



Joseph William Hawxhurst

March 2, 1925 - October 26, 2019

Joseph William Hawxhurst (94) passed away on October 26, 2019, a resident of Reynoldsburg, Ohio for 57 years. Husband of the late Vesta R. Hawxhurst (née Dickerson), beloved father of Timothy Hawxhurst (wife Janet) of Leesburg, FL; Cynthia Mazanec (husband Terry) of Solon, OH; Linda Hawxhurst of Reynoldsburg, OH; and the late David Hawxhurst; grandfather of Michael Hawxhurst, Patrick Hawxhurst, Joshua Bojanowski, Jacob Weersing, Kathryn Williams, Keith Mazanec, and Melanie Mazanec; great-grandfather of 7; and uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents, Bernard and Virginia Hawxhurst, sisters Mary Dollings and Grace Patterson, and brother Bernard Hawxhurst.

Joseph was born and raised in Zanesville, Ohio, a 1943 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, and served as an Army medic during WWII. His interest in amateur radio led to employment with the Ohio State Highway Patrol as a radio operator at the Cambridge District Headquarters in 1952. He worked his way up to the top communications position in the state while serving at the Piqua and Columbus Districts and General Headquarters, and retired after 25 years.

He will be remembered as a loving and devoted family man, a role model for perseverance and integrity, and for his ability to take life's challenges with dignity, grace, and an uplifting sense of humor. He loved ballroom dancing,

cooking, gardening, playing cards, making wine, and above all, spending time with family. He will be greatly missed.

Friends may call Monday, October 28, 2019, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville and from 9:00 to 10:00 AM on Tuesday. Funeral Mass will follow at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 144 North 5th Street, Zanesville, with Fr. Jan C.P. Sullivan, P.P. as celebrant.

Burial will follow with full military honors provided by the United States Army, VFW Post 1058 and American Legion Post 29. Memorial contributions may be made to Kemper House Worthington, 800 Proprietors Road, Worthington, OH 43805 or St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 144 North 5th Street, Zanesville, OH 43701 in Joseph's memory. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com.

Cemetery Details

Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph William Hawxhurst*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Tim: Lest you forget, we were childhood friends way back in the 1950's. Your dad's name popped right off the paper when I saw it the other day. My condolences to the entire family. To have lived 94 years is a blessing. I just lost my mother-in-law who had recently turned 95. These folks are truly part of that greatest generation and take amazing things and experiences with them to their graves. BTW, my dad (George) died at age 58 and mom (Joan) at 66....both way ahead of when they shoulda.....and I still miss them dearly. God and peace be with you.*



Sincerely,

Mark Freshwater (Reynoldsburg, OH and Tucson, AZ)

Mark Steven Freshwater - October 29, 2019 at 05:51 PM



*Mark,
where did you live growing up
street? I am going thru my mind trying to recall those times. Tim*

Tim Hawxhurst - October 30, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Joseph William Hawxhurst, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, Joseph William Hawxhurst, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - October 29, 2019 at 06:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph William Hawxhurst.*



October 28, 2019 at 03:33 PM

TM

“ 28 files added to the album Memories Album



Terry J Mazanec - October 28, 2019 at 09:35 AM

MB

Thank you for the wonderful memories, Terry!

Marti Briggs - October 28, 2019 at 04:07 PM

YF

“ Your Village of Faith Baptist Church Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Joseph William Hawxhurst.



Your Village of Faith Baptist Church Family - October 28, 2019 at 08:26 AM

A blue square icon containing a white silhouette of a person's head and shoulders.

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



October 28, 2019 at 07:09 AM

DD

“ Uncle Joe was the "best"...he will be missed for his humor and kind smile.

Doug Dickerson, nephew

Doug Dickerson - October 27, 2019 at 06:32 PM

CR

“ Cindy Rochford lit a candle in memory of Joseph William Hawxhurst



Cindy Rochford - October 27, 2019 at 05:47 PM

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Mr. Joe was a special man. He will be missed.

Cindy Rochford - October 27, 2019 at 05:50 PM