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Mr. Joseph M. Melia, 72, of Meredith NH, passed away on Monday April 16, 2012, surrounded by loving family. Born on July 23, 1939 in Methuen MA, he was the son of the late Thomas and Simone (LaPlante) Melia. Joe attended Methuen schools and was a graduate of Central Catholic High School and Northeastern University. He worked for 30 years as a manufacturing manager at GTE Sylvania in Manchester, NH. After retiring from GTE, he enjoyed working as a teaching assistant at the Youth Development Center in Manchester. Joe and his wife Sheila built the house of their dreams on Lake Winnisquam in Meredith and thoroughly enjoyed hosting friends and family through all seasons. Joe loved spending time on his pontoon boat in the summers, cross country skiing across the lake in winter, and hiking the mountains in all seasons. Beyond life at the lake, Joe shared many years of traveling in the United States and abroad with his wife of 50 years, Sheila, and his sisters and brothers. The lights of Joe's life were his seven grandchildren, Morgan, Timothy, Katie, Elizabeth, Patrick, Andrew, and Kevin. They inspired him and continuously gave him a reason to smile and laugh. Joe is survived by his wife of 50 years Mary Sheila (Enright) Melia, his daughter Mary Ellen and her husband Peter Spain, his daughter Julie Stickney, his daughter Karen and her husband Steven Crain, and his grandchildren: Morgan, Katie, Elizabeth, Patrick, Andrew, and Kevin. Joe was led to the light in Heaven by his beloved grandson, Timothy. He was well loved by his sisters Maryan, Marcella, Jane and brothers Thomas, Frank, and Kevin, as well as his brothers and sisters-in-law Carl, Ken, Jim, Mary Jane, Sandy, and Eduardo. Nieces and nephews adored their Uncle Joe. Joe was predeceased by his brother, Richard, sister Catherine, niece Erin, and most recently by his best friend and brother-in-law Ken Wilson. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to call on Friday, April 20th, 2012 from 2pm to 6pm at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury Street Lawrence, MA. For



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directions and online condolences please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com. His funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 21st, 2012 at 10am at the Saints Mary and Joseph Parish, Mary Queen of Peace Church in Salem, NH. His burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen, MA. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Central NH VNA & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246.



Tribute Wall

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BG

Bonnie And Peter Gerace posted:

Dear Sheila We are so sorry about Joe.He was one of the nicest kindest people we know.We always had a great time in his company. Surely he is in peace and whole again. It is those are left behind that are suffering.We will keep you and yours in our prayers. Love Bonnie and Peter

March 7 at 8:00 PM

JG

John And Karen Golec posted:

To the entire Melia family,no words can describe how sorry we are for your loss.Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We loved Joe's smile and warm greeting whenever we saw him.Someone so special can never be forgotten.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

CS

Christine Toohey Szostak posted:

Karen and Family, We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. Although many years have passed since we grew up in Salem, I still have very fond memories of him and the rest of your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Christine Toohey Szostak and Family

March 7 at 8:00 PM

HJ

Holly And Dan Drazen And Jeff posted:

To the entire Melia Family, We were very saddened to hear Mr. Melia has left this earth to join Tim in heaven. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. I know he meant the world to all of you and we trust that wonderful memories will guide you through the days ahead.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

AA

Ann M. Albert posted:

My most sincere condolences to Sheila and Joe's family. I worked with Joe while he was an assistant teacher's aide at YDC. He was the "Best!" He always had a positive word for these challenging students and they all loved and respected him. He will be sadly missed by all that were lucky enough to have know him... With sadden heart, Ann M. Albert

March 7 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph M. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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