

Joseph E Waisanen

March 10, 1983 - March 21, 2016

Joseph E. "Joe" Waisanen, age 33, of L'Anse passed away March 21, 2016. He was born in Bellflower, California on March 10, 1983 the son of John and Debra (Heard) Waisanen. Joseph and his family moved to the area in 1989 and he graduated from L'Anse High School in 2001. Following graduation, he joined the United States Army and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Joseph had worked at Collins Lumber as a custodian and had recently been taking classes at the Ojibwa Community College. He enjoyed playing games on the computer, reading, landscaping, and helping others.

Joseph is survived by his loving mother Debra Darkfyre of L'Anse, father John Waisanen of L'Anse, brother Justin Waisanen of Fort Carson, Colorado, sister Carrie Waisanen of Columbus, Colorado, nephews Joshua and Thomas Waisanen of Baraga and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents and his uncle Mark Heard.

Military honors, under the direction of the Baraga American Legion Post #444 will be conducted at 1:30 pm. Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Joseph, memorials may be directed to Baraga County Search and Rescue. Envelopes will be available at the funeral chapel.

Tribute Wall



66 Hope Laramore LaFernier lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Hope Laramore LaFernier - May 20, 2016 at 09:12 AM



66 Laura lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Laura - May 13, 2016 at 08:24 PM



Dear Deb and family, We are saddened to hear about Joe and your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathy. You are all in our prayers. Linda and John Holm Lowell, MI

Linda Holm - May 11, 2016 at 12:07 PM



66 Nikki lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Nikki - May 09, 2016 at 05:44 AM

SS

66 Sarah Seavoy sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Sarah Seavoy - May 08, 2016 at 11:59 PM

JD

66 I had the privilege of serving with, and learning about Joe Waisanen both as a Soldier and a person. A gentle giant, he would go out of his way to help just about anyone who needed it. Always quick with a smile, or a kind word. Even after I lost touch with him, he would cross my mind and I would wonder what, and how Joe was doing. I am dug a complete loss for words to describe my feelings at this point. Joe, I hope you found the peace that life denied you. May God bless, rest in peace.

John Donley - May 06, 2016 at 09:19 PM

KJ

66 Although I didn't know Joe, I followed the story about him from the first notice that he was missing. His military service struck a chord with me, and I so hoped that all would turn out well. The sadness I felt upon learning the news of his death is indescribable. My heart aches for you, his family, as you go through this difficult time. Please know that there are many people praying for Joe and for you. May God bless you with comfort and healing.

Kathryn Johnson - May 06, 2016 at 08:07 PM

SB

66 John and debbie, my deepest sympathy.

Susan brooks - May 06, 2016 at 05:22 PM

SB

66 Susan Brooks lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Susan brooks - May 06, 2016 at 04:49 PM



66 I served with Joe in Iraq. He was a very quiet man who would do anything to help people out. He will be missed. My condolences are with you.

Rick Chollett - May 06, 2016 at 06:38 AM



66 Linda Taipalus lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Linda Taipalus - May 05, 2016 at 10:14 PM



66 Debbie and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. May the comfort of friends and family help you at this time. Deb Schultz

deb schultz - May 05, 2016 at 01:18 PM



66 Keri Williams lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Keri Williams - May 05, 2016 at 12:45 PM



66 Jim And Mary Rajala lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Jim and Mary Rajala - May 05, 2016 at 07:09 AM





66 Cindi Haataja lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Cindi Haataja - May 04, 2016 at 09:57 PM



Rest in peace, Joe.

Cindi Haataja - May 04, 2016 at 09:58 PM



66 Krystal Tollefson lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Krystal Tollefson - May 04, 2016 at 08:10 PM



66 Lisa Tarvainen lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Lisa Tarvainen - May 04, 2016 at 06:05 PM



66 Roni Pelon Disney lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Roni Pelon Disney - May 04, 2016 at 04:26 PM

SB

66 I deployed with Joe for a year in Afghanistan in the Army. He served his Country Honorably and Proud. Joe was a Hugh part of our Companies Success during some difficult times. He was by far the Smartest and hard working Soldier I ever had the privilege to serve with. Joe was a American Hero and will never be forgotten. RIP Joe thank you for your Service. God Bless.

Steve Bass - May 04, 2016 at 02:39 PM

TB

66 Tim And Janal Bennett lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Tim and Janal Bennett - May 04, 2016 at 12:25 PM

LS

66 Laura Schneider lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Laura Schneider - May 04, 2016 at 10:40 AM

CM

66 Cindi Mettner lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Cindi Mettner - May 04, 2016 at 08:01 AM

MJ

66 Marjorie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Marjorie Johnson - May 04, 2016 at 07:41 AM



66 So sorry for your lose. We also cannot be there as we are in New Jersey at this time. Our prayers are with you ar this difficult time. Della and Vic Petaja

Della Petaja - May 04, 2016 at 07:06 AM



66 Amanda DuFour lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Amanda DuFour - May 04, 2016 at 06:28 AM



66 Tom And Clndy Roy lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Tom and Clndy Roy - May 03, 2016 at 10:29 PM



Jesse And Heather Manning lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Jesse and Heather Manning - May 03, 2016 at 09:46 PM



66 Mary Cramer lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Mary Cramer - May 03, 2016 at 08:16 PM



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Mary Cramer - May 03, 2016 at 08:16 PM

TS

66 Tanya Schjoth lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



tanya schjoth - May 03, 2016 at 07:14 PM



I enjoyed having Joe as a student for a short time at KBOCC. During that time I learned how proud he was to serve his country as a soldier. Rest in peace and thank you for time served.

Chris Collins

Chris Collins - May 03, 2016 at 07:11 PM



66 Ellen Marie lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Ellen Marie - May 03, 2016 at 07:04 PM



May you rest in peace my friend. It was nice catching up with you a year ago and I will forever remember your laugh. My condolences to Joe's family.

Jeremy Lundy - May 03, 2016 at 06:30 PM



66 Our condolences go out to the family! May you rest in peace Joe!

Tina and George Lahti - May 03, 2016 at 06:29 PM



66 Rest in Peace, Joe. Sending prayers to the family.

Melissa Lahti - May 03, 2016 at 06:24 PM



66 Denise lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Denise - May 03, 2016 at 06:18 PM



66 My deepest condolences to Joe's family. Rest easy my friend :(



Aja Vanabel - May 03, 2016 at 06:06 PM



66 Linda lit a candle in memory of Joseph E Waisanen



Linda - May 03, 2016 at 02:56 PM



66 Sending thoughts and prayers to your family.
Rick and Linda Bukoski

Linda - May 03, 2016 at 02:56 PM



May Joe's memory always be a blessing and may his name always be sweet upon your lips. We send our love and prayers. Cindy and Jeffrey Kolsin

cindy kolsin - May 03, 2016 at 01:02 PM