



## William Joseph Royster

January 14, 1938 - March 14, 2021

William Joseph Royster, age 83, passed away March 14, 2021 at Mercy Hospital St. Louis. Born January 14, 1938 in Silex to Ben D. Royster and Beatrice Donley Royster, he married Judy K. Duff in August 29, 1964 at the St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Millwood, MO.

Joe graduated as valedictorian from Silex High School before joining the United States Army reserves in 1956, and was honorably discharged March 31, 1964. After leaving the reserves he began working at Central Grain Elevator, where he worked for many years before ending his career at Elsberry MFA in 2004.

A family man with a passion for gardening, flowers, rock hunting, iron wood collecting, fishing, sports and his grandchildren. He was known by all for his prolific ability to nurture anything, diminished only by his equally prolific stubborn streak. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Judy, his three living sisters Marilou Harrison of Kirkwood, MO, Juanita Dudas of Kirkwood, MO, and Lillian (Robert) Brown of Indianapolis, IN and his sons Joe (Shellene) Royster of Hawk Point, MO and Jason (Julia) Royster Silver Spring, MD and daughter Jocelyn (Michael) Kreuger of Troy, MO. He was blessed with 5 grandchildren, Harmon and Jorgen Kreuger, Tegan and Kylie Royster, and D.J. Ridener. He was preceded in death by his brother Ben D. Royster and sister Betty Jean McDonald.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Millwood, MO with Rev. Charles Tichacek officiating. Burial will follow at St. Alphonsus Cemetery where generations of his family rest. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm until 7:00pm on Friday, March 19, 2021 at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Silex.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mike Kreuger, Harmon Kreuger, Jorgen Kreuger, Joe King, David Stratton, and DJ Ridener. Honorary pallbearers will be Bob Brown, Tegan Royster, and Kylie Royster.

Memorials may be made to the Missouri Botanical Gardens 4344 Shaw Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63110 or online at <https://support.missouribotanicalgarden.org/DonateNow>

# Cemetery Details

## St. Alphonsus Cemetery

Silex, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC -Silex  
11 South First Street  
Silex, MO 63377  
(573) 384-5555  
<https://www.bibbveach.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Alphonsus Parish  
29 St Alphonsus Rd  
Silex, MO 63377-3217  
(573) 384-6223

## Burial

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Cemetery  
Silex, MO



# Tribute Wall

JR

“ I grew up in Millwood and worked for Joe at Central Elevator in the summer of 1968. I remember most an expression of bemused exasperation that was about what I deserved. He was a good guy, and I was so sorry to read of his passing. I didn't know he was valedictorian, or of his interest in plants; he was obviously a man of many talents. It sounds like he and Judy had a wonderful family, and I'm glad to hear it. I'm sure he will be much missed, and I hope all will find consolation in his memory.

John Roberts - May 03, 2021 at 10:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Joseph Royster.



March 19, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Joseph Royster.



March 19, 2021 at 09:23 AM

MB

“ Our families sincere condolences..May comfort peace and love surround you always and memories be reminenced 💕 Nick, Marcy & Charley Bizelli



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Marcy Bizelli - March 18, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Joseph Royster.



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March 18, 2021 at 10:03 AM

YC

“ Yvonne M Corley purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Joseph Royster.



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Yvonne M Corley - March 18, 2021 at 08:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Joseph Royster.



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March 17, 2021 at 06:01 PM

MH

“ Judy, Joe, Jason and Joc, I am extremely sorry on hearing of the passing of Joe. One of the truly great followers of sports. Your family truly has my sympathy and will be in my prayers. Mike Huber

Mike Huber - March 17, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SA

“ Judy, Jason and entire Royster family - I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Joe, your husband and father. You have my family's sympathy. We are thinking of you.  
Steve Albart

Steve Albart - March 17, 2021 at 09:53 AM

JW

“ Judy, Joc, and family we are so sorry for your loss. What an incredible person!! Please know we are thinking about you all.



Jennifer Wolanski - March 16, 2021 at 09:08 PM

MM

“ Mary Jo Mckinnon lit a candle in memory of William Joseph Royster



Mary Jo Mckinnon - March 16, 2021 at 06:27 PM

CF

“ *Judy and family, we just can't seem to make this be a reality! ☐ I am so glad we had our long visit the other day. Johnny is too. He always said most of the guys in their class graduated because of Joe 🤔🤔🤔 We still talk about our trip to Texas with such good memories I am here for you anytime. Just call. Prayers. John and Connie*

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**Connie Fleming** - March 16, 2021 at 05:57 PM