



## Joseph L. Hart

November 9, 1943 - September 1, 2023

Joseph L. Hart, 79, of Linton passed away Friday September 1, 2023 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

Born November 9, 1943 in Wayne, Michigan the son of Joseph L. and Ruth (Shonk) Hart.

Joe was a U.S. Marine veteran of the Vietnam War, completing two tours of duty. Joe was a successful teacher, coach, and sign painter for several years. Joe left Union-Dugger as the winningest basketball coach in Sullivan County history, earning numerous awards along the way. He was an assistant coach with his son at Linton-Stockton during the winningest decade in Greene County basketball history. He painted signs for businesses for years and painted many gym floors over the years in southern Indiana.

Surviving relatives include his two children, Julie (Matt) Hoffman, Joseph (Brooke) Hart, his grandchildren, Jenafer (Nathan) Burns, Jayme (Grant) Hamilton, Jeri Hoffman, Mattyson Hoffman, Joey Hart, Ryllee Hart, Jack Hart and Toby Hart, one great grandchild, Sophie Burns.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife Janet on March 9, 2010, and his parents.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 P.M. on Monday September 4, 2023 at the Dugger Union Community School Gym in Dugger, Indiana.

Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday September 5, 2023 at the Dugger Union Community School Gym with Rev. Matt Hoffman and Greg McIntosh officiating. Burial will follow at Lebanon Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers the family wishes any memorial donations be made to the Joseph Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Online condolences and memories can be shared at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lebanon Cemetery

State Road 59  
Midland, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dugger Union Community School  
7356 E. County Road 50 S.  
Dugger, IN 47848

## Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JC

“ sorry to read of coach Hart's passing he was a legend throughout the state of Indian Jim Callane,, Linton Miners 1971-1976

jim callane - September 06, 2023 at 08:18 PM

GR

“ Prayers to the Hart family. Joe was a one of a kind person and coach. I leaned much from him competing against him and talking to him about basketball. Some of his perspectives taught me some valuable life lessons. Rest easy.

Greg Robinson

Greg Robinson - September 05, 2023 at 04:06 AM

CR

“ Rest in peace my old friend, you've earned it. Prayers for you and your family.

Charlie and John Ray

Charles Ray - September 04, 2023 at 02:14 PM

RP

“ Matt and Julie and Family: my deepest symathy is with you along with prayers of comfort and peace. Mr. Hart is with God and is with you always....In need of anything please dont hesitate to reach out and I will be there.....Rose Petersen

Rose Petersen - September 04, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph L. Hart.*



September 04, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph L. Hart.

September 04, 2023 at 10:01 AM



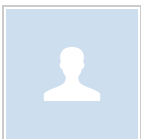
“ *He was a great coach. We all respected him and played our guts out for him.*

**Nicholas Boone** - September 04, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ *Joe had outstanding basketball teams when he was coaching at Dugger- not a place you looked forward to playing*

**Larry Price** - September 03, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joseph L. Hart.*



September 03, 2023 at 05:27 PM

TT

“ Prayers for Joe's family. I graduated with Janet and my older sister graduated with Joe. I still have the senior cords that Joe painted for me. I have many memories of Joe!

Tom Torr - September 03, 2023 at 02:55 PM

TC

“ Tim Janet Crowe lit a candle in memory of Joseph Hart



Tim and Janet Crowe - September 03, 2023 at 11:37 AM

JF

“ Jane F. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joseph L. Hart.



Jane F. - September 03, 2023 at 10:38 AM

JF

“ Jane F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph L. Hart.

Jane F. - September 03, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Mr. Hart was a wonderful teacher and artist. He was an even more excellent coach. I'll remember those days for a long time. Some great memories were created as we would watch Coach Hart's winning teams. Friday nights were the best! Blessings to his family during this time.*

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**A** - September 02, 2023 at 11:31 PM



*RIP JOE. SIEMPER FI*

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**Dm** - September 03, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Joe, Vanessa and Payton Karl.*

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**Joe Karl** - September 02, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Most people remember Mr. Hart for his contribution to basketball but he helped me get the extra art class I needed to get into college. Dugger only had so much to offer in art classes. He agreed to add an extra art class during my senior year to help me out. I'll never forget the time spent helping him and the other students paint the gym floor and helping in his kindergarten art class.*

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**Erin Hardesty** - September 02, 2023 at 09:50 PM



“ *Julie, Joey and families. My heartfelt condolences.*

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**Nancy Brinson** - September 02, 2023 at 08:26 PM

JT

“ My Grandmother Janette Terrell loved Joe like her own. She was so proud of the man he became. May you remember him always. Sending love, hugs and prayers to his family.

Jennifer Terrell - September 02, 2023 at 07:34 PM

AD

“ Adnan D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph L. Hart.

Adnan D. - September 02, 2023 at 07:08 PM

JU

“ I knew Joe for a long long time and consider him a true friend. He will truly be missed. My sympathy to his family and friends.

Jonas Uland - September 02, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph L. Hart.



September 02, 2023 at 05:33 PM

MR

“ A man that admired his family, He simply loved those who he respected. A no nonsense type person. He loved coaching and supporting his son and grandchildren! You had to earn his trust and once you did that you had a seat at his table. One of the smartest and sharpest basketball minds I have ever known. And an apple doesn't fall far from the tree as his son Joey is exceptional and follows in Dads footprints! He looked truly at home sitting on the bench. I will say this, when Joe Hart spoke, you were wiser if you listened. I am so grateful for the ride he and his family gave me on the trip to Michigan when Joey was playing at VU. It took a while to break the ice, and once I did, I loved Joe Hart. Joey was one of the smartest players I coached, a product of Joe, and the hardest workers, again a product of Joe. It is my pleasure to love the Harts and call them friends. Y'all were blessed to have Papa Joe! I was blessed to have known him. And now, Coach Hart is at Peace. Love to ALL!

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**Mike Ray** - September 02, 2023 at 05:21 PM