



## Joseph J. Johnston

May 3, 1973 - September 30, 2024

Joseph Junior Johnston, age 51, of Croswell, passed away Monday, September 30, 2024 in his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born May 30, 1973 in Port Huron, son of Michael and Jill (Himmel) Johnhston. Joe met Kristy Ann Torrez on May 24, 1997 and they were married on September 23, 2000 in Lexington.

Joe graduated from Port Huron High School in 1991, where he was a 3 sport athlete. He then attended and graduated from Muskegon Community College and Olivet College. At Olivet College, Joe was an All-American wrestler and a professional fastpitch softball player. Joe's true calling was when he started coaching youth football in the Thumb Area Football League in 2007. He coached and volunteered for many seasons and continued in those roles well after his 2 oldest sons finished their playing careers. His love for all things sports related, including backyard baseball, was evident to all who knew Joe. He was also a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 17.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 24 years Kristy; 3 sons, Justin (Kacie Miyama) of Kimball, Joey, and Jaxon Johnston; daughter, Jossalyn Torrez-Johnston all of Croswell; father, Michael Johnston of Port Huron; sister, Carla Johnston of Port Huron; In-laws Jesse and Diane Torrez of Croswell; Victoria and Raul Rico of Maryland; Jesse and Ashley Torrez of Florida. Joe is also survived by his nieces and nephews; Diego and Javier Rico; Kawayne (Hannah) Cureton; Monea Cureton; Sophia, Gracelynn and Jesse Torrez;

Great-niece Layleigh Cureton.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jill Johnston, and infant brother, Mark James Johnston.

Visitation will be from 2-9 PM Wednesday, October 2 at Pomeroy Funeral Home in Croswell, and 11 AM-12 PM Thursday, October 3 at St. Denis Church.

Funeral Services will be held 12 PM Thursday, October 3 at St. Denis Church in Lexington. Fr. Robert Schikora will officiate. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Croswell.

Memorials may be made to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

Black River Rd.  
Croswell, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Croswell  
6 S. Howard Ave.  
Croswell, MI 48422  
(810) 679-9800  
[pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com](mailto:pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com)  
<https://pomeroyfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

OCT 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Denis Catholic Church  
5366 Main St.  
Lexington, MI 48450  
(810) 359-5400  
<http://www.avemariaparishmi.com>

## Service

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OCT 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Denis Catholic Church

5366 Main St.

Lexington, MI 48450

(810) 359-5400

<http://www.avemariaparishmi.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pomeroy Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph J. Johnston*



**Pomeroy Funeral Home** - October 02, 2024 at 11:57 AM

KB

*Joe was great! I have so many memories of Joe from wrestling, going to states with him and hanging with him at some of the bigger tournaments. Joe had an amazing sense of humor and was so funny! Praying for his family and friends during this time!*

**Kevin Beedon** - October 03, 2024 at 02:50 AM

MS

*Joe Was A Great Neighbor To Me And I feel bad that his kids gotta grow up without him he's the most chill fun guy to hangout with and I would go over to see him whenever he was outside i met Joe about 1 or 2 years after i moved here and its not gonna be the same without him Fly High My Great Friend I'll Miss You Joe 🕊️🕊️🕊️*

**Matthieu Stager** - October 03, 2024 at 06:24 PM

EL

*I know this is late but I can't help but send prayers to the kids. I play softball and volleyball with Joss and she is one heck of a player. She fought through her dad not being there but she fought. When she gets her home runs she says that's all for dad. May Joe fly high and comfort his Family with there hard times with there dad not being there. We will see you up there Joe 🙏🙏*

**Emerson Lindke** - July 16, 2025 at 09:36 AM

LK

“ Lauren K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph J. Johnston.

Lauren K. - October 03, 2024 at 10:43 AM

MT

“ I will never forget the days walking down dove rd. The dirt road to get to Joe's house. After school going to play basketball dunking on the 9ft rim. Great soul, genuine friend! Joe had a good heart. Had your back. Prays to his family, God Bless you all in your time of lost. But his fighting spirit lives with us all.

Marc Thonas - October 03, 2024 at 12:35 AM

JD

“ I remember Joe from my son's wrestling days at PHHS. [Dan Dawson]. He was one the wrestler's that left a good impression on me. It appears he did well in life. I'm so sorry for his early loss and pray God has him in his arms and protects his family.

Jeanne Dawson

Jeanne Dawson - October 02, 2024 at 01:10 PM

LC

“ Love, Keyshla & Cruz purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.



Love, Keyshla & Cruz - October 02, 2024 at 12:18 PM

JG

“ Jared, Trish, Wyatt, Quincy & Max Greenia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.



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**Jared, Trish, Wyatt, Quincy & Max Greenia** - October 02, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.



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October 02, 2024 at 11:16 AM

SD

“ Stephanie Draveling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph J. Johnston.

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**Stephanie Draveling** - October 02, 2024 at 09:33 AM

SD

“ Stephanie Draveling purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.



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**Stephanie Draveling** - October 02, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.



October 02, 2024 at 08:53 AM



“ William J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph J. Johnston.

William J. - October 02, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ Almont Football purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.



Almont Football - October 01, 2024 at 11:13 PM



“ John, Shelley & Lance Blaszak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph J. Johnston.

John, Shelley & Lance Blaszak - October 01, 2024 at 10:29 PM

JB

“ John, Shelley & Lance Blaszak purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.



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**John, Shelley & Lance Blaszak** - October 01, 2024 at 10:29 PM

LJ

“ Love Christine, Paul, Vincent and Joey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph J. Johnston.

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**Love Christine, Paul, Vincent and Joey** - October 01, 2024 at 10:15 PM

LJ

“ Love Christine, Paul, Vincent and Joey purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.



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**Love Christine, Paul, Vincent and Joey** - October 01, 2024 at 10:15 PM

TG

“ Tony García lit a candle in memory of Joseph J. Johnston



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**Tony García** - October 01, 2024 at 10:11 PM

RP

“ Joe was an incredible kid growing up I first met him when we moved to the dove rd trailer when I was in the five grade. There was a large group of us that would play backyard football and baseball joe always shined while doing that. He was definitely a unique and rare person. Heaven is a much better place with him there and earth is that much more darker without him. I lost touch with him after I graduated and went into the air force, then later the distance just got further when I got married and had children. I was able to talk with him years ago but never saw him in person and that's a regret I'll live with. Whenever he came over to the house as with the other kids would always have the deepest respect for my mother I hope that he is able to find her now. Joe you were and are still a great guy you will be missed but never forgotten my friend. R.I.P. my friend,joe

Randy Pickett - October 01, 2024 at 09:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.



October 01, 2024 at 09:02 PM

DD

“ Desi Duncan lit a candle in memory of Joseph J. Johnston



Desi Duncan - October 01, 2024 at 07:23 PM

CJ

“ Cheryl, Chrissy and Jehu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph J. Johnston.

Cheryl, Chrissy and Jehu - October 01, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.



October 01, 2024 at 06:11 PM

MW

“ Michelle W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph J. Johnston.

Michelle W. - October 01, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.



October 01, 2024 at 04:48 PM

JP

“ *Julio, Daye & kids - Kevin, Tiff & Preston purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.*



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**Julio, Daye & kids - Kevin, Tiff & Preston** - October 01, 2024 at 04:02 PM

TF

“ *The Greathouse Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joseph J. Johnston.*



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**The Greathouse Family** - October 01, 2024 at 03:06 PM