



Joseph L. "Joe" Santini Sr.

May 21, 1931 - June 1, 2026

Joseph L. "Joe" Santini Sr., age 95 of Marysville, passed away on June 1, 2026. He was born on May 21, 1931 in Detroit to the late Adolph and Pauline (Randolf) Santini. He married the love of his life Elizabeth "Betty" Kapuscik on February 16, 1952, in Detroit.

Joe served honorably in the United States Navy for six years, where he met the love of his life Betty. They were married for 70 years and raised seven children before her passing in 2022.

Joe was a crane operator, carpenter, and a contractor - opening his own construction business, Santini Builders. He was also a building inspector and building supervisor. He enjoyed traveling with Betty throughout the United States, especially to Hawaii for their 25th wedding anniversary. He also built a family vacation home in Alger, Michigan.

Joe was a Scout Master for Troop 1411 in East Detroit. While a Scout Master, he mentored numerous scouts, helping them to obtain their Eagle Scout rank. Joe was very proud of accomplishment. Joe was also a Third Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus and a lifetime member.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling and classic cars. He rebuilt a 1930 Model A in his garage in Marysville. Ironically, his first car was a 1929 Model A, which he purchased for \$150.00. He had two different engines for that car and would swap them out in his driveway. He also had a 1970's Monte Carlo he would take to area car shows.

For the past eight years, Joe was doing dialysis for kidney disease. Joe was

hospitalized several times this year and his goal was to be home for his 95th birthday – which he accomplished.

Joe is survived by his 7 children; Joe Jr. (Pat) Santini, Mike (Lynne) Santini, Bob Santini, Tom (Denise) Santini, Theresa (Bill) Santini – VanderHeyden, Al (Kathleen) Santini, and John (Sheila) Santini, 20 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Elizabeth “Betty” Santini and sister, Shirley Ziolkowski and brother in-law Arnie Ziolkowski.

Funeral services will be held on – Tuesday - June 9, 2026, at 12:00pm (Noon) in the Jowett Funeral Home -1634 Lapeer Ave. Port Huron. Minister Shaun Laurain will officiate. The burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, with honors from the United States Navy and St. Clair County Veterans Council. The visiting hours will be Monday - June 8, 2026, from 2:00pm until 6:00pm and again on Tuesday from 11:00am until time of service at Noon.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Blue Water Hospice Home.

Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to serve the Santini Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Debra Nichols - June 10 at 04:18 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Tina - June 08 at 02:53 PM

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“ My dad and Joe were in the Navy together. They became good lifelong friends which resulted in Joe and Betty being named my Godparents. I have wonderful memories getting together with the Santinis during my childhood.



Tina - June 08 at 02:46 PM

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Paula Sabo - June 08 at 08:51 AM

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“ Dave and Cindy Randolph purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph L. "Joe" Santini Sr..



Dave and Cindy Randolph - June 06 at 01:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph L. "Joe" Santini Sr..



June 05 at 05:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph L. "Joe" Santini Sr..

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Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - June 05 at 10:03 AM



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Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - June 05 at 08:37 AM



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Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - June 04 at 01:16 PM



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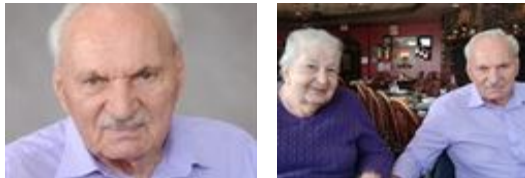


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