



Joseph Anthony Cilluffo

August 20, 1955 - January 20, 2025

CILLUFFO, Joseph Anthony "Joe". January 20, 2025. Age 69. Beloved husband of Theresa "Terri" (nee: Benacquisto) for 45 years. Loving father of Lea Walker (Anthony) and Joseph Cilluffo II (Sarah). Proud and loving Papa of Vincent, Dominic, Violet, and Joseph III. Dear brother of Carol D'Ambrosio and Anthony Cilluffo (Susan). Joe loved music, especially jazz, and was a talented and accomplished drummer. A memorial Mass will be said Saturday at 9:30am at St. Michael Catholic Church, 40501 Hayes Rd. (N. of 17 Mile), Sterling Heights. The family will receive guests at the church from 9am until the time of Mass. Memorial contributions to the family are appreciated. Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JAN **25**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church
40501 Hayes Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Tribute Wall

LH

“ Joe was a former member of *The Swing Shift Orchestra*. We were honored to have Joe as our drummer. Joe had to battle with his health issues but still managed to perform with us. He especially inspired me to keep on going no matter what. Joe's message will always be remembered, "The beat goes on, on, on, on, on."

Lynne Henry - January 25, 2025 at 02:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Cilluffo.



January 24, 2025 at 07:07 PM

TF

“ The A3 Gotta Dance Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Anthony Cilluffo.



The A3 Gotta Dance Families - January 23, 2025 at 12:21 PM

DK

“ Joe at Harrison Speakeasy jazz gig a few years ago. What a great drummer!



Dave King - January 23, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Anthony Cilluffo.

January 22, 2025 at 10:41 AM

EL

“ So sorry to hear of Joe’s passing. We played together many times at big band and small band gigs and always enjoyed his playing. My sincere condolences to all his family and friends. Eric Lundquist

Eric Lundquist - January 22, 2025 at 08:00 AM

SF

“ Terri and family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful husband, dad, and grandpa.
May his memory be a blessing and may he forever rest in peace.
Sue Fershtman

Susan Fershtman - January 22, 2025 at 07:58 AM

HH

RIP Joe, to his family so sorry for your loss.

Helen Halatsis - January 23, 2025 at 01:33 AM

RW

Rest in Peace, my friend. Your contributions to Detroit's music community are renowned. Respectfully, Rick Wearing

Richard Wearing - January 24, 2025 at 04:29 PM



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January 22, 2025 at 12:38 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Cilluffo.



January 22, 2025 at 12:38 AM

JT

“ My most sincere condolences and prayers for Joe's family. For many years, Joe and his drumming were an important part of the St. Michael Catholic Church Choir 'band' of instrumentalists, and his style of playing always added a rich depth and feel for the music we played for Mass. Joe was very generous with his time and musical gifts, and as a bassist, it was an honor and pleasure to perform with him. I and others in the band considered Joe a good friend, and he will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, brother.

John Takle - January 22, 2025 at 12:22 AM

MW

“ My deepest condolences to Joe's family. I worked with Joe at Chrysler Highland Park in the late 1980's. He was the designer on several of my projects. I will always remember Joe as being happy and smiling. He would often drive a group of us to Mexican Town on Friday's for lunch in his small van. I believe it was around that time that he won a car from a McDonald's contest, which was so awesome. Blessings and comfort to those who are missing him most. I am so sorry for your loss.

Michelle Wegienka-Lowe - January 21, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ 5 files added to the album The Pros



Greg Milewski - January 21, 2025 at 12:45 PM

RM

“ Terri, Lea, Joseph, and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Joe. He was such a wonderful man. As God welcomes him into his Kingdom, know you are embraced by the love of family and friends.



Russell Moore - January 21, 2025 at 09:21 AM

SN

“ *Our deepest condolences and to Terry and family .May God comfort you all now and the days to come. Love, Sandy & Mike Newood*

Sandy & Mike Newood - January 20, 2025 at 10:34 PM