

## Joseph Gubera



Joseph "Joey" was born on March 24th, 1941 in Kansas City, Missouri to Joseph W. Gubera Sr. and Winifred C. Gubera (Wall). He is predeceased by his parents and oldest son, Joseph W. Gubera III. He is survived by his wife, Shirley L. Gubera; son, Chad Gubera; daughter, Amy Stark; son-in-law, Scott Stark; granddaughters, Kayla and Kennedy Stark; grandson, Gannon Stark; brother, James Gubera; sister, Carolyn Freund, and his beloved dogs, Maggie and Sugar. He also leaves behind nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

During Joe's childhood, he was a member of the Guardian Angel Parish in Kansas City, Missouri and attended Saint Louis Catholic School and Parish in Kansas City, Missouri. As a child, Joe enjoyed being a member of the boy scouts, playing with neighborhood friends and cousins, and teasing his siblings. Joe graduated from Hogan Preparatory Academy in 1957. Following his graduation, Joe helped to run the family business, Heinie Soda Supplies Company. Joe met his wife, Shirley at a sock hop at Southeast High School. They fell in love on the spot. They were married on January 12th, 1963. Joe and Shirley celebrated their 56 wedding anniversary this year. They moved to the northland in 1972 where they raised their family. Joe went to work for U.S. Supply Company and was a member of the Teamsters Union. He retired from U.S. Supply Company in 2000.

Joe had the most gentle spirit and his smiley eyes could light up any room. He never met a stranger and always told the best stories. His granddaughter remembers the story of how he lost his toe on a field trip to the zoo and the tiger bit it right off. Additionally, during his retirement he loved vacationing to Florida and spending time with his wife and family. He adored playing golf with his cousins and deeply cherished their time together. He also enjoyed bowling and played in several leagues. He valued his time spent with his grandkids and treasured every moment with them. Also, he never hesitated to spoil his grand dogs, Sadie, Maggie, and Sugar. You would always find Joe wearing a Scally Cap and Crocs while wearing a button up shirt and pajama pants.

Visitation services for Joe will be held at McGilley Antioch Chapel on February 28th, 2020 from 6-8:00pm with a Rosary led by Father Mike Roach at 6:00pm. A Memorial Mass will be held on February 29th, 2020 at Saint James Catholic Church in Liberty, Missouri at 10:00am followed by a Committal Service at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. Family and friends may gather for a celebration of life luncheon at Saint James Catholic Church Parish Hall following the burial.