



## Joseph "Joey" V. Auffart

September 27, 1949 - March 18, 2026

Joseph "Joey" V. Auffart, age 76, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at home on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Joe was born on September 27, 1949, to Martin and Henrietta (Bachman) Auffart. He married Lyra Bueltel in 1972 in St. Henry Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on September 14, 2024. When his mother passed at his birth, Joe was raised by his aunt and uncle, Herb and Emma Bartley.

Joe was a graduate from Ireland, High School, "Home of the Spuds." He received his bachelor's degree from Milwaukee.

He started the pet store, "Seven Seas" in Jasper. He managed the Holland Feed Mill. He worked at Farm Bureau for 27 years and retired as an insurance agent from Schatz Insurance Agency.

He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, the Shriners International and the Freemasons.

Joe enjoyed fishing, camping, bowling, horse shows, Wednesday "chicken day" at the Rock, and coaching pony league for his son. He loved following his children and grandchildren in their sporting events. He was a long-time breeder of boxer dogs. He was an avid IU basketball and St Louis Cardinals

baseball fan.

He is survived by two children: Jill (Ryan) Cooper, Huntingburg; Adam (Nina) Auffart, Jasper; three grandchildren: Masen (Hannah) Cooper, Jaelyn Cooper and fiancé Ty McCory and Lilly Auffart and his beloved dog, Ruby Jane

He is preceded in death by his parents and Aunt and Uncle, Herb and Emma Bartley, four sisters: Ruthie Auffart, Emma Jean Reutman, Mary Heberer, Laverne Simmons and Esther Kellams, three brothers: James, Robert and Anthony Auffart.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial for Joseph V. Auffart will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 27, 2026, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana. A burial of ashes will follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. (service time) at the church on Friday.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church, Dubois County Humane Society, or a favorite charity.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery

2829 North 500 West  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4071

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Visitation

MAR 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
2829 N 500 W  
Ireland, IN

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
2829 N 500 W  
Ireland, IN

# Tribute Wall

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“ One of Joe's favorite sayings just popped in my head, and I am sorry to hear he has passed away. He was one of my favorite insurance agents to work with, and I wish much love and strength to his family! As Joe told me every day for the years we worked together: "I'll see you tomorrow, God willing, and if the creek don't rise!"

Jennifer Crowe - June 05 at 11:22 AM

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“ All our thoughts and prayers for the family 🙏

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David and Georgette Bueltel - March 20 at 11:14 AM

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Remembering Joe always with a huge smile. He was a great guy.

Marilyn Wolf - March 23 at 09:03 PM

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Deepest sympathy

Marilyn Wolf - March 23 at 09:04 PM