



Joseph Matthew 'Joe' Bartush

June 3, 1960 - April 5, 2021

Mass of Christian Burial for Joe Bartush will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Rosary and Vigil will be held at 6:00 PM on Friday, April 16, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mr. Bartush passed away on Monday, April 5, 2021. Please wear happy colors! In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Sacred Heart Scholarship Fund. For those that cannot make the services, the Mass and Rosary will be livestreamed. You can access them by going to shchurchmuenster.com.

Joseph M. Bartush, 60, of Pilot Point, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family early on Easter Monday, April 5. He fought a courageous battle against T-cell Prolymphocytic Leukemia.

Joe was born in Dallas, Texas on June 3, 1960, number 8 of 13 children, to Mary Jane and Charles F. Bartush, Sr. The Bartush family attended Christ the King Catholic Church & School, Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas, and Ursuline Academy of Dallas before moving out of the big city to Muenster, Texas. While attending Sacred Heart Catholic Church and School, the family immediately immersed themselves in sports and small-town living. Joe excelled at all sports, setting numerous records at all levels. Joe developed his love of the outdoors in Muenster, was an avid hunter, and encouraged his children to enjoy the same. Joe graduated from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. In 1983 he returned to Dallas to work with his father in the food industry at Bartush-Schnitzius Foods Company. Joe spent almost 30

years managing customer accounts. He loved his job and his gregarious nature shone in this profession. Joe attended St Rita Catholic Church and met his wife, Barbara, there. Married in 1985, four children soon followed. They attended St Rita, Jesuit & Ursuline. Joe was an active parishioner, daily mass attendee, lector & Eucharistic Minister. He was a founding member & active volunteer of the Knight of Columbus chapter at St Rita. Boy Scouts soon became the joy of his life and he led his 3 sons, and numerous other boys, to the level of Eagle Scout. His knowledge of wildlife, camping, and cooking was enjoyed by all. Joe started working at St Rita Catholic Church in 2015.

Everyone looked forward to seeing Joe's smiling face around campus and at all events he prepared. Joe was also an avid BBQ master and really enjoyed cooking and smoking meats for family and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his devoted parents and sisters, Ann & Virginia. Joe is survived by his wife, Barbara; Children; Katie, Andy, Peter & William. He also is survived by siblings, Charles, wife June; Bill, wife Darlene; Mary Beth; John, wife Lanie; Cindy, husband Sam; Cathy, husband Mark; Paul, wife Beth; Angela; Mike, wife Katrinka; Jim, wife Pam. He leaves behind a mother-in-law, Ellen Newman and brother-in-law, Todd Lane, who love him as their own. There are numerous nieces, nephews & grand nieces and nephews that will miss their Uncle Joe. Joe also leaves numerous relatives in Michigan & beyond.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Muenster, TX 76252

Previous Events

Rosary and Vigil

APR 16. 6:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
714 Main St
Muenster, TX 76252

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
714 Main St
Muenster, TX 76252

Tribute Wall

WH

“ Dear Barbara and family, I join the many who fondly remember Joe as a wonderful family man of strong faith. His joyous Scouting leadership, support, and friendship was such a positive experience for so many boys and their families, certainly mine included, May he serenely reside in the presence of the Lord.

Walter Healey

Walter Healey - May 07, 2021 at 01:12 PM

JB

“ Barbara and family...We were saddened to learn of Joe's passing and remember he (and you) so fondly. I spent countless hours in his company in so many Scouting activities. It was always an adventure and his infectious smile made every day better. We will miss him.

John & Becky Bristow

John Bristow - May 06, 2021 at 06:28 PM

CF

“ Dear Barbara and family: We are so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was a wonderful man and always greeted everyone with a smile. Joe will forever be remembered for his generous, kind spirit and love for his family. The bright light he brought with him everywhere will be greatly missed. You are in our prayers.

The Camara Family

Camara Family - April 22, 2021 at 12:48 PM

AP

“ We have so many great memories of Joe, especially in the scout program. He was kind and generous, and will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences to Barbara and the entire family.

Alex and Diane Ponzio

ALEX PONZIO - April 19, 2021 at 05:09 PM

MW

“ Dear Barb and family,
So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Thank you for the opportunity to participate via you tube in his funeral Mass. I remember seeing Joe play high school football in one of my visits to Muenster and the family. He was like a tractor plowing the field for the running back. Our best wishes to you all in this difficult time of adjustment.
Michael West and family

Michael P. West - April 19, 2021 at 12:16 PM

RW

“ Joe was such a joy to work with. He was like a ray of sunshine, very happy and positive every day. When I would ask what he was doing for the weekend or a vacation, the answer was always something to do with the kids or family. What a great guy. He will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



Renee' White - April 16, 2021 at 01:12 PM

MM

“ Joe was a great friend, awesome Knight, a wonderful and great family man, and confidant. Joe was always willing help out, always had a beautiful smile. We will miss him and know he is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Godspeed Joe! Our deepest condolences to the entire Bartush family.

Marti Musso - April 15, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew 'Joe' Bartush.



April 15, 2021 at 11:24 AM

MA

“ Mary purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joseph Matthew 'Joe' Bartush.



Mary - April 13, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew 'Joe' Bartush.



April 12, 2021 at 12:50 PM

JB

“ Dearest Barbara,

Your Joseph Matthew Bartush.....a wonderful, strong name for a wonderful, strong husband, father & brother. With deepest sorrow & weeping with you, Barbara 🙏🕯

Always,
Janice Bennett

Janice Bennett - April 12, 2021 at 10:32 AM

AW

“ Dear Barbara and Family. Joe will be deeply missed by our St. Rita Austin Street Shelter ministry. He went above and beyond to ensure that our volunteers had a place to drop off food donations when the campus building projects took place. He always greeted us with a big smile! May God grant him eternal peace.
Fondly, Anne and John Wilson

Anne Wilson - April 11, 2021 at 09:40 PM

BB

“ We are so saddened to hear the news of Joe's passing. He was always such a positive role model for the kids and seemed to have a never ending smile! Sending prayers to all of the Bartush family.
Fondly, Bridget, Terry, and Brian Buell.

Bridget Buell - April 11, 2021 at 01:03 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew 'Joe' Bartush.*



April 10, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew 'Joe' Bartush.*



April 10, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ *Barbara & Family: I will “Remember” Joe for Many Reasons: his bike riding around the parish, his & your willingness-Barbara & William to help me. Joe was a “Light” that will always Guide me. I Pray these Thoughts Give You Comfort. I take comfort in knowing Joe is in Heaven watching over all of us. “God Bless All of You- My Thoughts & Prayers are with You0.*

Lisa Moorman - April 10, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Matthew 'Joe' Bartush.*



April 10, 2021 at 03:38 PM

JP

“ Dear Barbara and family - I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was a kind smile whenever I encountered him. He was a cheerful helper when he worked at St. Rita for sure! I'll remember him riding his bike around campus ready to help. May you all be comforted by God's love and your community's support. - Jenny Priddy

Jenny Priddy - April 09, 2021 at 10:23 AM

RB

“ The Bartush Family is in our deepest prayers. Joe was such a blessing to have known. He was a stalwart advocate for his children and our faith. He will be so missed, and we hold Barbara and her children up in prayer for strength and consolation. His eternal smile now shines upon us all from heaven!

Rose Burns - April 09, 2021 at 09:42 AM

BG

“ Joe was always so kind, so helpful, and so patient with all the ladies in the St. Rita Tuesday Morning Bible Study. His joyful spirit and beautiful smile was always an inspiration to all of us. It is a blessing to have known him. Our sincere condolences to all his family.

Becky Goldenbaum

becky Goldenbaum - April 08, 2021 at 09:52 PM

CS

“ Barbara,
Charles and I are saddened for your loss. Joe will be forever remember for his contagious smile and willingness to help others. Our prayers are for you, your family, and Joe. May he rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior.
Patti and Charles

Charles Sylvester - April 08, 2021 at 12:33 PM

SA

“ My heart goes out to Barbara and all the Bartush family. Joe had such an exhuberant spirit and his smile lit up the room. May the Lord wrap His arms of comfort around you and lead Joe to the heavenly Jerusalem. Susie Andrews

Susie Andrews - April 08, 2021 at 12:05 PM

JS

“ You and your family have our condolences and prayers. May God comfort you and keep you all in His loving arms.

Jenny and John Shiffer - April 07, 2021 at 03:27 PM