



## Joel Francis Knapp

April 30, 1939 - April 8, 2024

Joel Francis Knapp, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2024, with his loved ones surrounding his side. Joel was born in Detroit, MI on April 30, 1939, to the late Edwin Louis Knapp and Mary Elizabeth Gallagher.

Joel was a loving and compassionate man. Always funny with an ever so dry wit. He was an avid fisherman and sports fanatic with a long time, unwavering love for the Detroit Tigers. In Joel's younger years, one could always find him either coaching little league, playing in a men's softball league, or watching his children and friends at the ballparks in New Baltimore, MI. Joel was a member of St. Mary's Queen of Creation in New Baltimore, MI, and was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Joel started his career at Chrysler in Warren, MI, where he honed in on his euchre skills. There was never a time Joel would pass up playing a game of Euchre with his family, friends, or anyone he just met. He passes on his love for both baseball and euchre to his children and grandchildren. Joel married Mary on October 28, 1977. They retired to Nunnely, TN where Joel found much peace and joy meticulously tending to his farm. Joel was a member of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 46 years, Mrs. Mary Knapp of Nunnely, TN, daughter Laura Wallyn, daughter Heidi Robinson, son Edwin Knapp, daughter Denise (Jeff) Geers, daughter Heather Solomon, stepson Bill (Cathy) Hudson, stepdaughter Susie (Joe) Brasel and stepson

Thomas Hudson. Brother Edwin Knapp, brother Louis (Barb) Knapp, brother John (Bobbi) Knapp, sister Mary Lou (Lloyd) Dyker, sister Margaret Darby, brother Michael (Sandra) Knapp, sister Julie Knapp, sister Anne (James) Moody and sister in law Betsy Knapp.

Grandchildren: Dustin (Stephanie) Kuczynski, Mackenzie Robinson, Joshua (Adelle) Knapp, Olivia Knapp, Jacob Knapp, Emma Knapp, Jessica (Jamison) McGowan, Kaitlyn Geers, Kelsey Geers, Chloe Shipman, Isaiah Shipman, Jamie (Aric) Hinson, Michelle (Michael) Jenkins, Jessica (Devin) Bunch, Amy (EJ) Gunter, Matthew (Allison) Hudson, Floyd Hudson, Mary Hudson. Great grandchildren: Delaney Kuczynski, Cecelia and Luka Knapp, Shepherd and Rhodes McGowan, Lyndee Hinson, Lillian, Landon and Logan Jenkins, Grayson and Paisley Gunter, Olivia Bunch, Ava, Harris and Anna Hudson, Hadley Hudson, Brinley and Bennett Hudson.

In addition to his parents, Joel is preceded in death by his brother James Knapp, brother Thomas Knapp, daughter in law Kelly Knapp, grandson Austin Hudson, and great granddaughter Arica Hinson. Joel will be deeply missed by his beloved family, friends, and all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E  
Centerville, TN 37033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Visitation

APR 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church  
1515 Woodland Drive  
Centerville, TN 37033

## Funeral Mass

APR 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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1515 Woodland Drive  
Centerville, TN 37033



# Tribute Wall

AW

“ *"Gone from our sight but never our hearts"*

*My memories of Joel (Uncle Joel) all lead to a joyful "smirk" that was simply contagious... and genuinely heartwarming.*

*To family and friends, 🙏🕊️🕯️🙏🕊️*

*May your heart and soul bring peace and comfort.*

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**Abra Zbozien Walters** - April 17, 2024 at 08:37 PM

LW



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**laura knapp wallyn** - April 18, 2024 at 10:46 PM

MD

*Joel was one of my seven brothers. He loved me and I loved him! Mary Lou*

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**Mary Lou (Knapp) Dyker** - May 27, 2024 at 01:14 PM

GC

“ *Glenda Coates lit a candle in memory of Joel Francis Knapp*



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**Glenda Coates** - April 16, 2024 at 07:20 PM

DH

“ Keeping the family in our prayers.



Dwight and Jewel Hinson - April 16, 2024 at 02:43 PM

DE

“ Joel was unfailingly kind and generous, and a good neighbor. My deepest sympathy to all of his family on their loss.



Dan Elrod - April 16, 2024 at 02:05 PM

NL

“ Neal And Jean Lovlace lit a candle in memory of Joel Francis Knapp



Neal and Jean Lovlace - April 13, 2024 at 06:55 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Joel Francis Knapp.



April 12, 2024 at 05:05 PM

LJ

“ *Ex son-in-law he was always good to me.  
My father and Joel were old friends and went on many fishing trips  
together and I know my father loved him.  
God bless the Knapp, family and everyone else who loved him!*

Leo Solomon Jr. - April 12, 2024 at 01:34 PM

LW

*Thank you Leo. You and your family was a big part of our lives.*

laura knapp wallyn - April 22, 2024 at 08:36 PM

SU

“ *Joel was a great step dad and a great friend  
will miss him every day!*



Susie - April 12, 2024 at 11:28 AM

LG

“ *Linda Gene sent a virtual gift in memory of Joel  
Knapp*



Linda and Gene - April 12, 2024 at 08:05 AM

CM

“ *Christina Middleton lit a candle in memory of Joel Knapp*



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**Christina Middleton** - April 11, 2024 at 10:05 AM

TF

“ *The Maston Family lit a candle in memory of Joel Francis Knapp*



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**The Maston Family** - April 10, 2024 at 10:57 PM

GL

“ *Gerry Loveless lit a candle in memory of Joel Knapp*



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**Gerry Loveless** - April 10, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ *Jewell Prince lit a candle in memory of Joel Knapp*



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**Jewell Prince** - April 10, 2024 at 12:49 PM

CB

“ Chris Buchanan sent a virtual gift in memory of Joel Knapp



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**Chris Buchanan** - April 10, 2024 at 04:33 AM

MB

“ MICHAEL BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Joel Knapp



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**MICHAEL BATES** - April 09, 2024 at 02:42 PM