



## Joseph E. Primeau

October 15, 1938 - January 21, 2017

Cohoes NY,

Joseph E Primeau, 78, passed away suddenly, January 21st at his home in Cohoes. He was the son of the late Frederick and Mae (Normandin) Primeau. Joe was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend to many. He was predeceased by the love of his life and wife of more than 53 years, Mary (Valenti) Primeau, his younger sister Mary Mae Primeau Lewis and his much loved brother and Mayor of Cohoes, George Primeau.

Survived by his daughters, who were his world and their husbands, Tracy (Randy) Lewis, Mary (John) Gregory and Kelly (Paul) Fahey. His cherished grandchildren Eric Lewis, Josh Gregory, Paige (Matt) Martin, Sydnie Lewis, Corey Gregory, Chloe Fahey and Harris Fahey, also by his future little star, his great-granddaughter Carleigh Martin. Joe is also survived by several nieces and nephews, both near and far, who meant the world to him and his numerous Brother and Sister in-laws.

Joe worked for many years as the head of the photography department at Benet Labs in the Watervliet Arsenal before, side by side with his brother George founded Primeau's Autobody. He was also a founding member of the Cohoes Neighborhood Watch and was the recipient of the Special Recognition Award by the District Attorneys Office for over 20 years of

service.

Those who knew Joe, knew him for his undeniable dedication to his wife, daughters and family. His years coaching his daughters softball teams, family camping trips, backyard bar-b-ques and sandlot softball games have made some wonderful memories. He also enjoyed fishing on his boat with his wife, spending time with his lifelong friend Jim Higgins and his yearly Daytona trips.

But to truly know Joe, you would know of his love and pride for his grandchildren, who he always looked forward to spending time with. Joe was a loving man who is now reunited with his love Mary.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, January 25th from 4-8 pm at Holy Trinity Parish, 122 Vliet Blvd, Cohoes. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 9am at Holy Trinity, burial to follow at St. Joseph's of Waterford.

The family would also like to mention that in light of current events the annual St. Jude's dance scheduled for Friday has been cancelled however Donations in his memory may be made directly to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

40 Middletown Road  
Waterford, NY 12188

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity  
122 Vliet Boulevard  
Cohoes, NY 12047  
<http://www.holytrinitycohoes.org/>

## Service

JAN 26. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Cohoes, NY 12047  
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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Jill Decker lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Primeau*



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**Jill Decker** - February 03, 2017 at 08:14 PM

PD

“ *I want to tell all you girls I love you*

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**Peter And Marie DeCicco** - January 25, 2017 at 03:01 PM

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“ *Joe life changed losing you and George and Mary Mae you always were my favorite Brother in Law I will miss you all say hi to everyone for me Love you all*

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**Peter And Marie DeCicco** - January 25, 2017 at 02:59 PM

MR

*Joe always had a smile for everyone and you could tell how much he loved his wife and family, you knew they meant the world to him. He is now with the love of his life and his brother George. Thoughts and Prayers are with all of you. Maureen & Dan Rock*

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**Maureen Rock** - January 25, 2017 at 08:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Primeau.*



January 25, 2017 at 12:56 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Primeau.*



January 25, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ *I am ill and unable to attend today but please know my thoughts are with you all. In times like this, we all have to hold onto the good times and I am sure you all have wonderful memories that you got to share with your parents.*

*RIP, Joe.*

**Diane Trudell-Chartrand** - January 25, 2017 at 06:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Primeau.*



January 24, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Primeau.



January 24, 2017 at 07:34 PM



“ Kristin Heady(Hogan) lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Primeau



kristin Heady(Hogan) - January 24, 2017 at 01:00 PM



“ I am so sorr for loss! May he Rip. Joe your back with passed love ones now may you all. R I P

kristin Heady(Hogan) - January 24, 2017 at 12:59 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Primeau.



January 23, 2017 at 11:02 PM

JK

“ He was a great man, and a good friend to the Police Department, and the Community. The true founder of Cohoes N. W. And a man I was proud to call my friend. Joe I will truly miss you. My prayers go out to your family

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**Jame T. Keefe** - January 23, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Primeau.



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January 23, 2017 at 08:32 PM

DK

“ Mary, Tracy and Kelly so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. I didn't see him often but when I did I could always count on a hug. I will always have the memories of him coaching, a very special man. It's been a long time for all of us but wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Darlene Kusaywa

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**Darlene Kusaywa** - January 23, 2017 at 08:24 PM