



# Joseph Leo Bourque, Sr.

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## **Joseph Leo Bourque, Sr.**

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**J**oseph Leo Bourque, 83, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on September 5, 2011 at Mary Immaculate Health Care Services in Lawrence. He was born in Lawrence on May 5, 1928 to the late Helen (Keegan) (Bourque) Van Doorne and Joseph Leo Bourque. He was also the step-son of the late Andrew (Lefty) Van Doorne. Joe was educated at St. Patrick's Grammar School and Lawrence High School. In his teen years, Joe worked at Keegan's Market and then worked forty years at Courier Citizen/NADCO in Lowell, MA. Joe proudly served in the United States Navy from 1946 to 1948. He also gave many years of service to St. Patrick's Parish in Lawrence as sexton and member of the Holy Name Society. After his retirement in 1989, he enjoyed spending his time with his large and expanding family. Joe's favorite activity was anything involving his grandchildren. The Bourque family would like to express their deep appreciation for the outstanding care from the staff at the Mary Immaculate Health Care Services. Joe was the patriarch of a very large, loving family which includes his loving wife of sixty years, Theresa Gertrude (McCormack) Bourque, along with their ten children and their families: Joseph L., Jr. and Diane of Ipswich, MA; Kathleen O'Keefe of Lawrence, MA; Daniel and Judith of Reading, MA; Ann Marie and Ann Pritchard of Sandown, NH; Martin and Alda of Londonderry, NH; Mary and David Desrosiers of Lawrence, MA; Michael and Jo-Anne of Wakefield, MA; Barbara and Michael Beauchesne of Lawrence, MA; Timothy and Susan of Plaistow, NH; and Christopher and Sylvania of Plaistow, NH. His sister Mrs. Eleanor Campbell of Manchester, NH. Joe's family includes thirty-one grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. As well as several nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his beloved grandson, Ryan Bourque, and also by his sister, Mrs. Claire Lynch, North Andover, MA. Relatives and friends are cordially invited to call on Wednesday, September 7th, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 8th, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial



## Obituary

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Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts. For online condolences and other information please go to [www.breenfuneralhome.com](http://www.breenfuneralhome.com). His funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 9th, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Patrick Church in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Burial will follow in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in North Andover, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Bourque Family Scholarship Fund to benefit children at the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, 136 Water St., Lawrence, MA 01841.



## Tribute Wall

**Joseph Leo Bourque, Sr.**

PF

**Peter Fenerlis** posted:

Dear Dan and Family, My deepest sympathies for all! Peter Fenerlis

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MC

**Maureen A. Crocker** posted:

Joe we are so sorry for the loss of your father. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. The Crocker Family

March 7 at 8:00 PM

LD

**Lisa & Leonard Dipietro** posted:

Dear Mike, Jo-Anne and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless you all. Lisa, Lenny and family

March 7 at 8:00 PM

SC

**Sean Casey** posted:

Barbara and family, Please accept my condolences on the death of your father. I will keep you in my prayers. In sympathy, Sean Casey LHS class of '82

March 7 at 8:00 PM

RB

**Robin Cohron Bovey** posted:

Mary and Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you today, and I am so very sorry for your loss. Robin Bovey, Sunny Kagan, Merry Beth Henderson, Alex, Katie and Gran Fran

March 7 at 8:00 PM

TG

**Thomas Garvey** posted:

With deepest sympathy in your loss.

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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JD

**Jeannine Dominique** posted:

Barbara and family, My heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your beloved Father. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. Jeannine Dominique

March 7 at 8:00 PM

TF

**The Bagley Family** posted:

Marty and family, We are sorry for this tremendous loss. Grandpa Joe will be missed greatly. But what great memories your whole family will always have. Thinking of you all, peggy,jim,dan and allie

March 7 at 8:00 PM

CS

**Cathy Stangroom** posted:

Dear Barbara and family, We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Cathy, Amanda, and Sammie Stangroom

March 7 at 8:00 PM

LG

**Lily And Tom Gunnery** posted:

Dear Mary, We were so very sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this sad and difficult time. Love Tom and Lily Gunnery

March 7 at 8:00 PM

CD

**Chuck Doughty** posted:

Dan and Family, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father (grandfather). Chuck and Sue

March 7 at 8:00 PM

RV

**Rachel Voiland** posted:

Dear Barbara and family, how difficult a time this must be for you. I know how strong your faith is, and you need the strength of that faith now. Please know that my love and prayerful remembrance are with you.

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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TJ

**Thomas A. Joyce** posted:

Dear Dan, My condolences to you and your family. Sincerely, Tom Joyce

March 7 at 8:00 PM

CE

**Carol (Matthes/Press) Evans** posted:

My condolences and sincere sympathy to all of you...Carol Evans

March 7 at 8:00 PM

LL

**Linda Latta** posted:

Mary & David, you and your family have our deepest sympathies. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

LB

**Linda Bellmore** posted:

TO The entire Bourque family my condolences and prayers are with you all throught this trying time...Joe was a wonderful person to know..we didn't speak much but after the loss of Ryan we did speak on occasion...God Bless You All.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MM

**Mary (Leyland) Machado** posted:

MRS. BOURQUE & FAMILY MY SINCERE SYMPATHY TO ALL OF YOU. MAY WARM MEMORIES OF HAPPY TIMES SHARED TOGETHER HELP EASE THE SADNESS YOU FEEL AT THIS TIME.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

DA

**Dave Abati** posted:

Dan, Very sorry to hear about the passing of your Father. May God bless you and your family during this difficult time. Dave

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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RK

**Robert Kennedy** posted:

You have my sincere condolences on the loss of your father.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

LM

**Lisa Meskell** posted:

Dear Marty and family: May fond memories of your dad comfort you and your family in this time of sorrow. With Deepest Sympathy, Lisa Meskell

March 7 at 8:00 PM

FV

**Fran Valcourt** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Bourque family over the next few days and weeks. Tim said it well: The Greatest Generation has truly lost a Great Man.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

KW

**Kerri A. Whitney** posted:

Tim, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your father raised a good man. Love, Shipping and Weigh Dispense at Shire

March 7 at 8:00 PM

JB

**John Benjamin** posted:

Bourque Family, Sorry to read of Joe's passing. Fond memories and your loving family will help you through this difficult time. Know that you are in my thoughts.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

FJ

**Fran Johnson** posted:

Joe was a loving & dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He and Theresa raised a family that he was so proud of. I was saddened to read of his passing. My family shared many happy times with the Bourque family at 10-12 Cambridge St. in South Lawrence. My sincere condolences to his family

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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CL

**Claudette&Jim St.Laurent** posted:

Please know that your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. We are sorry for your loss. God Bless you, Jimmie and Claudette

March 7 at 8:00 PM

TW

**Tommy Bastian & Kathy Wilson** posted:

Dear Barbara, Kathleen and all the extended Bourque family, We are saddened to learn of the death of your dearly loved father. Your faith can provide you strength especially in this difficult time. Trust in God. His Love is there to protect and guide you all. With Sympathy & Love, Tommy & Kathy

March 7 at 8:00 PM

BA

**Barbara** posted:

We love you and will miss you very much grandpa. XOXOXO Ian, Allison & Olivia

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RS

**Raymond Sheehan** posted:

What a wonderful family. Joe and Theresa were always special They will be in my prayers.

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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