



## Joseph M. Frenzel

December 27, 1946 - December 24, 2025

Joseph M. Frenzel, 78, passed away on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 in Chicago, IL. He was born December 27, 1946 in Oak Park, IL and grew up in Winnetka, IL. Joe and Martie were longtime residents of Libertyville, IL, currently living in Lake Forest, IL. Joe received a bachelor's degree from Miami University in Oxford, OH and was a financial banker at First National Bank in Highland Park, IL, retiring from Wintrust Corp. after 45 years in banking. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Libertyville, IL and past board member of Youth & Family Counseling of Lake County. Joe enjoyed golfing and traveling the world. He was the organizer for countless trips with family and friends. He will be remembered as someone who was a problem solver and always got things done. He loved having fun.

Surviving is his wife of 52 years, Martha "Martie" Frenzel; 3 children, Margot "Maggie" (Kris) Holmen, Katherine "Katie" (Rick) Burns & Brian (Lauren) Frenzel; 3 grandchildren, Karoline & Miles Holmen & Benjamin Burns; sister, Carol (Thomas) Cradock & sister-in-law, Mary Frenzel.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Allan & Richard Frenzel.

Private family services will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Libertyville.

Open visitation will be at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home on Friday January 9, 2026 from 4-7pm. Interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville.

Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com). A contribution to Marillac Saint Vincent in Joe's name would be appreciated [msvchicago.org](http://msvchicago.org).



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Donald and Kathy Biondi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M. Frenzel.

Donald and Kathy Biondi - January 09 at 05:24 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Frenzel.



January 09 at 11:37 AM

WI

“ Wintrust planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M. Frenzel.

Wintrust - January 09 at 11:37 AM

HC

“ I first met Joe sometime in junior high. We remained good friends for a long time, even sharing an apartment together at the time he met Martie. Although it's been over 10 years since I'd seen Joe (I moved to Florida) I thought of him often. I have so many great memories over the years. My condolences to Martie and family.

Harvey Carlson - January 08 at 11:54 AM

RF

“ Rick Merel and Garfield & Merel family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Joseph M. Frenzel.



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**Rick Merel and Garfield & Merel family** - January 06 at 11:02 AM

RF

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CB

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*Joseph M. Frenzel*

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*December 30, 2025*

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*Celebration of Life  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

*Burnett-Dane Funeral Home*

*120 West Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048*

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*Chris Blatchford*

*January 3, 2026*

*I met Joe in kindergarten. We went to the same elementary school, same high school, and same college. He lived just down the street. We knew everything about each other. We played football, basketball and baseball together. We were ever present in each other's young lives. We were avid Notre Dame fans even though we were rejected for admission. Every fall we would take the North Shore railroad to South Bend, go to the pep rally on campus, sleep in the dorm and go to a game -- seated in the student section. Allan, who was the team manager, even gave us pilfered ND football jerseys. I still have mine 60 years later.*

*There were constant games in the neighborhood often focusing on the athletic field or gymnasium of North Shore Country Day school which was right in our backyards.*

*We had so much activity -- the beach, skating rinks, the municipal golf course, and the Community House rec center for bowling, billiards, dodge ball, and trampolines. We loved it all.*

*We rode bikes everywhere from Winnetka to Wilmette to see Northwestern football games (where we always snuck into Dyche Stadium) to Highland Park to visit my grandparents. My grandmother always loved Joe.*

*As adults, there were times we wouldn't talk or see each other for a couple of years. But every time we reconnected it was as if we'd just been together the day before -- relaxed and comfortable with laughter and caring.*

*There is no doubt that friendship is a powerful wonderful thing. An hour ago I broke down in tears while telling my daughter and her husband about my great great lifelong friend. And I broke down in tears again while writing this note. I can hear him now, always calling me "Blatch" in his big warm voice and good naturedly*

*scolding me for always being late.*

*What a great gift to have had such a loyal friend.*

*I loved Joe and look forward to seeing him again some day in heaven.*

*With the greatest sympathy.*

*Chris Blatchford*

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*Dennis J. Walker*

*January 1, 2026*

*..... Joe, ..... Although it is now long ago and far away, very little has been forgotten. Moreover, Joe, your very genuine friendship has meant absolutely everything to me. I can vividly remember your innate ability to illuminate a room with your mere presence as if by magic. You clearly represented the class of the class who touched each one of our lives in innumerable special ways. Your spirit is destined to live forever and I now find myself looking up at the ceiling after midnight thinking about past events, specific occurrences and what currently passes for reality. Enjoy your new venue, old friend, ..... and peaceful travels for eternity .....*

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*Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, LTD.*

*Posted an obituary*

*December 30, 2025*

## *Joseph Frenzel Obituary*

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**Chris Blatchford** - January 05 at 11:30 PM

CJ

“ *I met Joe when we were in the fifth grade. He instantly became a true and loyal friend for the next 70 years. I can not replace Joe.*  
*Chuck Jackson*

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**charles Jackson** - January 05 at 03:44 PM

EG

“ *One of my favorite memories of Joe was when Julia and I ran into Marty and Joe on a trip to Maui. Joe took me out to play 18 while Marty hosted Julia on the beach. Joe is a better player than me, but I finished the first three holes Par-Birdie-Birdie. One of those birds was a hole-out chip shot to a blind green from 30 yards out. Joe couldnt believe it. He let me know how lucky I was in a way that made me laugh out loud. He beat me for the round, of course. Will miss you, Joe!*

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**Erik Gonring** - January 05 at 02:29 PM

TG

“ *The Boise Gonring's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph M. Frenzel.*



**The Boise Gonring's** - January 05 at 02:26 PM

EL

“ So many great times, golf trips, dinners, lunches and most all countless discussions that generated laughter and so many crazy stories. Joe was a very special friend and will be missed. Hope you are working on your golf game and laughing about the day we finished 44.5 holes of golf in dark, double or nothing for one last hole. Still laughing just thinking about it. Eric & Jeanine

Eric Lundstrom - January 01 at 07:10 PM

BF

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Brian frenzel - December 31, 2025 at 04:55 PM

GB

“ I met Joe in the mid 1970's when I went to work at the First National Bank of Highland Park. We worked together for 8 years and remained friends ever since. I can't even imagine how many rounds of golf we played on so many different courses. Marsha and I traveled with Joe and Martie and always enjoyed every minute. Joe was fun to be with and we never knew what he would come up with next. We will miss him deeply and will carry our memories of him with us for the rest of our lives. Gary and Marsha Bertrand



Gary Bertrand - December 31, 2025 at 04:33 PM

RR

“ Joe and I go back to the NBD Illinois days about 30 years ago. He was our credit guru at Wintrust's Northbrook Bank for several years beginning in 2003. He was unique in many ways, a fun colleague. RIP. Rich Rushkewicz



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**Rich Rushkewicz** - December 31, 2025 at 01:58 PM