



## James "Joe" Nolan

September 7, 1923 - May 10, 2017

Joe Nolan, 93 of Austin, died Wednesday May 10th 2017 at his home.

He was born September 7th, 1923 in Preston, MN to James and Julia (Farrell) Nolan.

They moved to Austin when he was 5 yrs old where he grew up and lived out his life.

On October 7th, 1946 he married Judith "Judy" Lewis of Austin at Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

He served in the US Navy from 1942-1946 as a radio man. He worked at Hormel Foods until he retired in 1985 after 42 years. He was Chairman of the Union Bargaining Committee for 14 yrs and was also a member of the American Legion and VFW.

Joe enjoyed traveling with his beloved wife Judy, woodworking, golf (especially with his lifelong friend Butch Wise), fishing, pheasant hunting, and mowing his lawn. His greatest joy was spending time with his wife, daughter, granddaughters, great grandchildren, and all his nieces and nephews.

Survived by his wife of 71 years, Judy; daughter Debby (Duane) Kluender; granddaughters Jessica "Kelly" (Troy) Fralich, Julie (Jeffrey) Hundt; great-grandchildren Logan Fralich, Alexandra Hundt, Lukas Fralich; sister in law Patty (Don) Johnson; brother in law Dale (Lois) Lewis; and many loved Nieces and Nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; 5 sisters, Kaye (Walter) Spaelti, Margaret "Boots" Budahn, Francis (Don) Bernatz, Mariann (Don) Blais, Eileen (Roger W.) Lewis; brother Patrick "Eddie" (Mary Jo) Nolan.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Monday, May 15, 2017 St. Augustine Catholic Church with Fr. John Traufler officiating. Friends may call from 9:30 am until the time of the service at the church on Monday. Interment will be in Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Preston with Military rites by American Legion Post #91 and VFW Post #1216.

# Cemetery

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## Minnesota State Cemetery

715 Highway 52

Preston, MN, 55965

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation** 09:30AM - 11:00AM

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St. Augustine Catholic Church

405 4th Street NW, Austin, MN, US, 55912

**MAY** **Service** 11:00AM

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St. Augustine Catholic Church

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# Comments

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“ The first word I associate with Uncle Joe is LAUGHTER. I remember going to Uncle Joe and Tanta Judy's house & going in and out of the 'saloon door' they had in the kitchen doing my best John Wayne impression. While my mom (his sister, Margaret) was trying to apologize for my antics, Uncle Joe, with a big smile on his face and his laughter echoing through the house, kept trying to tell my mom to relax.....and we all know how easily THAT came to the Nolan women...

Tanta Judy and Debbie please know that my heart and prayers are with you right now. Uncle Joe, may God our Father grant you eternal rest and may His perpetual light shine upon you. And, hey, when you get a chance give my mom and dad a hug from me and tell them I miss them.

In His Amazing Grace,  
Julie (Budahn) Hill

Julie Budahn Hill - May 14, 2017 at 12:12 PM

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“ Dear Judy and Debbie  
I just wanted you to know how saddened I am by Joe's death. What I remember most about him is His wonderful smile. He always made me feel so welcome. He is part of my earliest memories. He, like my mom and dad, lived a very long, productive and full lives. They will always be remembered because of who they were. I feel your pain at the loss of him in your lives. He will, however, be with you always.

Dee DeRemer Hanson

Dee Hanson - May 12, 2017 at 11:21 PM

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“ Uncle Joe was larger than life. Always had a smile on his face and the Irish twinkle in his eyes. His laugh was infectious and he loved to tease his sisters. We will miss you Uncle Joe but the memories will live on. Enjoy the eternal reward you so deserve. Love Sharon Budahn Jones & family.

Sharon B Jones - May 12, 2017 at 04:05 PM

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“ Joe was a wonderful husband and father. Judy and Debby were the loves of his life. I was fortunate to have Joe as a meaningful part of my life for a few years. Although I haven't seen Joe more than a few times in the past 50 years I always considered him a good friend. My prayers are with Judy, Debby and the entire family. God bless,

Barney.

**Barney Bartholomew** - May 12, 2017 at 01:46 PM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of James "Joe" Nolan.



May 12, 2017 at 10:40 AM

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“ Dear Uncle Joe was a "Quiet man but Quite a man." We will hold his smile and kind, generous spirit in our hearts forever! With love, Phyllis and Ron Longtin

**Phyllis Longtin** - May 11, 2017 at 06:51 PM