



## Joseph D. Schmader

January 10, 1943 - April 1, 2012

Joseph D. Schmader, 69, of Sigel, passed away Sunday morning, April 1, 2012, at the UPMC Northwest Hospital in Seneca following a long and courageous battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Born January 10, 1943, over top of Bill Lander's service station in Lucinda; he was the son of Jerome A. and Veronica M. Beers Schmader.

Joe served in the U.S. Army from June 1960 through May 1966. He retired from Jeff Tech in Reynoldsville in 1999 following over 30 years of service.

Known as Papa Joe to his grandchildren, he enjoyed spending summers at camp and at the ocean with his family. Joe was known to be witty and was often singing a tune. He enjoyed going on tour with his wife, Kathy, restoring MGA's, hunting, fishing, cooking, gardening, and wine making.

Joe married the love of his life, Kathleen A. Gatesman, on October 5, 1963, and she survives. Together they raised four children, Margaret, Melissa, Joseph, and Jacob.

Surviving are his wife, his children, Marge (Fred) Clark of Brookville, Melissa (Joseph) Polito of Brookville, Joseph D. Schmader, Jr. of Sigel, and Jacob (Patti Bricker) Schmader of Jeannette; and eight grandchildren, Catie, Caleb, and Clare Clark, Megan, Joseph, and Isabella Polito, Matthew and Emily Schmader, and Millie the Lab.

Also surviving are siblings, Joan (Art) Schwabenbauer of Downington, Jim (Delores) Schmader of Lucinda, Jay (Alice) Schmader of Lucinda, Jan (Roy) Towner of Lucinda, Jill (Vince) Schmader of Fryburg; and numerous nieces

and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no visitation.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, in the Immaculate Conception Church, Clarion, with Rev. Monty Sayers, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, presiding.

Interment will be held in the St. Joseph's Church Cemetery in Lucinda.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to The Kirtland Cancer Foundation, [www.kirtlandcancerfoundation.org](http://www.kirtlandcancerfoundation.org).

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ Dear Family,

*Although I never personally met Joseph, I can tell what a wonderful guy he must have been because of the great family he raised. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of sorrow.*

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**Amy Reddinger** - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Maureen** - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Sorry of your loss of your beloved Father. Peace be with you & your loved ones at this time of great sorrow. May your memories be of comfort to you.

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**Sally Heckman** - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Kathy and family: Our very deepest sympathy in your loss. May the Lord be with you all in the days ahead. With fond memories, Shirley Schmader Cohlhepp & Ralph

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**Shirley Schmader Cohlhepp** - April 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HO

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Marge. My prayers will be for you and your family to find comfort and happiness in your memories.

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**Holly** - April 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ THINKING OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME IN YOUR LIFE. WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS.

DEBBIE HORNER - April 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Dear Kathy and Family, I was saddened to hear of Joe's brief time with us. Keep the memories wrapped around you. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. May he find lasting comfort and peace in sweet Jesus's arms.

Pat Wagner - April 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ Dear Kathy and family. I was saddened to see of Joe's passing. A very nice man. My prayers are with you. You have sweet memories to help you through the sadness. May his rest in God's loving arms.

Mary (Fitzgerald)Harkless - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ \*Words can not express the heartache we feel for you and your family. We hope you allow the love around you to help ease your pain.

We love you all,

Shawn,Korisa,Trenton,Makenna,and Kodie

korisa - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF JOE'S PASSING. WE HAD A LOT OF FUN TIMES IN KOREA. DAVE & DOTTIE

DAVE MALONEY - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Aunt Kathy, Cousins, and Family,  
Since I found out about Uncle Joe, the days have been filled with many emotions. My heart aches for all of you to lose such an amazing person. From being the ring bearer at their wedding to standing with Uncle Joe when I was confirmed. He has always been a man I admired. A good person to the core; never forgotten. We hold all of you in our hearts during these sad days.  
With love,  
Chris and Peter

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**Chris Gatesman & Peter Holtz** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Aun't Kathy, Margie, Missy, Joe and Jacob,  
We send our deepest sympathy to you, and you are in our thoughts and prayers Love Micky and family

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**michelle abboud** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Missy and Family:  
  
So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Thoughts and prayers for all of you --  
Becky, Jay, and Family

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**Becky Wolfgong** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family in your time of sorrow. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. Sending you all warm thoughts and peace.

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**Megan McMurray** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mark & Lisa Eisenman - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Hope Martin - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ You have my deepest sympathy in your loss of Joe. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Bowser - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Kathy, Marge, Missy, Joe, Jake, and your families. You all have my deepest sympathy with the loss of PaPa Joe. I know how close your family is and now a part of you has gone to the Lord. Get strength from each other and your friends to help you through this difficult time in your lives. Find peace knowing that his suffering is over and now has Angel Wings and he will always be in your hearts. You have all those special memories of him. I remember hearing about food fights in the Schmader kitchen on holidays and know there are many, many more memories. Get strength in those times also. Keeping each and everyone of you in my heart, thoughts and prayers. Love Gail (Friend, past co-worker, and now neighbor)

Gail Williams - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mike and Beth Armstrong - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Our prayers and thoughts go out to you, Always remember those special times with him to help you through this difficult time.

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**The Lipfords** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Joan, Jim, Jay, Jan and Jill, Please accept my condolences. Know that each and everyone of you and your families are in my prayers. Alice, I am so very sorry for your lose. Joe's suffering is over. He is in a better place.

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**Leonette Beers-Steele** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ As you comprehend this profound loss, let yourself cry knowing each tear is a note of love rising to the heavens.

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**david politico** - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ With heartfelt thoughts and deepest sympathy at the loss of Joe. A very special person to his family and friends. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Cynthia Russell** - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM