



## Mr. Joseph Vincent O'Rourke

May 19, 1925 - March 31, 2016

Joseph Vincent O'Rourke Born May 19th, 1925  
in Brooklyn, NY to Katherine Rowland and Thomas O'Rourke.  
He passed away at his home in Saginaw MI,  
surrounded by his family on Thursday, March 31st, 2016 at the age of 90  
years.

As he is mourned here by those he left behind,  
he is Greeted with Shouts of Joy by his family that has gone ahead of us.  
His cherished wife of 56 years, Carol Bayne O'Rourke;  
His mother, Katherine Rowland of Gort, County Maigh eo, Ireland  
and his Father, Thomas O'Rourke of Wexford, Ireland.  
He is also predeceased by three of his beloved siblings,  
William O'Rourke, Thomas O'Rourke & Anthony O'Rourke;  
as well as many aunts and uncles that helped to raise him in Love,  
contributing to making him the man we knew him to be.  
Also predeceasing him are lifelong friends and in-laws,  
Joan Bayne Campbell, John and Joan Bayne, Jean O'Rourke and Therese  
O'Rourke.

Left behind to remember his life of unwavering  
Commitment and Love for his Family are his Children and their Spouses  
William O'Rourke and longtime friend Mimi Carter, Siusan O'Rourke and Zig

Zeitler, Erin "Donna" O'Rourke Sage & James Sage, John O'Rourke and Sherry Curell.

His pride in his Grandchildren was unsurpassed,  
Nicole O'Rourke (Jeremy), Steven O'Rourke (Courtney), Michael Martinak (Lisa), Hannah O'Rourke, Addah Riebschleger, Joseph Riebschleger, Landen Curell

With 6 Great Grandchildren, Xavior, Xa'Ya, Haley, Owen, Oliver and Kaylin and another on the way.

He had a deep love for his Brothers and Sisters and their Spouses,  
Mark O'Rourke, James O'Rourke, Patrick O'Rourke (Bobbie), Mary O'Rourke Mulea (Ben), Ronnie O'Rourke Phelps (Larry); Brother in-law, Gordon Bayne; among many cousins we make special note of Francis Rowland & Pamela Rowland.

He was adored by nieces and nephews, many of whom looked to him as a second father, Linda Campbell Weitz, Kevin O'Rourke, Rory O'Rourke, Daniel O'Rourke, Michele O'Rourke Kraham, Brian O'Rourke, Kenneth Bayne, Jennifer Bayne, Erica Bayne Koltunov (Yevgeny), Jason Bayne (Jill), James O'Rourke, Timothy O'Rourke, Stephen O'Rourke, Ann O'Rourke, Patricia O'Rourke McArdle, Jeanne O'Rourke, Katherine O'Rourke Vetere, Grace O'Rourke and he was blessed in the last Two years of his life to have met for the very first many more nieces and nephews, too many to mention, calling the Family Reunion in 2015 better than Christmas.

A member of VFW post 9809 in Saginaw Mi,  
Joseph was a Decorated Veteran, serving in WWII  
He joined the Army and served in the 82nd Airborne as a Paratrooper with 17 combat jumps to his credit.  
He fought as a Rifleman and was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge, with campaigns in Ardennes, Central Europe, Northern France and Rhineland.

Decorations and Citations:

The Militaire Willems order

The Belgian Fourragere

The EAME Service Medal

The Good Conduct Medal

WWII Victory Medal

The Purple Heart

He married his neighborhood sweetheart Carol Bayne on Oct 2nd of 1954 in Brooklyn, NY, where they raised 4 children.

Moving to Saginaw, MI in 1971 where they have resided since.

Carol predeceased him in 2010.

Joseph Graduated from Good Shepherd School In Brooklyn, NY.

and was an "Athlete" up until the moment of his passing.

An incredibly strong individual who took on any job to completion.

Known for his love of heights, his gymnastic ability

and his love of the water, swimming and diving.

He loved hunting, boating, baseball, dogs and horses.

But above all.. above all..

He loved his Family and he lived his entire life making certain he was the best husband, father, brother and uncle that he could be.

He worked many jobs in his life, some of which being a NY Cab Driver, Sorter in the Mail Room in the US Postal Service, Sign Painter and Fabricator in Brooklyn, NY with his Brother Mark, Construction with Dick and Mack Adams here in Saginaw, MI.

He retired at the age of 80 out of the Saginaw Board of Education, where he worked for more than 30 years doing maintenance and construction.

He lived a life of impeccable work ethics that we can all only hope to come close to.

Although Joseph was not a member of a local Parish, he was a lifelong Catholic and held close to his heart the Faith he was born into.

All Expressions of Sympathy that are sent to the Family will be donated in his name to the charity he long supported, St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Joseph's earthly remains will join his wife in cremation.

There will be a Gathering and Celebration of His Life that all are invited to attend on

Sunday, April 10th, 2016 @ 1:00 pm at The White Crow Conservatory of Music, 3736 Mackinaw, Saginaw, MI. A short Memorial service will be followed by Lots of Love, Laughter, Music and a Potluck meal, just as he wanted...a Family gathering with Food!

Special thanks from our Family to  
all the wonderful Folks at:  
Heartland Hospice  
Covenant Hospital Physical Therapy Department  
and the VA for all they provided our Father in the last years  
of his life to make it easier.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

The White Crow Conservatory of Music  
3736 Mackinaw Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph Vincent O'Rourke*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - April 21, 2016 at 03:36 PM

SO

“ *Joe's Family, Siusan, Erin and John and their Families wish to Thank everyone for coming out and sharing the Day with us on sunday April 10th. We appreciate seeing so many of you and hearing your words of comfort. We also want to mention those of you who were here that are Family to us and were loved by our Parents as only chosen Family can be! .. Alanah, David.. Richard.. The whole darn Shay Family,.. Barb and Ray. We love you all and will certainly see you on Happier Days!*

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**Siusan O'Rourke** - April 14, 2016 at 01:13 PM

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“ *the gifts of my Father*

*in his Hand  
my hand was safe  
in his Voice  
I heard the truth  
in his Heart  
he held me close  
in his Eyes  
I saw my worth*

*Siusan Bayne O'Rourke 3-31-16*

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**Siusan O'Rourke** - April 12, 2016 at 08:54 AM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - April 08, 2016 at 10:07 AM

JA

“ *Siusan, Zig and Family*

*We are so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Never have met anybody as great as your dad. We know that all of you will hold him close in your hearts and will keep his wonderful memories alive forever. Now he and your mom will be able once again to be together in love and laughter. Special thoughts being sent your way. Slainte.*

*Jan and Gary  
O'Leary and Moore*

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**Jan** - April 06, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Erin Sage** - April 05, 2016 at 05:44 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album lil Joe*



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**Siusan O'Rourke** - April 05, 2016 at 05:38 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Young Joe*



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**Siusan ORourke** - April 04, 2016 at 10:44 PM

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**Siusan ORourke** - April 04, 2016 at 10:42 PM

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**Siusan ORourke** - April 04, 2016 at 10:41 PM

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**Siusan ORourke** - April 04, 2016 at 10:39 PM

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**Siusan ORourke** - April 04, 2016 at 10:38 PM

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Siusan O'Rourke - April 04, 2016 at 10:36 PM

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Siusan O'Rourke - April 04, 2016 at 10:35 PM

DM

“ Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Vincent O'Rourke



Derrell Martin - April 03, 2016 at 03:58 PM

DM

*Joe, my friend!!! You taught me so much about life, being a man and your support for me as a kid and young man has made all of the difference in my life. I will forever cherish the time we spent together and I am so thankful to your family for sharing you and Carol with me. You all will always have a place in my heart. God bless you !!!*

Derrell Martin - April 03, 2016 at 04:11 PM

SO

*Thankyou Derrell.*

**Siusan O'Rourke** - April 04, 2016 at 10:50 PM

RL

“*Rose Lonugemire sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Vincent O'Rourke*



**Rose Lonugemire** - April 01, 2016 at 08:10 AM

RL

*Erin and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father, My prayers are you find comfort and peace knowing that he is in a better place.If you need anything, even if ifs just to talk, I here for you anytime.*

**Rose Lonugemire** - April 01, 2016 at 08:13 AM