



Joseph "Joe" Bernard Kozic, Jr

December 23, 1932 - April 5, 2020

Joseph "Joe" Bernard Kozic Jr., of Milwaukie, Oregon passed away on April 5th, 2020 at the age of 87.

Joe was born in Oregon City, Oregon on December 23, 1932, to father Joe Kozic Sr. and mother Genieve Kozic. He the oldest of two sons.

Joe graduated from West Linn High School in 1952, and was drafted into the army during the Korean War where he was a Pole Lineman. Joe received an honorable discharge from the Army in 1955 and he moved on to the National Guard, receiving an honorable discharge in 1957.

Joe met the love of his life, Marilyn Hale, in 1952 at West Linn High School. They were married on March 25, 1955 and they just celebrated 65 years of marriage.

After working 40 years at Crown Zellerbach, Joe retired in 1992. Joe filled his retirement years with rooting for the Trail Blazers, fishing and actually catching fish and gardening. Joe and his wife, Marilyn were rarely apart, which is exactly how he liked it as his family was the most important thing in his life.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Jim Kozic, and his grandson Nick Callahan.

Joe is survived by his wife Marilyn, children Teresa Kozic, and Melanie Kozic - Ragland, and grandchild Ali McCaffery.

Joe was larger than life and had never met a stranger. Joe had his arsenal of one liners that never failed to get a laugh and sometimes an eye roll, he was king of the Dad jokes and we wouldn't have had it any other way.

Joe was the best father, husband, friend. To say he will be missed is an understatement. The void he has left is immeasurable.

We all loved him very, very much.

Unfortunately, we won't be able to have a celebration of life, but he will be at Mountain View Cemetery, if anyone would like to say hello to 'Ol Joey.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Oregon Food Bank.

Please visit www.waudsfuneralservice.com to leave well wishes for Joe's family.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will never forget the good times we had at Jennings Lodge Grade School with Joe and brother Jim. We were good friends, and I am so sorry to hear he is no longer with us.

Darel Mack - April 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I didnt know what it meant to be a father until I met Joe. Joe was a man I always appreciated for his unwavering commitment to his wife and family. He was the true shining example of a a father figure in my life. I have known Joe since I was eighteen years old and no matter how much time had passed when ever I saw him if brought a smile to my face and it warmed my heat. Thank you Joe. I love you.

Bill Karsten - April 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM