



William J. "Joe" LaRocque Jr.

July 28, 1982 - May 16, 2026

William J. "Joe" LaRocque Jr., age 43 of Kankakee passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at his home. He was born on July 28, 1982, in Kankakee, the son of William Sr. and Melody (Minelli) LaRocque.

William worked for the railroad in the past. He also worked in I.T. William loved anything electronics. He loved playing Trivia. William was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. He enjoyed hiking and traveling around the country. William was a lover of all things in nature, particularly fishing and deer watching.

William was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are his parents, William Sr. and Melody LaRocque of Limestone; one sister, Mary Kay (Jack) Renchen of Limestone; one niece, Ruby Renchen; two nephews, Jack and Jake Renchen; his grandmother, Mary Minelli of Limestone; three aunts, Mary Margaret Cunningham of Indianapolis, IN, Kathy Regnier of Bourbonnais, Keli (Matt) Rice of Limestone; two uncles, Jim (Diane) Minelli of Watseka, Mark (Tina) Minelli of Kankakee; and numerous cousins.

William is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Edwin and Audrey LaRocque; and his maternal grandfather, Lawrence "Bucky" Minelli; and one uncle, David LaRocque.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the 6:00 p.m. service on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the service.

Memorials may be made to Family Wishes.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 21. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I am sorry for loss. I remember when he was little and loved dressing up for Halloween. Prayers to the family.*

Kerry Galant - May 21 at 10:52 PM

EV

“ *God Bless your family*



Evan - May 20 at 04:29 PM

MP

“ *Melody, Bill, Mary Kay, Kelli and family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. May God hold you close and help you find peace. You're in our prayers.

Maureen & Jeff Powell

Maureen Powell - May 20 at 01:36 PM

MS

Melody, so sorry for your great loss. Prayers for you and your family.

Mary Shanahan - May 28 at 06:20 AM

JM

“ *Joe was a great guy who suffered. Im very sorry for his family and wish everyone love and light at this time.*

Josh Maehl - May 20 at 11:33 AM

GB

“ So very sorry for your loss. Praying for your strength in this sad time.

Genice Bailey - May 20 at 06:24 AM

BW

“ Barbara Williams lit a candle in memory of William J. "Joe" LaRocque Jr.



Barbara Williams - May 19 at 09:56 PM

CM

“ Deepest sympathy for your loss. May he rest in eternal peace.

Cathie (Sederstrand-Bergan) Miedema



Catherine Miedema - May 19 at 09:35 PM

MC

“ So Very Sorry for your loss.



Mariann Lovell Clark - May 19 at 05:26 PM

CS

“ Prayers and hugs. So sorry for your loss.



Cheryle Strother - May 19 at 05:26 PM

MM

“ Michael & Rita Morris lit a candle in memory of William J. "Joe" LaRocque Jr.



Michael & Rita Morris - May 19 at 05:17 PM

JP

Sending my heartfelt sympathy to the family. May his memory be a blessing.

Julie Pranger - May 19 at 09:21 PM

DC

“ Delaina Caise lit a candle in memory of William J. "Joe" LaRocque Jr.



Delaina Caise - May 19 at 05:06 PM

JB

“ *Jim, Peggy & Billy lit a candle in memory of William J. "Joe" LaRocque Jr.*



Jim, Peggy & Billy - May 19 at 03:31 PM

CN

Joe, Condolences to you and family. Sorry for your loss. May you treasure memories made over the years.
Cindy Roy Neblock

Cindy Neblock - May 21 at 09:58 AM