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Joseph Guy Aprea, devoted husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away on July 10, 2025, in Traverse City, Michigan, at the age of 86. Born on December 2, 1938, he was the cherished son of the late Cordiale and Elizabeth (née Ciampa) Aprea.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Pauline; his children, James (Patty) Aprea of Traverse City, Michigan; David Aprea of Nashville, Tennessee; and Cara (Andrew) Hakken of Ada, Michigan. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Cassidy and Nicolas Hakken, Jack Aprea, and Danielle and Ryan Aprea; and his sister, Janet Jaros of Washington, Michigan. Joseph is preceded in death by his brother Ronald (Joyce) Aprea of Shelby Township, Michigan; and brother-in-law Louis Jaros of Washington, Michigan.

A proud graduate of Denby High School and Wayne State University Law School, Joseph served his country honorably as a member of the Michigan National Guard. He went on to have a distinguished career as a successful attorney, dedicating over 30 years to his profession with integrity and passion. Outside of work, Joseph was an avid handball and tennis player who relished both the competition and camaraderie both sports brought into his life. Known for his confidence, intensity, strong will, and unwavering dedication, he was

also a generous provider to his family.

A funeral Mass will be held on September 12, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 12675 Center Rd, Traverse City, MI 49686. A graveside service will immediately follow.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Church

12675 Center Road
Traverse City, MI 49686

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP 12. 8:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NH

“ Bubba and Nana were the only reason that I got involved in tennis, as one of my first memories is he and Nana bringing me to the tennis courts to hit and practice on the ball machine. We would always watch tennis when we spent time together and talk about our favorite players and strategies in the sport. When I played tennis for my High School team, he would come to some matches and cheer me on. Just that influence at a foundational age has made a sizable difference in my life and has brought me much joy.

Nick Hakken - September 17, 2025 at 11:01 AM

TJ

“ The Ruarks (John and Joel) purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Joseph Guy Aprea.



The Ruarks (John and Joel) - September 10, 2025 at 10:10 PM

TJ

“ The Ruarks (John and Joel) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Guy Aprea.

The Ruarks (John and Joel) - September 10, 2025 at 10:10 PM

PA

“ *Pauline A. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joseph Guy Aprea.*



Pauline A. - August 13, 2025 at 11:54 AM

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CB

“ *Joe was always kind to me. He always made me feel like part of the family.*



Colleen Baldwin - August 09, 2025 at 10:12 AM

PA

“ *Patty Aprea lit a candle in memory of Joseph Aprea*



Patty Aprea - August 06, 2025 at 01:44 PM