



## Joseph Kotcher Jr

June 8, 1961 - January 10, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Joseph Raymond Kotcher, Jr. who left this world on January 10, 2026 after a long battle with cancer. Born on June 8, 1961 Joe was the beloved son of Joseph and Geraldine (Judy) Kotcher (Snider). Joe grew up in Center Line Michigan surrounded by family and friends. If you were Joe's friend you were his friend for life.

Throughout his life Joe worked in automotive repair and construction. Joe was an avid reader, he always had a book in his hands. Joe's hobbies included riding motorcycles, bikes and climbing trees to see what he could see. He always laughed about climbing up over 100 feet to carve his initials in a tree near Skidway Lake. Joe also brewed his own beer for years, pairing it with his everything but the kitchen sink chili that he shared with family and friends.

Joe always said the crowning achievement of his life was his family. Joe is survived by his wife and final care-giver Donna Kotcher, his children Jacob and Audrina Kotcher and Joshua Beard, as well as his sister Janine (John) Gaynier, nephew Jonathan, life-long friends Glenn Evans and Larry Beard, as well as numerous Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law Judy Drazen and his beloved dog Fred.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *The thing I will always remember about my kind, funny, ( slightly eccentric) cousin Joe is him building contraptions of all sorts when we were kids. Including a bicycle that you could ride, but had to climb a tree to get on because it was probably 10 feet tall.. rest in peace Joey* ❤️😭



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**Charisse Radhs** - January 16 at 04:32 PM

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“ *I have many memories with my cousin Joe . I always called him “Joey “and he never complained . He will be deeply missed and forever loved . I remember the last time I got to hug him and tell him I loved him .*



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**Rachelle** - January 16 at 10:24 AM

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“ *Mike and Debra Evans purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Joseph Kotcher Jr.*



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**Mike and Debra Evans** - January 14 at 06:54 PM