



## Maurice F. Massa

October 30, 1940 - July 16, 2024

Maurice F. Massa, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and son, passed away peacefully on July 16, 2024, at the age of 83. He was born on October 30, 1940, in Gary, IN, to Maurice and Frances Massa. He was the oldest of three children and grew up with his sister, Carol Massa (Vale) and brother, Jeffrey Massa. He is preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Frances Massa; siblings: Carol Massa (Vale) and Jeffrey Massa and his wife, Janice Massa (Wheat).

Maurice graduated from Lew Wallace High School as class president in 1958 and then went on to graduate from Drake University in 1963 with a degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences. After co-owning and operating J-Mar Pharmacy for 30 years, he finished up his 46-year career managing the local Target pharmacy in Valparaiso where he mentored some exceptional coworkers. He was known for his professionalism, kindness, and generosity and was truly valued and trusted by his customers and colleagues.

Maurice married Janice Massa (Wheat) in 1964 and had three sons: Craig (Karen) Massa of Roswell, GA, Matt (Deanna) Massa of Naperville, IL, and Marc (Amy) Massa of Pottstown, PA, who were the pride and joy of their lives. Maurice was a devoted and supportive father who actively coached each of his sons' baseball and basketball teams and introduced them to a couple of their favorite hobbies: golf and snow skiing. Maurice was a proud grandfather

of six grandchildren: Colin, Haley, Sydney, Natalie, Evan and Nicholas. He loved to spoil them, tell them stories, and was a frequent spectator at their sports. He always had a smile and a joke for them and made them feel special and loved. In his spare time, he enjoyed golfing, reading, a variety of music, the winters in Fort Myers, FL and most importantly, spending time with his family and friends.

A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, July 26, 2024, from 1 p.m. until time of memorial service at 5 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Rev. Thomas E. Mischler officiating. Services will terminate at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research ([michaeljfox.org](http://michaeljfox.org)) or Dunes Hospice LLC Valparaiso, IN ([duneshospicellc.com](http://duneshospicellc.com)) in his memory.

Maurice will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. He was a wonderful man who touched many lives with his warmth, humor, and generosity. He left a lasting legacy of love and service that will be cherished by his family and friends. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL **26.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (cst)

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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

SZ

“ Moe and my husband Richard are cousins. Rich has many happy memories of their times together, many great golf games. Moe and Jay came to Fort Wayne to visit Rich when he was sick, he loved being able to spend time with family. We were so sorry that we were not able to attend the funeral due to Rich's health. But we were there in spirit. Our deepest condolences to the family, I know you all feel his loss. RIP in peace Cousin Moe!

Scharee A Zuccolotto - July 28, 2024 at 11:58 PM

DM

“ David and Maria McTarnaghan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maurice F. Massa.



David and Maria McTarnaghan - July 25, 2024 at 03:54 PM

JJ

“ The obit for "Moe" certainly highlights the man and his many contributions. Loved hitting the golf courses with him and Jay. ( He mostly won) . Rest in peace my friend. Condolences to his family.  
John P. Jandura

John p Jandura - July 25, 2024 at 02:04 PM

LF

“ Love Fitori Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Maurice F. Massa.



Love Fitori Family - July 25, 2024 at 09:47 AM

DR

“ Dave R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice F. Massa.

Dave R. - July 24, 2024 at 11:10 PM

DR

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Dave R. - July 24, 2024 at 11:10 PM

KP

“ Kathleen, Bill, Angie and Paul purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Maurice F. Massa.



Kathleen, Bill, Angie and Paul - July 23, 2024 at 06:37 PM

MG

“ I was a customer at Jmar in Portage for many years. What a wonderful friend he was. God Bless. Mary Pundrich Garrison.

Mary Pundrich Garrison - July 21, 2024 at 12:48 PM

KS

“ God Bless my cousin Moe - a true family man & loving cousin.  
Always Great Memories over the years from Massa Family  
Reunions to always being part of Family events !!!  
In God's Hands Now 🙏  
Forever in Our Hearts 💕  
♥️ Love to Family ♥️  
Kenny & Pam Shultz  
Herb & Arlene Shultz Heaven

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**Kenny & Pam Shultz** - July 21, 2024 at 09:44 AM

PS

“ Moe and I were 1958 classmates and a dear friend so sorry for your  
loss. We enjoyed many good times planning our class reunions. He  
will be missed.

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**Pat Shay-Ervin** - July 21, 2024 at 08:11 AM

WK

“ RIP roomie, will miss you.  
Moe and I were best friends in HS and were roommates at Drake U.  
Over the years we met many times for lunch whenever I returned to  
Indiana. Will never have an Italian beef at Portillo's without thinking  
of you. You were the best of the best.  
Bill Konzelman

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**william konzelman** - July 20, 2024 at 11:29 AM

CG

“ Moe and I were very close in H.S.. We spent a whole afternoon together at our 50th class reunion. My wife Connie and I live in San Diego so getting together was difficult, but I talked to Moe fairly regularly..I loved his Mom and Dad. They were a great family. I am a better person for having had Moe in my life. Chuck Gallion

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**Chuck Gallion** - July 19, 2024 at 12:13 PM

DE

“ Sorry for your loss 😭 Moe was such a great boss! He made us laugh everyday - and there sure were days when we needed that desperately! He was a unique guy and I'm glad I had the opportunity to know him ❤️

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**De** - July 18, 2024 at 07:26 PM