



## Joseph L. Astrauskas

April 9, 1926 - October 4, 2018

Joseph L. Astrauskas aged 92 of Pentwater passed away on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital. Joseph was born on April 9, 1926 in Chicago, IL, the son of Joseph and Valeria Astrauskas. He served his country during WWII with the United States Army in Saipan. Following his service, he married Nellie Lesausky on October 11; 1947 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer and they celebrated 57 years together before Nellie preceded him in death on April 20, 2005. Joseph was also preceded in death by his parents and his son Michael and Nancy Astrauskas.

Joseph worked over 30 years for the Brunswick Corporation, retiring in 1988. As a Technical Engineer for the company, he traveled all over the United States. In retirement, Joseph was able to enjoy playing pool with friends and reading his favorite mystery novels, but his greatest activity was visiting his family and spoiling his grandchildren. Joseph was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Gold Bar VFW Post 5096 in Custer.

Joseph will be greatly missed by his children Charles (Susan) Astrauskas of Pentwater, Dr. Leonard (Amy) Astrauskas of Goshen, CT, Martin Astrauskas of Thompsonville, Katherine (Steve) Broussard of Daytona Beach Shores, FL, and Rosalie (Frank) Dougherty of Ormand Beach, FL. Joseph will also be missed by his special friend Pat Gulleff, 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 5 great, great-grandchildren, his brothers Daniel (Doris)

Astrausky of Ludington and Larry (Lynn) Astrauskas of Pierson, MI, and his sister Marcella Heglund of Scottville along with numerous nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Joseph at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 6 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer with Rev Dan DePew as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may meet with his family during visitation on Friday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services in Scottville where the Rosary will be prayed starting at 7:00 pm. There will also be a time of visitation on Saturday morning from 10:00-11:00 am at the church. Those who wish to remember Joseph with a memorial donation are asked to consider the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

1000 South Custer Road  
Custer, MI 49405

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home  
305 E. State St.  
Scottville, MI 49454  
(231) 757-3333  
wyman-stephens@sbcglobal.net  
<https://www.wymanfuneralservice.com>

## Rosary Service

OCT 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home  
305 E. State St.  
Scottville, MI 49454  
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wyman-stephens@sbcglobal.net  
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## Visitation

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OCT **6**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
85 South Madison Street  
Custer, MI 49405

## Celebration of Mass

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OCT **6**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
85 South Madison Street  
Custer, MI 49405

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ Thank you for being a wonderful uncle, and only wished I had time to know you more for you shall be missed, loved, and forevermore.  
~ Kina Astrowski

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**Kina Astrowski** - April 13, 2024 at 10:24 PM

NC

“ It's impossible to share just one memory of Papa Joe- growing up in a military family meant that our one constant growing up were summers at the farm. Scrabble and “Screw your neighbor” card games, Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, supper at five (always with grace) and breakfast by six, helping in the garden and begging to go into the barn and stick our heads in the old cow stalls, shooting B.B. guns at the back tree, bonfires out by the burn barrels and so many other wonderful memories with a wonderful man. We know you're dancing up in heaven with Grandma and we'll see you again someday. Love you Papa Joe!!

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**Nicole Cook** - October 07, 2018 at 07:45 PM

DG

“ Enjoyed our visits when I worked for Beltone Hearing and was taking care of Joe's hearing aids. As a Lithuanian he often coached me on words and foods. He was a very enjoyable and easy to talk to individual.  
He always talked about his family and seemed to visit as much as possible. It will be great to see him again some day.

*Dick Gregaitis*

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**Dick Gregaitis** - October 07, 2018 at 10:14 AM

NC

*Thank you for your kind words! Joe was my grandfather and was truly an amazing man- to know him was to love him!*

**Nicole Cook** - October 07, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ *I love you and miss you dad! You're baby girl, Rosie!*

**Rose Dougherty** - October 05, 2018 at 07:12 PM



*Spellcheck your, not you're. Sorry Dad!*

**Rose Dougherty** - October 05, 2018 at 07:13 PM

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*Hi Rose, I don't think we've met. If you have time, please call me. Kina Astrowski (Astrouskas) . We've cousins.*

**Kina (Astrouskas)** - July 13, 2025 at 08:31 PM

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**Kina (Astrouskas)** - July 13, 2025 at 08:31 PM

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*I look forward to hearing from you*

**Kina (Astrouskas)** - July 13, 2025 at 08:32 PM

VE

“ *Joe was only in my life for a short while, but will remain in my heart forever! He was very much loved and will be deeply missed. ❤️🌸*

**Veda** - October 05, 2018 at 04:11 PM

VE

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**Veda** - October 05, 2018 at 04:14 PM

PA

“ Patsy lit a candle in memory of Joseph L. Astrauskas



Patsy - October 05, 2018 at 04:02 PM

VK

“ Veda Kirt lit a candle in memory of Joseph L. Astrauskas



Veda Kirt - October 05, 2018 at 03:58 PM

AG

“ We remember Joe as a kind man who shared his garden with friends,  
Every Tuesday for a few yrs. he was one of a group of 6 who came to our house for a game of "set back" . Having coffee and a cookie with a lot of chatting about everything.  
We came to his 90th birthday party , the last time we saw him.  
He belonged to St. Joseph's church in Weare until he moved to Scottville. There he was a very active member, being a Lector or any job he was asked to do. We will remember him for a very long time. Alan & Ruthie Glover

Alan & Ruthie Glover - October 05, 2018 at 03:29 PM

DP

“ *Uncle Joe will always be remembered with love and happiness. Our hearts and prayers are with each of you. Love Debbie and Pepe’*



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**Deborah Perez** - October 05, 2018 at 02:07 PM

FD

“ *Frank and Kathy Dougherty purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Joseph L. Astrauskas.*



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**Frank and Kathy Dougherty** - October 04, 2018 at 11:23 PM