



Joseph Lee DePaolis

December 20, 1945 - January 17, 2026

Joseph Lee DePaolis, 80, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, died

peacefully on Saturday, January 17, 2026.

Born December 20, 1945, in Sewickley Valley Hospital, he was the son of the late Leo

and Joanna (Loria) DePaolis of Aliquippa, PA. Joseph attended DePaul Institute for the

Deaf and Connelly Trade School specializing in Carpentry & Cabinet Making. Following

graduation, Joseph worked for Lucci Cabinet Company and later began his own cabinet

company, Custom Built Cabinets by Joseph DePaolis, serving Beaver County residents

and businesses for over 35 years.

Joseph was an outstanding athlete at DePaul Institute and also earned the highest

honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America, the Eagle Scout Award. Only 2-6% of all

Scouts reach Eagle with a tiny majority being deaf. Joseph earned the Eagle Scout

rank in 1962 and contributed to the history of deaf scouting in America.

The son of a J&L Steelworker and Beaver County nurse, Joseph was

exceptionally strong, both physically and emotionally. He was a gentle, kind-hearted man with boundless patience. He never met a stranger. Joseph was always willing to lend a hand and would place others before himself. Alongside his cabinet company, Joseph also provided maintenance, handiwork, and snow plowing support to whoever needed it. He also coached his kids' youth soccer and softball teams. Upon retirement, he cared for his mother and was the best short-term caregiver for many of his grandchildren. He was a lifelong Steelers fan and long-time member of the Beaver County Deaf Bowling League. Joseph will be remembered as a loving family man who worked hard and cared for others. He instilled in his children a hard work ethic, the strength to stand up to adversity, and the importance of family. He leaves behind to celebrate his loving and heroic life his wife of 50 years, Judy Mainos DePaolis and their four children, Jennifer (Jason) Dize, Joseph N. DePaolis, Jeffrey (Kelsey) DePaolis, Joy (John) Thomas, 11 grandchildren, and his sister Mary (John) DePaolis Lutzo. Joseph requested that there not be any services. He will be laid to rest at Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Brodhead Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Joseph Lee DePaolis.



February 12 at 10:21 PM



“ Sofia Giuliani 7G Nurse purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Joseph Lee DePaolis.



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“ Sofia Giuliani 7G Nurse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Lee DePaolis.

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