



Joseph Rene Normandin,

November 21, 2016

Joe (Papa) is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Dolores Normandin, of Fitchburg; his beloved son, Fitchburg Deputy Fire Chief Gregg Normandin, of Fitchburg; his daughter, Gilda M Horgan, of Fitchburg; his sister, Theresa Cormier, of Milford, Ohio; his two beautiful grandchildren, Tyler Horgan, age 15, and Olivia Horgan, age 13; and many treasured nieces and nephews.

Joseph is preceded in death by his sisters Alice Cormier, Irene (McDonald) Jancaitis, Jeannette Breton, Beatrice Gaudet, Doris Morin, Eva Boucher, Claire LeBlanc, and his brother Robert Normandin.

Born on December 24, 1930 in Fitchburg, MA to parents Albert Normandin and Alice (Beauregard) Normandin. Joseph attended both Fitchburg High School and St. Bernard's High School. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Joe met his life-long love while serving to protect the Sault Locks in Sault Ste. Marie Michigan where he was stationed during the Korean War Conflict 1949-1951.

His service to his country as C Battery – 8th AAA-B N Artillery Branch Radio Operator, and later as a Military Policeman, was surpassed only by his service for 27 years as a firefighter in the Fitchburg Fire Department where he retired in September of 1989.

Joseph was a lifetime member of the American Legion Fitchburg Post 429, a

member of the Fitchburg Firefighter's Relief Association, Fitchburg Permanent Firefighters Local 3128, Fitchburg Municipal Retiree's Association, Retired-State-County-And-Municipal-Employees-Association, and AARP.

Joe will be remembered by many as a fun, caring, and selfless man who enjoyed golfing, dancing, sports, being with friends, having a drink, and spending time with his family. Talented at wood-working, there were few things he could not make or do with his hands. As a father, he was an example of loving kindness and integrity, as a husband, he displayed unparalleled commitment and care. Ever-present and supportive, he will be missed and remembered with great joy.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Gilda and family,*

Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you and yours during this trying, heart-breaking time. May God bless you all and grant you peace, understanding, and hope for the future.

Laura Howard - November 30, 2016 at 03:13 PM

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“ *Dolores,*
I just wanted you to know how sorry I was to hear of Joe's passing.
You are in my thoughts & prayers.

Karen

Karen Racine - November 28, 2016 at 01:39 PM

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“ *Dolores,*

My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family.
Though I didn't know Joe personally, I felt like I did, through our 20 year friendship. Sending my love to you, Gregg, Gilda and the kids.

Carrie Parker

Carrie Parker - November 25, 2016 at 11:29 AM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Rene was a great man and he leaves behind a wonderful family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Carol Lizotte

Carol Lizotte - November 23, 2016 at 10:49 AM

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“ *My condolences to Gilda and all her family.*

Diane Thornton - November 23, 2016 at 09:19 AM