



## Joseph Lauderback

September 29, 1944 - February 12, 2025

Arrangements are currently pending, however here is Joe's obituary while we await definitive service details:

Joseph L. Lauderback, age 80, of Culver, Indiana, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver. Born on September 29, 1944, in LaPorte, Indiana, Joe was a beloved figure in his community and a cherished father, grandfather, and friend.

Joe had a wide-ranging career, working for many years as a metal pourer at the C.O. Hiler Foundry in Walkerton, as a handyman at Larry's Quick Mart, and as the owner of Joey's Trash Service. He was also a dedicated volunteer, lending his time and energy to the Community Christian Pantry in Walkerton and the Necessary Pantry. Joe had a deep love for his community and for helping others.

A man of many interests, Joe enjoyed collecting model cars and trucks, playing euchre, and cooking. He was especially known for his world-class peanut brittle, which he lovingly shared with his neighbors and friends. His kindness, humor, and generosity will be greatly missed.

Joe is survived by his daughter, Rhonda (Jeff) McGhee; granddaughter, Abigail McGhee; brother, John (Dorothy) Lauderback; his former wife, Christine Lauderback; niece, Sherry Gross; nephews, Mike Lauderback and

Johnny Lauderback; several great nieces and nephews; honorary daughter, Jacqui Calhoon; his wonderful caregiver and longtime roommate Jim Banks; and special friends, Jack and Charlie, Dick Eskridge, and Earl. He was preceded in death by his mother, Julia (Joseph) Hess; three brothers, Harold, Howard, and Little Ray Lauderback; two sisters, Rose Cole and Anna Robinson; his former mother-in-law (who he still called mom) Annabelle Osborne; and his best friend, Samuel Ceclre.

In accordance with Joe's wishes, he will be cremated, and a Memorial Service will be held at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Visiting with the family will take place from 11:00 to 1:00 EST on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. A Memorial service will be held at 1:00 EST also on Thursday, March 13 at the funeral home. Burial follow at Westlawn Cemetery, North Liberty. ALL TIMES ARE LISTED IN EASTERN TIME.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to St. Joe Hospital Renal Floor, Dr. Gena Moore, Lori, Culver Miller's Merry Manor, and Fresenius Kidney Care Nephrology Marshall County for their exceptional care and support. Joe was especially fond of his time at Miller's Merry Manor, where he enjoyed his new home and playing bingo with his buddies.

Joe's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him, and he will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Cemetery

North Liberty, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel  
7984 N. State Road 23  
Walkerton, IN 46574  
(574) 586-2120  
rannellsfh@mchsi.com  
<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

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MAR 13.

Westlawn Cemetery  
North Liberty, IN

# Tribute Wall

BN

“ *Barry and Pam Troxel (Jim's niece) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph Lauderback.*



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**Barry and Pam Troxel (Jim's niece)** - March 11, 2025 at 05:19 AM

CL

“ *Joe I will never forget how you took care of me when I got hit by the truck. You were such a good nurse & a perfect gentleman. You were 1 person I could always count on. I'm glad you are finally out of pain & fingers are straight again. Give all my love ones a hug for me. Till we meet again. RIP*



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**Christine Lauderback** - March 04, 2025 at 12:22 AM

RW

“ *Joe was a long time worker for the food pantry, he knew most everyone who came thru. He always had a good word and was very cheerful, even when he wasn't feeling the best. I would always go get his truck and pull it around so he didn't have far to walk when he was ready to go. It always cracked me up when I started up his truck, he really loved rock&roll loud! He had a big heart and will be missed, a brother in Christ and a friend to everyone!*

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**Richard Warner** - February 20, 2025 at 02:50 PM

SU

“ To Rhonda, and all of the Lauderback family, Please accept our humble condolences for Joe at this difficult time. I've known him for over 40 years and he was truly a gentle giant of a man. I'll miss talking with him and catching up on things.  
R.I.P. Joe

Sonny & Tanya Uhlig - February 20, 2025 at 08:04 AM

RM

“ Dad you are already missed. It has been a week since I got the worst phone call of my life. I am so glad you are walking all over now and your hands are working so well. I will to always make sure to watch out for all those crazy drivers . Love always Rhonda



Rhonda Mcghee - February 19, 2025 at 07:50 PM

DE

Sure will miss are little git togethers. Also it's your turn to buy. coffee. Guess I'll have to wait till I see u later.Miss u buddy

Dick Eskridge - February 19, 2025 at 08:18 PM

RM

Yep it sure is his turn !!

Rhonda Mcghee - February 22, 2025 at 10:24 PM

TC

“ He was always so nice and kind to he's gonna be missed and loved by so many who loved him

Tracey crow - February 15, 2025 at 08:53 PM



*That's for sure have no him for along time when was a kid*

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**TaJamie McNeal** - February 17, 2025 at 10:20 PM