



Joseph Rut

May 25, 1936 - May 11, 2015

Joseph John Rut, age 78 was called to his heavenly home on Monday, May 11th, 2015. Joe was born on May 25, 1936 in Muscoda, the son of Joseph and Elsie (Steen) Rut. He married Ruth McDonough on August 8, 1964 in Muscoda.

Joseph graduated from Muscoda High School in 1954. He served in the U.S Army, in 1959 through 1962. He worked at Sub-Zero, Oscar Mayer, the US Post office and then was employed by the Madison Police Department in 1966 until he retired in 1990. Joe enjoyed being a fingerprint expert while serving in the Identification Bureau of the Police Department.

Joe was a member of the St. Johns Corpus Christi St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Muscoda. Joe was a pilot and enjoyed flying for many years. He also enjoyed camping, canoeing, houseboating, hunting, fishing, going to garage sales, 62 years of riding his motorcycle, and enjoying time with his many good friends and family and beloved dogs.

Joe is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Ruth Rut, first cousins, Carol Rut Pospichal (Marion), Richard Rut (Donna Imhoff) and Sandra Bomkamp (Virgil), all of Muscoda and Connie Honer Jones (Robert) of Richland Center and two brother-in-laws: James McDonough (June), Harold McDonough (Judy), and several nieces and nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his Uncles Jim (Irma) and Ladd (Violet) Rut, Wesley and Oren Steen, Aunts Della Honer (Hugh), Mabel and Dolly Steen. Sister in Laws: Betty Dieter and Loretta Skinner (Clifton) and Brother in Law Gordon McDonough (Judy) and many good friends.

A Celebration Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 11:00 AM at St. John the Baptist Church in Muscoda with Fr. Peter Auer officiating. The American Legion Post 85 of Muscoda will provide military grave side rites in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 with a Rosary Service starting at 4:00 PM and visitation from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. Memorials can be made to Friends of the Library in Muscoda. On line condolences can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Hello Ruth,

A note to express my deepest sympathy to you. I wanted so badly to be at the funeral. As I have had back surgery and I was sure I could not drive that far as of yet.

I felt so sad when I was told about Joe's passing. Thinking of you and Joe has brought back so many memories. Way too long since I had seen both of you,

Memories, family, and friends will help make the very sad time a little easier.

I would love to see you and take you to lunch some time when things settle down for you. Please give me a call and we could meet some where.

Love and prayers, Lois (608) 695-8071

Lois Van Allen - Madison, WI - Friend - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Joe and Ruth have been neighbors for almost 8 years now. Carrie and I were saddened to hear of the loss of this hard working man. He was always there to help his community out. I will miss seeing him around. My most memorable images of him is watching him drive from place to place removing the snow from neighbor after neighbor. I don't know how we are all going to survive another Wisconsin snowstorm without him around. He will be missed.

*Sincerely,
Patrick and Carrie Henning*

Patrick Henning - Muscoda, WI - Neighbor - May 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ One of my favorite memories as a kid was staying at Jo-Jo and Ruthie's house in Madison and being a part of one of their pool parties. Got to hang out with family, friends and my Pospichal cousins. I remember being so thrilled that my family was invited to this. It was a fun and happy time---always lots of laughter. That is something I always remember about Jo-Jo---is him being a happy person with a smile on his face. RIP and xoxo. Love Angie and family

Angie Bomkamp Speigle - Wooster, OH - 2nd counsin - May 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Ruth,
I will miss our chats at Friday night fish fry in Hillpoint.
You have my deepest sympathy.

Rita Wastlick - Hillpoint, WI - friend - May 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ A lot of great memories of Uncle Joe, summers at the river, deer hunting at the school house, and pool parties in Madison. Joe was also my God Father. When I was young, he and Ruth sent me a Savings Bond on my birthday for many years. Mom & Dad kept them for me until I was 18. Then I held on to them for many more years. I don't think I ever thanked them for that. So thanks Uncle Joe and Ruth. I finally cashed those in when I got married and used the money for furniture in my first house. I didn't have much those early days in the Air Force, so those savings bonds helped out a lot. Rest in Peace.

Joe McDonough - Sparta, WI - Nephew - May 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Ruth,

Our sincere condolences to you. Joe will be missed by all who knew him. He was a great guy.

Sincerely,

Dave & Chris

Dave & Chris Kail - Leesburg, FL - Friends - May 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Ruthie,

*I was sorry to read about Joe's death. Ironic that Doug died on May 12th 18 years ago. So close together. We had some wonderful times and I know you will miss him terribly, as I have Doug. God grant you strength in the coming time ahead. It's not an easy road to ride but with time, you'll be OK and only remember the good times.
~Tami*

Tamara Rosemeyer - Madison, WI - Friend - May 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Thinking & praying for you Ruthie now and the days ahead*

Bob & Rosie Fritz - Prairie du Sac, WI - friend - May 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Sorry to hear of the passing away of my classmate, we spent many days during our high school days, you certainly have our sympathy, I have a nice picture of Joe during our last class reunion.. and my Husband remembers him also--Love--Ruth[Studnicka]Gentz*

Ruth[Studnicka] Gentz - Manchester, Iowa 52057, IA - classmate - May 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *This rare gem will be missed.*

Jane Stover - Madison, WI - Friend - May 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *The sorrow of the faithful
is not that of permanent loss,
but the tender sense of sadness
that comes in saying good-bye for now
to someone we love.
May today's sorrow give way
to the peace and
comfort of God's love.*

Richard E. Dieter - richland center, WI - brother in law - May 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *Ruthie, I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I don't know when I've ever met a more open and friendly man. He was a jewel and so are you. My deepest condolences and my love to you.*

Norene Olson - Madison, WI - Friend to both Joe and Ruth - May 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Ruth --- So sorry for your loss. Joe was a wonderful person. We sure had some good time together, which I will always cherish. Mike and I send our deepest sympathy . May God be with you during this difficult time. Love you and Miss you.*

Mary Jo Iverson - Stoughton, WI - C0-worker of Ruth at Ma Bell - May 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Thankyou for serving America much love from Australia

Anna-lisa - May 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

B(

“ Joe was also one of the "Original" MPD SWAT Cops of the 60's-70's, setting standards of marksmanship and tactical knowledge that us later "comers-uppers" could only aspire to build upon. He is/was an admirable man.

Bob Morgan - Retired MPD (Lt-SWAT) - May 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ Ruthie:

My deepest condolences to you. I enjoyed the years I worked with Joe at the MPD, as well as getting to know you. I remember a couple pool parties you had at your house in Madison and also the time you surprised Joe with a new motorcycle for his Birthday. Joe will always be remembered as a caring, special person who only made this world better for those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

Deepest Sympathies.

Terry and Virginia

Virginia Okeson - Madison, WI - Worked with Joe - May 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Joe was a good man and will be deeply missed by all his past coworkers and friends! Retired Sgt R. G. Birrenkott

Robert G. Birrenkott - Ridgeway, WI - Former coworker - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Joe was a good Cop, and, a good man, I remember getting a lot of good advice from him and I enjoyed working with him as well, I hope they have garage sales in heaven then he can pick to his hearts content!!!!

Mike baier - madison, WI - co-worker - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Joe was a friend to all. I worked night shift patrol with him and many times I was glad he was there to assist and mentor a rookie. Joe was a friend and a neighbor also and my condolence to his family.

Larry Gempelersandbar - Lodi - Co- worker - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ JIM AND JUNE WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SERVICES.

Novella McDonough Cummings - SUN PRAIRIE, WI - NIECE - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ I remember back when we would all go to your trailer in Lansing. We always had so much fun w/Our Aunt Ruth & Uncle Joe! Loved going to the sandbars, camping, boating, water skiing & even camping on the sandbar. These are all great memories & for that I want to Thank-You for the good times! Love & Miss you Uncle Joe! RIP!

Robin Gorman - Evansville, WI - Niece - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM