



## Joseph Lukasik

May 16, 1952 - September 18, 2019

Joseph “Joe” Lukasik, 67, of Centralia, passed away Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at his home.

He was born May 16, 1952 in Mt. Vernon, son of Frank Lukasik and Regina (Szopinski) Lukasik. He married Nancy Johannes on August 10, 1974 at St. Mary’s Church in Centralia and she survives in Centralia.

In addition to his wife of 45 years, Nancy Lukasik of Centralia, he is also survived by a daughter: Jennifer McNealy and husband Joshua of Creve Coeur, Missouri; a daughter-in-law: Sherri Lukasik of Christopher; four grandchildren: Taylor Lukasik of Mt. Vernon, Frank Lukasik of Christopher, Vincent McNealy and Adam McNealy both of Creve Coeur, Missouri; a brother: Leroy Lukasik and wife Johanna of Nashville; two sisters: Patricia Zelasko and husband Gene of Radom and Dorothy Woehrle and husband Bill of Mehlville, Missouri; three brothers-in-law: Donald “Donnie” Johannes of Salem, Richard Johannes and wife Misty of Walnut Hill, and Dennis Johannes and friend Jennifer of Centralia; two sisters-in-law: Barbara Harville and husband Doug of Shattuc and Mary Vosholler and husband Joe of Vernon; several nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents: Frank and Regina Lukasik, son: Joseph Lukasik, II, and father and mother-in-law: Osgood and Bessie Johannes.

Joe taught at St. Mary’s School in Centralia, St. Theresa School in Salem, and Ashley Grade School in Ashley for 30 years. Over the years, Joe would always treat his students as if they were his own children. He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Centralia, where he was an Usher and also sang in the Choir. Joe started in 1967 with the IHSA refereeing Basketball and Volleyball games. He enjoyed collecting records, playing music, and fishing. Joe cherished the time he spent with his family and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial for Joseph “Joe” Lukasik will be held Monday, September 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Centralia with Father Dale Maxfield officiating. Visitation will be held Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia and also Monday morning from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Mary’s School Tuition and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-

3523, who is honored to be of service to the Lukasik Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
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**SEP** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 09:45AM

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**SEP** **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Mary's Catholic Church, Centralia  
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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - September 22, 2019 at 03:37 PM

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“ I first met Joe when he worked at Dobb's in Centralia in the Motor Oil department. We had some good natured discussion's on the price of Oil and even managed to solve most of the worlds problems. Would see Joe from time to time after that and it was always a wonderful time of catching up and solving the rest of the world's problems that we had missed.

Will be praying for the family.

Everett C. Weems

**Everett C. Weems** - September 24, 2019 at 10:40 AM

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“ May god comfort you during this time. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rich Lueke

**Rich Lueke** - September 24, 2019 at 07:34 AM

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“ 26 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - September 22, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ Nancy,

So sorry, I grew up with you at St. Marks in DuBois, and Joe was a high school classmate. He could always generate a smile. Deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Janice Rehmus

**Janice Rehmus** - September 21, 2019 at 11:17 PM

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“ I'm so sad to hear about Joe. He was a fine man who worked hard for his students and his scholar bowl players. I wish I could attend Joe's funeral mass, but I am out of town right now. I'll be thinking and praying for him and all his family. Eileen Wilimzig

**Eileen Wilimzig** - September 20, 2019 at 10:36 PM

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“ I was so lucky to have known Joe and his sweet, charming personality. I will remember him from St Theresa school as well as being a great ref! God bless Joe and all of his family.

Tamara Lyons-Purcell

**Tamara Lyons-Purcell** - September 20, 2019 at 08:26 PM

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“ So sorry to learn of Joe's passing. Always enjoyed talking to him at the many family gatherings through the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Don & Phyllis Swartzlander

**Phyllis Swartzlander** - September 20, 2019 at 08:22 PM

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“ Joe was a super teacher and an even better friend to hi students. Can't believe he is gone so early. Prayers for his lovely wife and family.

**Dr. Kay Bennett** - September 20, 2019 at 04:56 PM

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Lukasik.



September 20, 2019 at 04:38 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Lukasik.



September 20, 2019 at 03:57 PM

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“ Sure will miss this sweet man, colleague, and friend. He truly wanted the best for his students and always offered a smile, words of inspiration, a helping hand, along with the most contagious sense of humor and laugh! Will miss our retired teacher lunches that he usually organized and his visits to our pond often to fish. It is comforting to know he had faith in Jesus and is now resting in his presence. Sincerest sympathy to his wife Nancy and rest of his family.

**Linda Pflasterer** - September 20, 2019 at 02:50 PM

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“ So sorry to read of Joe's passing. Nancy you & your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. He was such a great guy, always a smile & a joke! I'll never forget him asking me to Polka at your 25th Anniversary Party! Tonia Davis

**Tonia Davis** - September 20, 2019 at 02:08 PM

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“ Rene Jackson Aydt lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lukasik



**Rene Jackson Aydt** - September 20, 2019 at 12:29 PM

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“ Joe always had a welcoming smile in church and was always a very Nice Person who lived out his faith. Was wonderful on the choir too for many years and a great referee on the basketball court. Prayers to his family.

**Chris Williams** - September 19, 2019 at 10:53 PM

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“ Refereed 21 years with Joe. The ultimate teacher on the court

**Layne Michael** - September 19, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ He gave me my first T... and that also was his first T, for peewee lol.. that was 27 years ago

**John** - September 20, 2019 at 03:41 AM



“ He was a great man, I had a lot of respect for him after that.

**John** - September 20, 2019 at 03:41 AM

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“ I knew Joe many years ago when he was just starting as a teacher!! Joe was always so kind and friendly!! I'm sure he will be greatly missed!! Praying for your family!

**Debbie Flick Yuss** - September 19, 2019 at 10:14 PM

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“ Mr.Lukasik was such a wonderful teacher. Even when I moved away from Ashley and came back to compete for scholar bowl, he treated as he did when I was his student. He was such a kind ,caring, and fun person! My deepest condolences to his family on his loss.

**Amanda Barbee** - September 19, 2019 at 10:01 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Joe for several years at Ashley Grade school. I can remember watching 9/11 in his class along with him & students . He was also both of my kids teacher & Cross country coach. He always believed in his students & helped them to believe in themselves.



**Stacey Moss** - September 19, 2019 at 07:55 PM

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“ Sending my deepest sympathies to all. Many great memories of Joe as both of my sons teacher, sport coach and scholar bowl coach. And my own great memories as a scholar bowl reader and room mother. Rest in peace sir.

**Andrea Harris** - September 19, 2019 at 06:43 PM

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“ Uncle Joe will be missed, he was always telling a story and making everyone in the room laugh. He was a joy to be around and always had a kind heart. God bless.  
Jim and Sheila Zelasko

**Jim Zelasko** - September 19, 2019 at 04:47 PM

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“ Rest in peace zebraman. You will be missed. Prayers to your family and hope your journey to heaven was a peaceful one. from the Musial family

**Joe & Jana Musial** - September 19, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We officiated many volleyball matches together and he was always a pleasure to work with. I really enjoyed those times and he will be sorely missed. May God bless and comfort his family always.



**Barry Douthart** - September 19, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ We knew Joe as a distant neighbor, fellow teacher I worked with at Ashley Grade School, talented musician, & vocalist. Can't believe it was not even a year ago we sat at a Christmas party talking about life. He truly loved kids. May God bless you, Joe, with a new school in heaven. Our sincerest condolences to the entire Lukasik family.

**Jerome & JoAnn Barczewski** - September 19, 2019 at 08:41 PM



“ I met Joe through scholar bowl activities while he was at Ashley. While he was a rival during those years, he was always a fun, caring, and kind coach. My heartfelt sympathies for all of his family.

**Marsha Kelly** - September 21, 2019 at 08:45 AM