



## Joseph Leo Panyard Sr.

May 16, 1942 - March 1, 2019

Today it is the shades of grey that determine the day on the Grand Traverse Bay. Joseph Leo Panyard Sr. passed away March 1st 2019. Joe is survived by his wife Deidre Ann Jones Panyard. daughters; Tinamarie Panyard (Eric Probst), Penelope (Scott Maleski), son Joseph Leo Jr. (Diana Panyard) grandchildren; Kristopher Alspaugh, Kayla Panyard, Keegan Maleski, Logan Maleski, Lottie Probst, great grandchildren; Tristyn Alspaugh, Hayden Hartzler, Hartleigh Elifritz. Awaiting him in heaven to go fishing and have a picnic in the dunes are his parents George and Lolita Panyard brothers George and Francis, sister Harriet Herr, grandson Kyle Alspaugh and the many friends he's loved who have went to heaven before him over the years.

He journeyed through life to the beat of his own drum while talking on his ham radio. He was an adventurous young man hitchhiking to Seattle to see the world's fair, joining the Navy to proudly serve his country. He married his sweetheart, they built a home for their young family with their very own hands. Together they raised their three children with fierce passion. He was a dedicated son, brother, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and friend. Joe loved sailing, cross country skiing, swimming, picnics on the beach and taking adventures with the love of his life Dee. His greatest joy was his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was known to his neighbors as Hello Joe, Mr. Joe, the fun neighbor who always had a smile a conversation, a cookie, a beer or a cigar depending on your age and preference. These past years you could find Joe sitting at the fire pit in his backyard chatting with friends, talking on his ham radio or working in his picture framing shop. For many years K8DT would welcome the morning on his ham radio to all of his friends: "It's a Great Day Today on the Grand Traverse Bay".

Today it is with tears in our eyes, love in our hearts, and memories we share, that determine our way as we say goodbye to Joseph Leo Panyard.

This summer the Panyard family will host a celebration of his life fish fry on the weekend of his favorite holiday, Fourth of July.

For anyone who would like to send a memorial Joe loved the amazing parks and lakes of his home state Michigan. His favorite organizations were Inland Seas

<https://schoolship.org/>

and Herman Community Park in Suttons Bay.

[http://www.suttonsbayparks.org/herman\\_community\\_park.php](http://www.suttonsbayparks.org/herman_community_park.php)

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Joe's family at his tribute page at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com).

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Comments

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“ Definitely going to miss "Dirty Toes Joe" on the radio. It was a treat to hear you talk about Grand Travers bay on the Breakfast Club during the years I lived out of Michigan.

Kyle KJ4QNL

**Kyle Eveleth** - March 23, 2019 at 08:59 AM

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“ Please accept my family’s heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mr. Panyard Sr. May you find comfort in fond memories of him, and hope in God’s promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth... ridding us of death forever.

**Greene Family** - March 13, 2019 at 02:11 PM

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“ I became acquainted with Joe through our common interest in ham radio. I will greatly miss his voice on the radio and his presence at local ham events. He was a leader in the local amateur radio net, and always had a welcoming, friendly disposition (on the radio and in person). He was a wonderful and dependable volunteer for the local amateur radio club, though I know he had many other interests. In short, he was the kind of guy who made the place he lived and the things he was involved in better. He'll be remembered for many years by his local group of radio friends, especially each time we connect on the "SMASH Net."

My condolences to Dee and their family.

Ed Ketterer (K8EK)

**Edward A Ketterer III** - March 11, 2019 at 05:30 PM

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“ I will really miss your voice on the radio my friend.

I'll always remember seeing you with that smile on your face!

RIP my ham radio friend.

Rob W8REJ

**Rob Janusch** - March 11, 2019 at 01:01 PM

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“ Dear Lolita and Family~  
So very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you with love and hugs,  
Mardi Monroe Williams



**M Williams** - March 11, 2019 at 11:48 AM

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“ Dee and family, what a lovely tribute you paid to your husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather with your lovely write up. My thoughts are with you during this sad time. I pray the the many, many wonderful memories you have of Joe will warm your hearts and bring you comfort.

Marti Ocilka  
Grand Rapids, MI

**Marti Ocilka** - March 11, 2019 at 01:22 AM

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“ To Dee and all their children, I am so saddened by your loss! May Joe forever be in the light!

Love,  
The Hall Family of Whitehall  
Cherie, Julie, Chris, and Shawn!

**Cherie Hall** - March 10, 2019 at 04:15 PM