



Jeffrey R. Paunicka

January 14, 1954 - May 18, 2023

Jeffrey R. Paunicka, age 69, of Ogden Dunes, IN, passed away on May 18, 2023. He graduated from Campion Jesuit High School in 1972, John Carroll University in 1976 (BS, Chemistry/Mathematics) and received his masters from the University of Notre Dame in 1987 (MBA, Business Administration). Jeffrey enjoyed deep sea fishing, snorkeling, flying planes, pocket watches, John Deer, investing, car restoration, and making model planes and boats. He was an active member of the ANA (American Numismatic Association), Lions Club, PCDA member, Calumet Coin Club and many more. Jeffrey was preceded in death by his parents: Joseph Paunicka and Julia Zvijak. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Menclewicz-Paunicka; children: Jackie (Benjamin) Paunicka-Ferguson, Julie (Chris) Paunicka-White, John Paunicka, Jennifer Paunicka and his beloved, best friend and last child Keno; step children: Douglas (Jennifer) Menclewicz, Ross (Stacia) Menclewicz; grandchildren: Kieran Ferguson, Camilla Ferguson, Georgina Ferguson, Callaghan White, Jane White, Madison and Ava Menclewicz; brother, Joseph (Nancy) Paunicka; nieces and nephews: Joseph Paunicka, Christine Paunicka, Kathryn Paunicka and many other relatives throughout the country. A visitation will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. The funeral service will take place on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. Inurnment at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Jeff is an upperclassman and a teammate on the wrestling team. Jeff was a big guy and usually wrestle heavyweight. I was on the opposite end of the spectrum serving as the 98 pounder. I always looked up to him almost as an older brother. He was always friendly and someone you could admire as a role model.

M Lenardo - March 27 at 11:01 PM



“ He was a great classmate and friend. We had a great summer trip to Europe after sophomore year. A larger than life individual. He will be missed.

May 23, 2023 at 02:18 PM

JS

“ Joe, Sorry to read about the loss of your brother. Thoughts and Prayers to you and Nancy and the entire Paunicka family.

Jeff Scheub - May 23, 2023 at 12:59 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.



May 22, 2023 at 08:15 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Jeff was a good friend for nearly 17 years.

David Wells - May 21, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.



May 20, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.



May 20, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.



May 20, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.



May 20, 2023 at 07:33 AM



“ Condolences. I met Jeff when he was a freshman in 1972, at John Carroll. He left a letter from his mom open on his dorm desk. I sat there and read it. Grandma called him a SPUNKY baby. The name stuck: SPUNKY!. Jeff was my roommate and then friend for 50 years, attended several of his kid's weddings. I'm Godfather To Jennifer. I Miss his mom and dad also. Blessed to have known him. Sit tibia terra Levis. May the ground rest lightly on you in peace. Mark Fredrick. Cleveland.

Mark Fredrick - May 20, 2023 at 06:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.



May 19, 2023 at 11:12 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.



May 19, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.*



May 19, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.*



May 19, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ *Jeff was a great classmate at Campion. We were just a bunch of kids who were living away from home and grew up together. Jeff was a big part of that.*



John G Most - May 19, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.*



May 19, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.*



May 19, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Paunicka.*



May 19, 2023 at 05:01 PM