



# Joseph "Lil Joe" Bercel

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**J**OSEPH "LIL JOE" BERCEL, age 82 of Taylor, Michigan passed away October 30, 2020 at his home. He was born October 25, 1938 in Derry, Pennsylvania to Joseph and Mary Bercel.

He was predeceased by his Life Partner of 35 years, Sharon "Gypsy" Strnad on January 5, 2015, and his daughter MaryJean Dean. A family man that will be missed by all, he is survived by his children, Louis (Laura) Dean, Sam (Ian) Darby, Kathy (Tony) Perry, Shannon (Oliver) Lewis, and his step-daughter Connie Williams. He also leaves behind 13 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, his brother John (Gloria) Bercel, 3 nieces and nephews and many cousins.

With true Renegade heart and soul, Lil Joe was a life-time member of the Detroit Renegades Motorcycle Club #315, for more than 50 years. He enjoyed everything to do with being outdoors, hunting, fishing, and camping. He excelled at archery and shooting and was a member of the NRA. A licensed builder by trade, he joked about carrying houses on his back.

Visitation will be held Friday, November 6, 2020 from 3-9pm, with the funeral taking place Saturday November 7, 2020 at 11:00am at Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights. Burial will be in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Michigan.

Due to Covid 19 safety regulations, masks are required inside the funeral home.



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Friday**, November 6, 2020

 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

 **Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights**  
31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights MI 48071



## Funeral Service


 **Saturday**, November 7, 2020

 11:00 AM ET

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31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights MI 48071



## Cemetery Details

 **White Chapel Cemetery**  
621 W. Long Lake Rd, Troy MI 48098





## Tribute Wall

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HG

**Harry Giles** posted:

He was my hero and mentor growing up. Eventually I became a biker too. I will always remember him fondly. Harry Giles Jr.

January 28 at 12:55 PM

SO

**Sondra** posted:

Papa Joe, Christopher and I will truly miss you. I will keep my promise to you and keep the food coming every year to your hunting camp. Love Sondra

November 6 at 12:13 PM



**Lori Stommel** posted:

I've known Little Joe for 50 years I was friends with his daughter MJ since third grade he was a great man and I will miss him you always knew what was best for everybody me and Mary Jean I'm really going to miss him but I hope he tells MJ that I love her and then I loved him too

November 6 at 6:52 AM

DE

**Deadeye** posted:

With sincere regret in the passing of Lil Joe. I considered Joe & Gypsy my friend(s). Had many great conversations with them over the years. God Speed Joe, say hello to Gypsy. Sincerely, Deadeye, Liberty Riders M/C Detroit

November 6 at 5:52 AM

RL

**Rick Lombardi** posted:

Joe always treated me as part of the family, and always gave concurrence to his daughter Kathy about my advice. When my wife died over three years ago, Joe showed up walking on two crutches. His presence in that condition was exceptionally appreciated by me, and my late wife will give him a big hug when he reunites with her in heaven. Rick Lombardi

November 6 at 5:09 AM



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**Monica White** posted:

He was an amazing man and friend he will be missed by never forgotten. Love you RIP LIL JOE

November 5 at 3:35 PM



**John Mijal** posted:

A true inspiration to anyone who knew him and i am honored to have had the privilege!

November 1 at 2:38 AM



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

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