



Joseph H. Livingston

December 14, 1950 - May 18, 2012

Joseph H. Livingston, 61, of New Milford departed this earthly life at 6:20 p.m. on May 18, 2012, in his home, surrounded by his loving family. Born on December 14, 1950 in Rockford, son of Ivan and Nina (Barker) Livingston Sr., he lived his whole life in Rockford. Joe was confirmed as a young man at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He grew up fishing, hunting and loving nature. He founded Rock Valley Die Sinking, Inc. in 1975 and it remains a thriving business today. Joe was a world traveler, going anywhere his heart desired, especially loving Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and Wine Lake Camp in Canada. In addition to being an avid scuba diver taking 100+ dives, which he displayed in his hobby of underwater picture taking, he was a passionate walleye fisherman, so much so that after a year of going to Wine Lake Camp, he had an island named after him – Walleye Joe’s Island. Another passion for Joe was watching the birds that would come to his porch. He always marked the first sighting of the hummingbirds every year on his calendar. He loved attracting his Orioles and Yellow Finches. Joe was an award winning pigeon flyer and handler and traveled to England and South Africa for Million Dollar races. He cherished the friendships he made over the years while being involved in pigeon flying. Joe was a member of East Rockford Pigeon Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles #392, Blackhawk Athletic Club and PADI Diving Society. Joe said himself he had a “very blessed life” and felt very fortunate to have such a tight knit family. His children and grandchildren brought him so much joy. A wonderful father, grandfather, brother and friend, he is survived by

his 5 children: Joseph (Melanie), Carrie (John) Luxem, Keith, Hope Swanson and Traci (Marcell Sr.) Black and 14 grandchildren. Brothers, Ivan, Vince (Alice), Richard (Cindy) and sister Joyce (Donald) Poshka, lifelong best friend Tom (Sherita) Morgan and girlfriend Penny Verkuilen. There are so many special people that touched Joe's life, and he loved them all and they were always in his heart. Special thanks to the OSF cancer center, Dr.

Sreenivasappa, nurses and his "Swedish girlfriend" Lesha. An extra special thank you to Renae and the staff at Heartland Hospice. There is a special place in heaven for all of you. Joe is predeceased by parents, sister (Mary Sommers), two nephews "Little Ivan" Livingston and Brian Poshka, and sister-in-law Betty Livingston. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4620 20th St. Rockford, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Ralph Kuespert will officiate. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
4620 20th Street
Rockford, IL 61109

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Joseph H. Livingston



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - November 04, 2014 at 12:06 PM

PE

“ Penny lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Livingston



penny - June 17, 2012 at 09:33 AM

PE

Thinking of u today .. your birthday is getting close .. time for Mexico .. miss u very day❤️

penny - December 10, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Sherita Tom Morgan lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Livingston



Sherita Tom Morgan - May 29, 2012 at 07:34 PM



We miss you more then you could ever know Bestie. You will always and for ever be in our hearts we LOVE you Joe <3

Sherita Tom Morgan - May 29, 2012 at 07:37 PM

JK

“ I knew Joe for more than 40 years and I can tell you all he was a very good friend. My wife's family, the Wheelers, knew him even longer. He will be surely missed by all of us. Our condolences to Joe's entire family.

Jim & Sandy Kincade

Jim & Sandy Kincade - May 24, 2012 at 12:49 PM



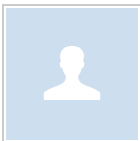
“ CRAIG DOYLE lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Livingston

CRAIG DOYLE - May 24, 2012 at 09:32 AM



JOE WILL BE MISSED-HE WAS A GREAT PERSON-CRAIG-VICKI

CRAIG DOYLE - May 24, 2012 at 09:33 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Livingston.

May 23, 2012 at 11:24 AM



ST

“ *Sherry Thornton sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph H. Livingston*



sherry thornton - May 23, 2012 at 07:31 AM

TF

“ *Tim Pfeifer & family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joseph H. Livingston.*



Tim Pfeifer & family - May 21, 2012 at 09:40 PM

CL

“ *Cindy Livingston lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Livingston*



Cindy livingston - May 21, 2012 at 09:07 PM

CL

*of all his greatest accomplishments There are 5 that are truly awesome
We love you Guys*

Cindy livingston - May 21, 2012 at 09:12 PM

CB

“ *Chantel Booker lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Livingston*



Chantel Booker - May 21, 2012 at 09:02 PM

HS

“ *Hope Swanson lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Livingston*



Hope Swanson - May 21, 2012 at 09:01 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Livingston.*



May 21, 2012 at 02:56 PM

TB

“ *Traci Black lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Livingston*



Traci Black - May 20, 2012 at 10:17 PM

JH

“ *Julia Heckman lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Livingston*



Julia Heckman - May 20, 2012 at 08:06 PM

JH

“ *I have MANY Wonderful memories of my DEAR brother-in-law Joe. We had many gatherings there and he was a most Generous, Loving ,person. As a family you have much to be proud of. I Love you all and GOD Bless All OF YOU. JULIA*

Julia Heckman - May 20, 2012 at 08:04 PM

TM

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Tammy, Bill, Cohl, Chloe & Cadin Matthew - May 20, 2012 at 02:11 PM

TM

“ *I love you Uncle Joe! I spent a lifetime of being your niece, neighbor, and friend. You will remain in my thoughts every day for all of time. Look after your little brother like you always did. He's lost without you. Love never dies!*

Tammy, Bill, Cohl, Chloe & Cadin Matthew - May 20, 2012 at 02:08 PM

TL

“ Tammy Livingston sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph H. Livingston



Tammy Livingston - May 20, 2012 at 02:03 PM

CN

“ Candi Nesemeier lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Livingston



Candi Nesemeier - May 20, 2012 at 10:53 AM

TJ

“ I am so proud to have known Joe and to always feel like part of his family. Joe is a shining example of being family by love, not just blood. His home was always open and he just had a way of making people feel at ease.

My family and I are praying for the Livingston family. We pray that you find comfort in God's hands during this very difficult time. We love you all so much!

Keith, Telquila, and Isaiah Jones

Telquila Jones - May 20, 2012 at 10:07 AM