



# Joseph Otto Achatz

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Joseph Otto Achatz, age 72, of Marine City, passed away December 16, 2025. He was born December 4, 1953 in Mt. Clemens to the late Joe and Mary Achatz. He married Brenda Whitis on July 21, 1979.

Joseph graduated from Holy Cross, class of 1972. He was the Head Prop Master at the Fisher Theatre, and in the IATSE Local 38 for 50 years.

He enjoyed wood making, musicals, and vacations. Joe is a loyal member of the Algonac Baptist Church.

Joseph was survived by his wife Brenda for 46 years, a loving father to his sons: Jim (Maria) and Joe (Michelle), and proud grandfather to Caleb and Chloe.

He is also survived by sister; Gayle (Mark) Walker, brothers; Calvin (Wynne) Achatz and Fred Achatz, brother in-law; Darrell Mayo, along with many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Joe was blessed with a loving family. His joy was spending time with them and observing their growth and interest along the way. Fun and pride raising his boys Jim and Joe Alan. Joe and Brenda received so much in return and were so proud of the family their love produced. He was a gentle soul who could always rally for a bit of mischief with family and friends.

A few of his favorite hobbies were walking with his love Brenda, bird watching, and taming squirrels and feeding them. He enjoyed all things nature had to offer as a blessing. Joe could build anything and everything. He liked watching baseball, especially his grandson Caleb, volleyball was special too because his granddaughter Chloe played and his daughter-in-law coached. Football, dare I say the Lions, was a fun pastime. Traveling was also a fun time that he cherished with his wife, family, and friends. The ultimate gift of time well lived.

Preceded in death by his sister; Carrie Mayo.

A service at Algonac Baptist Church and Celebration of Life will be held at a later



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date.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Young Funeral Home, China Twp.

To leave the family a message of comfort please visit:

<https://www.youngcolonial.com>



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### Cemetery Details

 Cremation



# Tribute Wall

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**Nacy Janosi** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

I have many fond memories of working with Joe and his sons on props at the Fisher Theater. He was always a wonderful person to work with and a great mentor, as well. Sending love and prayers to his whole family. Rest in Peace, Joe. Nancy Janosi

February 2 at 1:22 PM



**Pamela Hunt** posted:

Looking back over the years, I have enjoyed many conversations with Joe. He was a forever gentleman. A couple of fond memories are him purchasing homemade sausage from my church. He also enjoyed a batch of fudge that I had brought into work and wanted the recipe, a compliment for sure! He was always willing to help, if needed. A true gentleman and friend. I was happy to know him! As I approach 50 years, of work in wardrobe, at the Fisher...Joe is one of the good memories. God bless his family and may he Rest in peace. Best, Pamela Hunt

December 17 at 11:23 PM



**Kim K.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

December 17 at 10:02 AM



**Gail Kundrick** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Joe was a classmate of mine. He was always so kind, and just a nice person which is one of the greatest qualities a person could possess. God bless him and God bless you all in this difficult time.

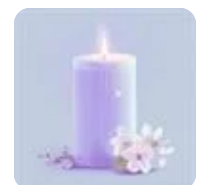
December 17 at 9:16 AM



**Susan Ericksen** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

I am so sorry for your loss. I pray for comfort to the family and friends. He will be spending Christmas with Jesus. Because of that alone we can find comfort. I like to think he's on vacation and we will soon be with him in one big reunion. Stay close with friends and family, and especially Jesus. Love and prayers

December 17 at 9:01 AM





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**Johnny Day** posted:

My Family watched the Tyson vs Holyfield fight @ Uncle Joe and Aunt Brenda's. He was noticeably Stoic,... Good man. God bless and keep his soul.

December 17 at 1:09 AM



**Laurie Babel Reese** posted:

Our family always enjoyed visiting and camping with our cousins in the summer at Camp 7 in the Upper Peninsula. We enjoyed the farm where Aunt Mary and our Dad Jerry grew up.

December 17 at 12:53 AM



**Sam Fraley** posted:

Joe definitely will be apart of my memory forever. He was definitely the biggest supporter at the volleyball games cheering on the team and his daughter, my coach. He also loved watching his granddaughter when she started as the water girl for our team. Him and his wife always had the biggest smiles in the crowd watching. He will never be forgotten and will forever be cherished. Rest easy Joe. You were a wonderful bright soul.

December 16 at 8:26 PM



**Roy Douglas Iii** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

So sorry to hear of this loss. I knew Joe from the Fisher and he always lead the props department with excellence. Praying for comfort and healing during this holiday season for you all.

December 16 at 8:19 PM



**Kathy Hindson** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

So sorry for your loss of Joe. We were classmates all through school at Holy Cross.  
Kathy Hindson Basnaw

December 16 at 8:12 PM





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**Gerard Rochon** posted:

Gale. I'm so sorry for the loss of your brother. You, Mark and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Jerry Rochon

December 16 at 8:11 PM



**Sheila Whitis** posted:

Joe had a big heart, jody and I enjoyed when he a Brenda invited up to concerts and he worked the stage lighting and always managed to shine it on Brenda, Jody and I. Best memory how he was Nrendas best friend and lover he was always such a gentleman when it came to the love of his life he will always hold a place in my heart ♥

December 16 at 7:47 PM



**Nancy M Beaudua** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.



December 16 at 7:02 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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