



Joseph Thomas Potuzak, Sr.

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Joseph “Joe” Thomas Potuzak, Sr, 79, of Cornelius, NC passed away on September 29, 2022. Joe was born February 28, 1943 to the late Charles and Catherine Potuzak in Mineola, Long Island, NY. He attended Saint Aiden’s Catholic School and Saint John’s Preparatory School.

An entrepreneur at heart, Joe worked in various trades before starting two businesses in Long Island, NY. Suffolk Fleet Service was an innovative mobile fleet servicing business and Suffolk Snow Removal was a regional snow plowing business. He served six years in the Army National Guard of New York and was honorably discharged in 1969. He proudly served in the Fighting 69th New York Infantry Regiment and operated the M-99 Armored Recovery Vehicle. He retired to Punta Gorda, Florida and later Cornelius, NC, and went on to host a travel-themed radio talk show, own an ice cream store, and write a book about retirement. He loved his wife, family and country and wanted the very best for them.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Merle Potuzak, son Joe Potuzak, Jr. and wife Michelle of Huntersville, NC, and grandchildren Megan and Michael. He is also survived by his brother Charles Potuzak and his sister Catherine Vanek.

The memorial mass will be held on Friday, October 7, 2022 at St. Mark Catholic Church Huntersville NC. The Visitation will be at 2 p.m. in the Narthex of the church and Mass at 3 p.m. For those who cannot attend, the church will livestream it from there website at <https://www.stmarknc.org/livestream#MassSchedule>

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Joe’s memory to the Young America’s Foundation, 11480 Commerce Park Drive, Sixth Floor, Reston, VA 20191 or at yaf.org

James Funeral Home of Huntersville, NC is serving the family of Mr. Potuzak and online condolences can be made to jamesfuneralhomekn.com. Obituary lovingly written by the family.




Events


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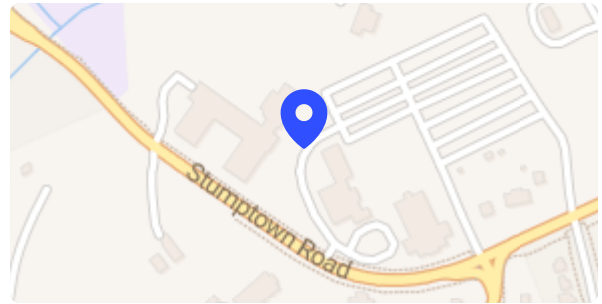
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Visitation

 **Friday**, October 7, 2022


 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **St. Mark Catholic Church**
14740 Stumptown Rd, huntersville NC 28078

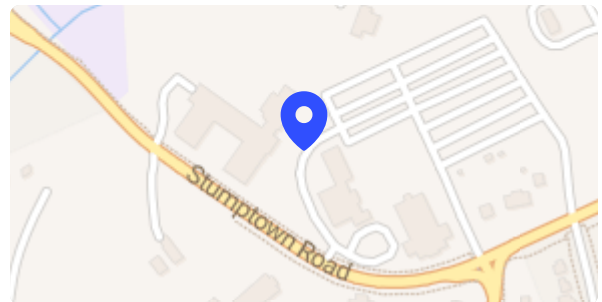


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Harald Potuzak posted:

Sorry to hear the passing of Joseph Potuzak. Best regards, Harald Potuzak

April 14 at 7:31 PM



Paul Lombardi posted:

Praying for Joe as a life long friend. We attended the same grade school in Williston Park, NY. I will keep the family in my prayers. God Speed, Joe.

December 8 at 8:09 PM



Thomas Sullivan posted:

Joe, Please accept my sincere condolences for your and your family's loss. He and you all will be in my prayers. Tom Sullivan

October 11 at 7:50 PM



Ernest/Irene John posted:

Our fond memories of Joe include meeting him at the old senior center in Cornelius. He and Merle were introducing line dancing, Joe was selecting and playing the music and Merle was calling the steps.

October 6 at 11:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Potuzak, family.



October 5 at 10:57 AM



Susanna Miller-Pence posted:

Cousin Joe visited our family in California before he reported for military service. He surprised us all by giving me his car! It was purple and fast. I often think about how generous he was and have wonderful memories of my first car. Love you Joe

October 2 at 5:56 PM



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October 1 at 3:33 PM



Gail & Hank Buck posted:

Joe was a devoted husband & father who always worked hard to give his family a beautiful & secure home. We will always remember the laughs & good times we had through the years of dating, marriages, babies & retirement. He will be missed.

October 1 at 10:23 AM



Linda Hasenmeyer posted:

In 1966 when he and Merle moved into there first lovely home in Commack NY they were so proud and happy to show it off and enjoy entertaining guests. Sister-in-law Linda Hasenmeyer

October 1 at 6:05 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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