



Joe Steve Wetherell

September 19, 1953 - April 18, 2026

Joe Steve Wetherell of Cadillac passed away Saturday, April 18, 2026, at home. He was 72. Joe was born September 19, 1953, in Cadillac to John and Mary (Stowell) Wetherell.

Joe was a mason and owned and operated his own business. He lived by the motto, "Work Hard, Play Harder." He loved to have fun, he was the "Funcle" (Fun-Uncle) for all his nephews. Joe always found time to hunt, fish, play a game of poker, have a beer with a family member or friend or head to a campground.

He has a heart of gold and was in perpetual motion. Joe was happiest when he had a project to work on.

Joe was also fiercely loyal and loved his family. He married April Olson on March 25, 1972, and she was the love of his life. He saw her walking one day and sent his sister to ask her out, an offer she could not refuse. April passed on January 13, 2026, and Joe was on a mission to catch up to her since.

He is survived by children: Tamara (Steve) Ingraham, II and Michelle (Florian) Froehlich all of Cadillac; grandchildren: Joe (Rachel) Ingraham, Katelynn (Jake) Bassett, Steven Ingraham, III, and Emilia Froehlich; great-granddaughter, Jacey Ingraham; sister, Kathy (Ed) Mendez; in-laws, Linda Wetherell, Nancy Youngs; Mother-in-law, Donna LaBonte; best-friend, Doug

Nelson.

In addition to his, wife Joe was preceded in death by his two children, Tracy Lynn and Joe Steve, Jr., his parents, John and Mary Wetherell; siblings: Jim (Betty) Wetherell, Shirley (Don) Nolf, Wayne (Elnor) Wetherell, John (Sharon) Wetherell, Sandy (Ralph) Little, Dave Wetherell, Gordy (Nora) Wetherell, Mary Lou Hitzemann and Barb Wetherell.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac with Sam Cronkhite officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM until services. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at ww.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

Mitchell Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 11:00 AM.

Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services

Funeral Service

APR 23. 1:00 PM.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rita L Shankel lit a candle in memory of Joe Steve Wetherell*



Rita L Shankel - April 20 at 09:52 AM

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“ *Joe you were one of the coolest and fun loving people around. I remember all the good time and fun we had when you would come visit. Say hello to Frank when you get there. R.I.P my dear kind man.*

Kay Dodge aka Kay Stowell.

kay Dodge - April 19 at 08:53 PM

RB

Joe you were an amazing man and what I loved about you was the fact that you always put your family first. I remember many times that no matter what you were doing, you always would drop everything for your family. I remember many times you would answer your phone and you would always go running to help. I love you and I will certainly miss you and April each and every day 💕 all my love. Robin.

Robin Brooks - April 20 at 08:21 AM

HR

Joe and April were like second parents to me, growing up. I was always around they both treated me like family! My most recent memory of both was coming to my rescue, helping put an egress window in so my children had an escape incase of a fire. They were wonderful people, and a couple that I even as an adult will always look up too.

Heather Roys - April 20 at 08:46 AM