



Joseph William Steyaert

March 1, 1938 - January 3, 2016

Joseph W. Steyaert age 77 of Harrison Township, died on January 3, 2016. Dear husband of Carol for over 51 years. Loving father of Terry Steyaert and Shelley (Tom) Syrylo.

Joe retired after 37 years of service to the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command. During that time, he managed groundbreaking work on voice recognition software and military vehicle electronics. He founded and was the first Director of the TACOM Software Engineering Center, leading software development efforts for Army ground vehicles. He was well known and respected for his commitment to the Army and its Soldiers, his technical innovations and expertise, his strong leadership and his mentorship of young employees. For these efforts, he received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award from the Secretary of the Army, along with many other awards and commendations. He enjoyed sailing, fishing, gardening, woodworking and most importantly, spending time with his family. A Memorial is planned for a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan or the American Cancer Society. Share a memory at www.rudyfuneral.com

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“ As a new her, Joe took me under his wing and gave me the confidence that I needed. He was great mentor. Thanks Joe!

Keith J Shockley

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“ When I first met Joe it was refreshing to meet a manager who went out of his way to help people and encourage them to do more. Joe believed in me and was a good mentor. He understood how to keep his people motivated. One of the things that I remembered about Joe was his famous back yard parties hosted at his house every year, my family really enjoyed them. It was nice listening to Joe’s fishing stories and boating adventures he did when he was a young man.

Joe will always be remembered.

To Carol, Terry, and Shelley you are in our prayers.

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

*Juan Jones
Georgia*

Juan Jones - January 13, 2016 at 09:15 PM

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“ I will always have fond memories of our days fishing on Lake St. Clair, and stories shared after we returned, along with a cold beer. Thanks Joe. Rest in peace.

Al Gelineau

Al Gelineau - January 13, 2016 at 10:10 AM

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“ There are too few people you meet who change your life. Joe was one of those people whom influenced and helped people for the better. Joe and I shared our birthdays together for 35 plus years. Meeting Joe in the work environment first has led both my wife Tammy and I to sharing many pleasurable times with both him and his wife Carol.

He will always be remembered by us for our remaining days and we will always toast on my birthday to Joe's memory and good times with a strawberry margarita.

Marty Snyder

From our retirement home in Florida which Joe helped find.

Marty Snyder - January 07, 2016 at 09:51 AM

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“ Joe began my career in the Defense Industry by hiring me as an engineering coop student from the University of Detroit Mercy. He led way in developing many vehicle diagnositcs, prognositics and software protocols and systems that are of critical importance today.

Joe was one of the last football players for the UDM Titans before the football program was ended and a former member of the Titan Sailing Club. He was a real Titan.

May Joe Steyaert be Resing-in-Peace.

Mark Mikula.
Rochester Hills

Mark Mikula - January 07, 2016 at 06:41 AM