



## Joseph James Homminga

February 22, 1944 - June 4, 2018

Joseph James Homminga of Gulliver, Michigan, formerly of Cadillac and Traverse City passed away Monday, June 4, 2018 at Michigan Medicine in Ann Arbor. He was 74.

Joseph was born February 22, 1944 in Cadillac to Raymond Franklin and Florence Elaine (Miller) Homminga.

He attended St. Ann Catholic School and graduated from Cadillac High School before attending seminary in Wisconsin. Mr. Homminga served in the United States Army during Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He worked as a heavy equipment operator at the sand plant in Harrietta and was also a camp counselor at Camp Torenta in Cadillac where he taught archery, riflery and swimming. Mr. Homminga retired in 2003 from St. Francis High School in Traverse City after teaching for over 12 years. He had a heart for teaching and won several prestigious teaching awards during his career. From 1980 to 2010 he presented Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends with his wife, Mary.

Mr. Homminga enjoyed spending time outdoors hunting and camping. He also enjoyed a variety of sports: football, softball, pickle ball, hockey and bowling. He was currently a member of St. Francis de Sales in Manistique and was long time member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac. His grandchildren adored him and he loved spending time with them.

On August 28, 1965 in Cadillac at St. Ann Catholic Church he married the former Mary Bolick and she survives him along with their son, Brian James

(Dawn) Homminga; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; siblings: Larry (Pauline) Homminga and Patti Stitt; brother-in-law, Wayne Reitz and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Joseph Michael in 1984; a brother, Paul Homminga and a sister, Kay Reitz.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Reverend Fr. Michael Janowski as celebrant. Burial will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cadillac with full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Friends may meet the family from 4-7 PM Monday at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis de Sales building fund of Manistique. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

CV

“ Mary and family, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your husband and father. I remember him from St. Ann's in Cadillac. RIP from the O' Neill family

Colleen Vitale - March 11, 2019 at 06:48 PM

MB

“ George and Mary Bush with family would like to offer prayers and sympathy on your great loss of Joe. He was a truly caring man and blessed many lives over the years. May God give you each His peace and love...

Mary Lou Bush - June 11, 2018 at 06:22 PM

AH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Someone as special as Joseph will never be forgotten.

AMY HANCE - June 11, 2018 at 05:44 PM

RO

“ Joe was a great guy. Very fond memories of him.

Ray Otberg - June 11, 2018 at 09:58 AM

MF

“ All around great guy!!

Mark & Mary Tafelsky and family - June 10, 2018 at 10:38 PM

MP

“ A wonderful Teacher and mentor, who left his mark on my and many lives. The personification of the golden rule... He will be greatly missed.

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**Matthew Paddock** - June 08, 2018 at 09:56 PM

CR

“ Mr. Homminga was a kind soul and loving soul. I graduated from St. Francis in 1996. His greatest gift in my experience was with the tougher kids at school. Or, even simply the kids who were experiencing anger or frustration. I can't imagine a better retreat leader. His gentleness and his obvious faith in Jesus was key for him as a retreat leader. He was the Kairos retreat. I loved Joe Homminga. I am sincerely sorry for your loss.

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**Christopher Ready** - June 07, 2018 at 09:00 PM

DR

“ Such a sad loss so grateful for our resent time together many prayers and blessings for you Maryand for all who knew and loved Joe as father brother friend and teacher!

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**DAVE and Linda Reeb** - June 07, 2018 at 04:20 PM

KM

“ Mr. Homminga is part of some of my most favorite memories from St. Francis High School. He was a wonderful teacher who cared about all his kids, especially those who needed extra care. I loved worked on Kairos retreats with him and the twinkle in his eye only hinted at the deep faith within. My prayers as you mourn and celebrate his life. RIP. Katie Maxbauer McNulty ' SF93

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**Katie Maxbauer McNulty** - June 07, 2018 at 12:58 PM

NE

“ We are so saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved Joe. He was one of the kindest, most caring & loving people we had the privilege of knowing. We will always remember the good times we shared with Joe & Mary & the faith & commitment they always shared with the world. God bless you all. Joe may you Rest In Peace in Our Lords home with young Joe.

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**Norm & Emily** - June 07, 2018 at 12:02 PM

KH

“ The saints and all of heaven are rejoicing for Joe being among them for eternity. Good Work faithful and loyal servant. Peace and love to Mary. Kathy & Jason Hunt

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**Kathy & Jason Hunt** - June 07, 2018 at 10:33 AM

KH

“ Mary and Brian, I am so sorry to hear of Joes death. I remember him very fondly from the ME days. I know that his God has welcomed him home with great celebration and joy. Peace.

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**Kathy Harbaugh** - June 07, 2018 at 09:06 AM