



## Joseph M. O'Mara

July 5, 1926 - August 20, 2015

Port Sanilac Michigan

Joseph (Joe) Martin O'Mara passed away Thursday, August 20, 2015

Joe was born on July 5th, 1926 and raised in Carsonville, Michigan the son of Edward and Isabel O'Mara.

Growing up Joe worked with his brothers and sisters on the family dairy farm. He graduated from Carsonville High School in June of 1941. Upon graduation he joined others of the greatest generation and served his country as a Seaman, First Class in the United States Navy during World War II.

Joe attended the University of Detroit post military service and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Philosophy. He met his wife Patricia O'Neill in 1951 and were married in 1953 at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Detroit.

Joe initially worked at the Atomic Power Associates Development from 1952 - 1957, and then move from APAD to Detroit Edison where he finished his career in 1993. He then started his own business Quality Contractors.

Joe had many interests including gardening, history, hunting, collecting and restoring antiques. Joe was mostly interested in sports and followed the Lions, Tigers and Red Wings closely. This passion for Detroit sports was a close second to his personal interest in his children and grandchildren's athletic and personal pursuits. Joe coached and watched hundreds of his family activities. It seemed he never missed a school or sporting event.

Joe was loved and cherished by all who knew him. His unforgettable personality, kindness and charm will be truly missed. He was always there for anyone in need, he was generous and cared for those he loved over his own interest. Joe was loved and will be missed by many.

He joins his late wife Patricia Ann O'Mara who preceded him in passing on October 30, 2001. Joe leaves behind his 12 children; Dan (Dianne), Grace, Ed (Lanette), Joe Jr. (Sarah), Tom, Matt (Ann), Kelly Laroche (Dennis), Marty, Shawn (Chris), Michelle Nelson (Scott), Katie Camp (Terry), and Anna Fox. In addition, Joe leaves behind 24 grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Visitation will be from 6-9 P.M. on Saturday evening and from 12 Noon until 7 P.M. on Sunday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Carsonville.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 A.M. on Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Port Sanilac. With visitation at the church from 10-11 A.M., Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock will officiate. Interment will follow in the Old St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Foundation for Angelman's Syndrome Therapeutics or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Philip marinelli has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

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**Philip marinelli** - August 25, 2015 at 10:31 AM

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“ I always felt your Dad as being one of my favorite Uncles. His charm and smile always made me feel at home. His laugh was so distinctive at our family gatherings. It was a sign how he enjoyed life and the good in people. I forgave him every time he called me Paul (my brother) due to having 12 kids of his own and trying to keep their names straight his whole life. I know he knew who I was and names really didn't matter. I would tell him I am Peter, too which he would say, "I know who you are" with a grin as big as he could make. He will always be remembered as a loving, giving man. One that all of us look up to and try to imitate as our lives go on. I know he is up in heaven having a blast with all of our relatives whom have gone before us. They are so lucky to be with him now. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as I am unable to attend todays services. Please know that I really wanted to be there with all of you.

*Peter O'Neill*

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**Peter O'Neill** - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 PM

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“ My sympathy and prayers to the O'Mara Family in the loss of their "Patriarch" Joseph M. O'Mara. I pray and say as we have been doing now for centuries: "Eternal rest give to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on him forever. May he rest in peace! May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

Sincerely. Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock, RC-Priest of the Diocese of Saginaw, and Sacramental Priest of Ave Maria Parish/St. Mary Church, Pt. Sanilac, MI Peachtree Estates 5778 Main St. #1, PO #202 Lexington, MI 48450-0202

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**Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock** - August 21, 2015 at 02:43 PM