11:16 AM

LI

“ *Such a great video, such a great cousin, will remember Joe always. Memories are many*

Linda - August 12, 2019 at 08:49 PM

BA

“ *Brenda And John Arnold lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou*



Brenda and John Arnold - August 09, 2019 at 12:03 PM

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FUNERAL HOME

“ *94 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 08, 2019 at 12:53 PM

MC

“ As some have mentioned, Joe loved sports and was an avid watcher and very lively commentator. One of the first times I visited at the De Cou's as Doug's bride, we were celebrating Thanksgiving. Apparently, all special occasions are accompanied by special sports events, a fact of which I was unaware at the time. So when Big Anne called that dinner was ready, we all gathered in the dining room which was open to the living room. I headed back and, as I had always been taught, turned off the TV for the dinner hour. I remember the pall that descended on our little crowd and all eyes turned to Joe. I glanced over at him and was puzzled by his sudden pallor. He didn't say a word though his eyes glazed over, neither did any of the tactful De Cou's and he collected himself and moved to his seat at the dinner table. It was only afterwards that Doug told me that they always watched some football game on Thanksgiving (I still don't follow sports or know what the game was) and me turning off the TV was tantamount to treason. I got away with it that time, but in future years, I kept my hand off the knob (yes, it was a knob back in those days).

Myrna De Cou - August 07, 2019 at 01:23 PM

NK

“ Nina And Kevin lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Nina and Kevin - August 07, 2019 at 12:14 PM

JM

“ I hadn't seen Joe since high school (boy, those were the days). Our paths happened to have crossed 4 years ago. We rekindled some old memories, and caught up on each other's lives. I regret not having kept in touch. It's hard to believe that we are now senior citizens, and Joe has left us already.

Also nice to see the tributes from other familiar names.

My deepest condolences to the DeCou family.

Jim Myers

Jim Myers - August 07, 2019 at 10:34 AM

TC

“ My condolences to all the family. Terry Crowe



Terry Crowe - August 06, 2019 at 07:13 PM

SC

“ SherryDave Crowe sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



SherryDave Crowe - August 06, 2019 at 05:37 PM

JG

“ Joe was a dear friend of my brother Lee for many, many years. Such great memories. On behalf of the Gormely family, our sincere condolences to the Decou family. Joan Gormely.

Joan Gormely - August 06, 2019 at 02:33 PM

CM

“ To the family of Joe, I want you to know that he was loved by a lot of foster parents and foster children of Chatham Kent. My girls who I just adopted the beginning of this year who were in care for 4 1/2 years had Joe as their driver and I must tell you that my girls truly loved him and will miss him and his hugs dearly.

Carrie

Carrie Milner - August 06, 2019 at 08:22 AM

LD

“ Years filled with memories working along side Joe in our small Quality Control group at NAP. He took the job to heart acquiring many RED TAGS. Joe easily shared his love for his family, church, and I remembered he liked the BEATLES too, as I sent a few albums his way. Life didn't always go according to his plan but he was VERY grateful for the love of his daughter and sister. I am sure he held many close to his heart. Sorry for your lost, prayers you will feel God's comfort and peace. Lori

Lori Druer - August 05, 2019 at 11:02 PM

TD

“ Our family is so very sorry for your loss Colleen, Leah & Scott.

Tina & Chris Deschenes - August 05, 2019 at 07:10 PM

MD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the DeCou family and friends. There are many happy memories of growing up with Joe and his family. We especially appreciate his support during our family’s recent losses.

Mark & Noriko Dunlop
Edmonton, Alberta

Mark & Noriko Dinlop - August 05, 2019 at 05:46 PM

BM

“ Sorry for Your Loss!



Barry & Linda McFadden - August 05, 2019 at 01:44 PM

BM

“ So sorry for Loss.



Barry & Linda McFadden - August 05, 2019 at 01:41 PM

GB

“ Joe was a dear friend in high school and the memories I have with him on the Tartan volleyball court always put a smile on my face. My deepest condolences to Joe’s family. Grant Browning

Grant Browning - August 05, 2019 at 01:12 PM

JD

“ Julie DeMeyer lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Julie DeMeyer - August 05, 2019 at 12:00 PM

CD

“ Grieving the loss of my lifelong friend. Condolences to the family



Cheryl DeVriese - August 05, 2019 at 09:46 AM

RL

“ To Joe's loved ones we send our sorrow for your great loss. Rest in Peace ,Joe!



Rose Marie and Bun Lozon - August 04, 2019 at 11:13 PM

DA

“ Dale & Colleen Aitken lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Dale & Colleen Aitken - August 04, 2019 at 09:27 PM

SM

“ *Sandy Myers lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou*



Sandy Myers - August 04, 2019 at 08:39 PM

RM

“ *Ron And Cheryl May lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou*



Ron and Cheryl may - August 04, 2019 at 06:22 PM

JP

“ *To Alice and families I'm sorry to hear of your loss. My dad Albert Debrone worked with Mr DeCou at Schultz. Thinking of everyone at this time.*
Janice (Debrone) Punnewaert

Joe and Janice Punnewaert - August 04, 2019 at 04:18 PM

JP

“ *Joe And Janice Punnewaert lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou*



Joe and Janice Punnewaert - August 04, 2019 at 04:13 PM

ED

“ Emer Dudley lit a candle in memory of Joseph
"Joe" DeCou



Emer Dudley - August 04, 2019 at 12:54 PM

TB

“ Todd and Mimi Bechard and family



Todd and Mimi Bechard - August 04, 2019 at 12:09 PM

DK

“ Colleen and family, very sorry for your loss.
Sincerely,
Denise Kellett



Denise Kellett - August 03, 2019 at 09:35 PM

TC

“ Toni Currah lit a candle in memory of Joseph
"Joe" DeCou



Toni Currah - August 03, 2019 at 08:21 PM

AF

“ Anne Marie Fraleigh lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Anne Marie Fraleigh - August 03, 2019 at 05:27 PM

PF

“ Paul & Kim Fraleigh lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Paul & Kim Fraleigh - August 03, 2019 at 04:31 PM

MH

“ Merle & Shelly Hazzard lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Merle & Shelly Hazzard - August 03, 2019 at 03:16 PM

ML

“ Mel Lauwereys sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Mel Lauwereys - August 03, 2019 at 01:22 PM

CJ

“ Chuck Juryn lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Chuck Juryn - August 03, 2019 at 01:08 PM

CJ

“ Chuck Juryn lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Chuck Juryn - August 03, 2019 at 12:00 PM

AF

“ Sorry for your loss Mary Kay and Colleen and all the DeCou and Fraleigh Families!



Anne Marie Fraleigh - August 03, 2019 at 11:45 AM

MV

“ So sorry for your loss



Mary VanDamme - August 03, 2019 at 11:36 AM

EV

“ We are so very sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone.



Eddie and Tracy VanDamme - August 03, 2019 at 11:06 AM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Gerry Flynn - August 03, 2019 at 10:16 AM

GD

“ Gerrit Dykhouse lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



Gerrit Dykhouse - August 03, 2019 at 08:07 AM

CV

“ Cori Van De Veire sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou



cori van de veire - August 03, 2019 at 08:07 AM



“ *RIP Joe - your pain and suffering is over and you are in the arms of our Lord and Saviour.
Mark and Margaret Fraleigh*



Margaret Fraleigh - August 03, 2019 at 08:06 AM

BW

“ *My deepest condolences to Colleen, Scott and Leah.....cherish your memories.....hugs 🙏💕💕*

Barb Wilbur - August 02, 2019 at 10:07 PM

LS

“ *Leah Sheeler sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou*



Leah Sheeler - August 02, 2019 at 08:12 PM

DK

“ *Colleen, so very sorry to read of the loss of your dad. Way too young. Have you in my thoughts and prayers.
Denise Kellett*



Denise Kellett - August 02, 2019 at 06:28 PM

JC

“ *Janice Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" DeCou*



Janice Conway - August 02, 2019 at 05:12 PM

TB

“ *So sorry to hear of Joes passing. Our thoughts are with you*

Tom and Judy Bachus - August 02, 2019 at 04:55 PM

DH

“ *Grateful to reconnect with Joe, a high school friend, these recent months. He faced his diagnosis with courage and faith and will be deeply missed by his family and so many friends. May God's peace fill the empty space in each heart.*

David Hazzard - August 02, 2019 at 04:52 PM

SB

“ Our profound condolences to the families for the loss of our beautiful Joe; it's will immeasurable heartbreak that I leave these few words for my dear brother from another Mother. We grew up as uproarious kids in the Burg growing together a legendary friends for life. Our lives took us apart for nearly 30 years and joyfully we reconnected again in 2006 upon our return to Chatham after early retiring from our careers. Joe was miraculously able to recount the many “adventures” that we had with Crawf, Dave Thompson, Lachlan and a long list of contributing crazies! The “good old days” seemed like yesterday when Joe articulated them - wonderful recounting of most all the fun days from our Burg past! Joe will always provide me light in dark days ahead with all the amazing memories we shared together. Michele and I will keep you all in our hearts and prayers and with you all strength through this profound loss of our Joe - God Bless and keep you all! Know that Joe is in loving arms of our Saviour Jesus, his pain behind him, filled with love of family and friends, his eternal Grace now embraces him. Rest In Peace my dear, dear friend! Steve & Mrs J Michele Brent, Chatham, On

Steve & Mrs J Michele Brent - August 02, 2019 at 04:17 PM

BC

Man oh man. What a loss Joe was such a wonderful human being. We grew up in a neighbourhood one block apart. Way back in early teen years we used to go to London, Joe, John Miller n me. Did some crazy ^*it. What fun. Joe and I had a great relationship always in a kidding manner. Unfortunately I had little contact in recent years and am truly torn not to have connected lately. I'll smile in his memory.

Brian Cammaat - August 02, 2019 at 05:15 PM

JM

“ In 2006 you lit the candle for Emily and always provided so much love care and guidance to her and her faith over the years. Loved forever in our hearts.



Jennifer Millson - August 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

SB

Beautiful & perfect love Emily, God Bless & keep you & yours! Joe so loved you!!! 💕🙏

Steve Brent - August 02, 2019 at 05:37 PM

DH

I'll miss the talks we had together at Wambo about the good old Burg days. Rest in peace Joe.

Dave Henderson - August 05, 2019 at 12:56 PM