



Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer

February 12, 1941 - December 19, 2025

Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer, 84 of Bluffton, passed away on Friday afternoon, December 19, 2025, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Joe was born on February 12, 1941, in Mazon, IL. to Marvin and Alma (Leopold) Pfeifer. He graduated from Mazon Verona Kinsman High School in Mazon, IL. in 1959. He furthered his education at Iowa State University and received his Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Marketing with a Minor in Chemistry. Joe worked for Sinclair Oil in the Fertilizer division in Mendota, IL., Jensen Salsbery Labs in Cattle Bios in Brandon, SD., Mix-Mill in Chatham, IL and Bluffton, IN., Easy Systems in Welcome, MN. and retiring from Wisconsin Electrical in Milwaukee, WI. Upon retirement, Joe and his wife, Patricia returned to Bluffton. Joe was a member of Bluffton Elks Lodge for 58 years, Moose Lodge, Masonic Lodge and First United Methodist Men's Club. He enjoyed traveling, golfing, fishing, playing cards and cooking.

On August 23, 1959, Joe and Patricia Ann (Weir) Pfeifer were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Kinsman, IL. They celebrated 64 years of marriage before her passing on October 12, 2023.

Survivors include his son, David (Heidi Barnes) Pfeifer of Columbia, SC., a daughter Jennifer (Ben Cruz) Esmond of Bluffton, ten grandchildren, Ryne Pfeifer of Fishers, IN., Andrew (Jordan) Ewald of West Des Moines, IA., Kyle (Dafne) Pfeifer of Chatham, IL., Justin (Jonica) Ewald of Grimes, IA., Conner Esmond of Bluffton., Madison (Carter) Brakefield of Charleston, SC., Matthew (Amanda) Ewald of West Des Moines, IA., Olivia (Taylor Gonzales) Esmond of

Bluffton, Grant Esmond of Fort Hood, TX., and Monica (Jarod) Brown, along with four great-grandchildren, Logan & Isabella Pfeifer, Storm (Caleb) Selking and Colton Brown. He is also survived by his sister, Marilyn Den Hartog of Madison, WI., son-in-law, David (Claudia) Ewald of West Des Moines, IA and a daughter-in-law, Jacie Pfeifer of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Patricia Ann Pfeifer, a daughter, Lisa Ewald, a son Richard Pfeifer, a daughter-in-law Lisa Pfeifer and his siblings, Lyle Pfeifer, Delores Bilsborough, Ivan Pfeifer, Ken Pfeifer and Elaine Griglione.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 4 P.M. on Saturday, December 27, 2025 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

A Masonic Memorial service will take place at 1 P.M. on Saturday, by the Bluffton Masonic Lodge #145.

A funeral service will take place at 4 P.M. on Saturday, December 27, 2025 with Father David Violi officiating.

Internment will take place at Goodfarm Cemetery in Dwight, IL. at a later time. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Goodfarm Cemetery

Dwight, IL

Previous Events

MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE

DEC 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Calling Hour

DEC 27. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
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Funeral Service

DEC 27. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 27, 2025 at 01:41 PM

BR

“ *So sorry to hear of Joe's passing Head a great friend and business associate for many years. We shared a passion for sports and once did a road trip to see Illinois in the Liberty Bowl Great memories My condolences to the family*

Bill Randell - January 30 at 04:52 PM

JK

“ *Jordan, Candace, and Kenzie purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer.*



Jordan, Candace, and Kenzie - December 26, 2025 at 11:13 PM



“ 92 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 26, 2025 at 06:40 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer.*



December 26, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ *Ralph and Jane Thoren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer.*

Ralph and Jane Thoren - December 26, 2025 at 11:59 AM

SM

“ Oh my sweet Jenny. ..I'm so sorry for your loss. Your dad was such a special man and I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to meet him & have him in rehab so many years ago. I always have loved when I would randomly run into him here in town & get to chat with him. Prayers for you and your whole family in the days, weeks & months ahead. Love, Sarah (Soares) McIntyre

Sarah McIntyre - December 23, 2025 at 12:29 PM

HM

“ Helen and Dick Mortimer purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer.



Helen and Dick Mortimer - December 22, 2025 at 05:12 PM

HM

“ Helen and Dick Mortimer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer.

Helen and Dick Mortimer - December 22, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer.



December 22, 2025 at 02:56 PM

MS

“ Mike and Kathie Sankey purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer.



Mike and Kathie Sankey - December 21, 2025 at 09:32 PM

MS

“ Mike and Kathie Sankey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer.

Mike and Kathie Sankey - December 21, 2025 at 09:32 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garold W. "Joe" Pfeifer.



December 21, 2025 at 09:10 AM

NJ

“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. In school I always thought he was so cute! Joe used to address me as "the little Esgar girl". Never called me by my name! Lol He was one of the good guys. Prayers to his family.

Nancy Esgar Jenkins - December 21, 2025 at 08:24 AM

BC

“ Dear Jenny, Dave, and Pfeifer Family so very Sorry to lose my good friend Garold “Joe” Jo Jo! Pfeifer! But Happy for him to be with his Family Wife, Daughter, Son, Daughter In Law and others awaiting him to be in Heaven with them! Rejocing with Jesus and his Family for Jesus’s Birthday! Amen! Our Precious Prayers are with you all as u Grieve Joe’s loss in the days, weeks, months, and years to come! 🙏🙏🙏 May our Lord and Savior Jesus grant u all Peace, Grace, and Comfort during this sad time! But all know this that Joe is in a better place no more Sorrow, Pain and Suffering he is with the saints in Glory and does not want to come back to this world! God Bless the Pfeifer Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen! ❤️



Barry Crosbie - December 20, 2025 at 04:47 PM

TS

“ So sorry to hear of Joe passing our thoughts&prayers are with the family
Tom&Denise Starks

Tom Starks - December 20, 2025 at 04:22 PM