



## Joe Dee Willhoite

September 2, 1939 - October 19, 2020

Joe Dee Willhoite, age 83, of Portage, IN, passed away peacefully on October 19th, 2020, at Franciscan Hospital, with his daughter at his bedside. He was born in Gary, Indiana to Boyd and Opal Pester Willhoite. Joe was married to his wife, Annabelle Fernandez, for 57 years. He was a 1955 graduate of Lew Wallace High School. Joe loved his country and served in the Marines in the late 1950s. He continued his education at Purdue University Calumet. Joe later retired from Ispat Inland in East Chicago after 30 years. He enjoyed watching old movies and Chicago sports teams, solving crossword puzzles, playing card games, and listening to Christian music. He was also a Purdue Boilermakers fan. Joe once said that after he passed, he simply wanted people to remember that "he loved Jesus." He will be greatly missed!

Joe is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Ann; daughter- Julie (Randall) of Springfield, Virginia; grandson- Matthew; sister- Ethel Beck; two brothers- William and James Willhoite.

There will be no formal services for Joe. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association ([www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry This is so late. My condolences to the family. I also worked with Joe at Inland. I car-pooled with Joe. He was my Operator. A good man! A good teacher. A cat lover, at least in the mill. Good memories. See you in the big House Joe...

Tom Schoon - October 15, 2024 at 07:34 PM

BJ

“ Sorry to hear about Joe passing. Sympathy to Ann and the family. Cherish all the good times. Dean & Beverly Johnson

Beverly Johnson - October 27, 2020 at 08:36 PM

BK

“ Sorry to hear about Joe passing. Enjoyed working with him out at 2 Bloomer. I am sure he will be missed by all.  
Bob and Dana Klaus

Bob Klaus - October 25, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ Uncle Joe you will be missed... lots of funny stories you told and I will always remember you as a happy person full of laughter!

Larry Beck - October 21, 2020 at 06:51 AM