



# Joseph Rudolph Nossek

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Joseph Rudolph Nossek, 85, made it home safely on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at his residence under the compassionate care of Cleveland Clinic Hospice. Surrounded by his loving and grateful family following a brief illness, Joe's life was a testament to faith, family, and a lifelong devotion to baseball.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, to Joseph and Betty (née Stepp) Nossek, Joe grew up with a deep love for sports and community. He graduated from Euclid High School in 1958 and continued his education at Ohio University, where his passion for baseball continued to flourish.

Baseball became Joe's life's work. Over an extraordinary 43-year career in Major League Baseball, he served as a player, scout, and coach before retiring in 2004. Among the many highlights of his distinguished career were playing in the 1965 World Series, coaching third base for his hometown Cleveland Indians, and concluding his professional journey with an extended coaching tenure with the Chicago White Sox. Joe was a proud member of the Major League Baseball Players Association and generously shared his knowledge of the game through countless baseball clinics and speaking engagements throughout the years. Joe is enshrined in the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame, Ohio University Athletics Hall of Fame, and Euclid High Schools Sports Hall of Fame. Joe was named a first-team All American outfielder for Ohio University in 1961.

Beyond the ballfield, Joe was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Amherst. He found joy in playing golf, collecting, and fishing, but nothing brought him greater happiness than time spent with his family. His love of playful competition assured regular family games, full of ribbing, fun, and laughter.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Jean (née DeMarco) Nossek; his children, Scott (Janet) Nossek of Payson, AZ, Liane Nossek of Severna Park, MD, Lori (Richard) Ozmun of Vermilion, and Todd Nossek of Chicago, IL; his grandchildren,



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Caity (Justin), Maddie, Tyler, Lauren (Ross), Claire, Emily, Colin, Evan, and Anthony; his great-grandchildren, Lylah, Jackson, Avery, Norah, Leighton, Sienna, Violet, and Ari; and his siblings, Bill (Felicia) Nossek, Mary (Geoff) Nossek, and Bob Nossek. Joe is also survived by a treasured extended family of

sister-in-law Maryann Kordeleski, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Betty Nossek, brother-in-law Ben Kordeleski and his grandsons, Ryan Nossek and Joseph Robinson.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 200 St. Joseph Drive, Amherst. Rev. Father Timothy O'Connor, Pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Amherst.

The family suggests that contributions be made in memory of Joe to Covenant House, St. Joseph Catholic Church, or Cleveland Clinic Hospice.

Online condolences may be left for the family at <https://www.dovinreberjones.com>.



# Events

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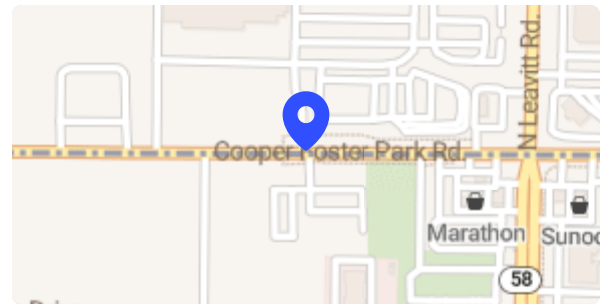
## Visitation

**Thursday**, February 19, 2026

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

**Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**

1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001



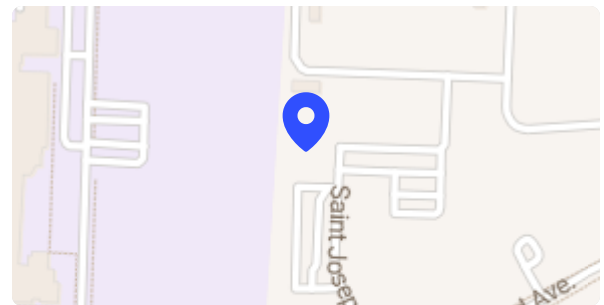
## Funeral Mass

**Friday**, February 20, 2026

11:00 AM ET

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

200 St. Joseph Drive, Amherst OH 44001



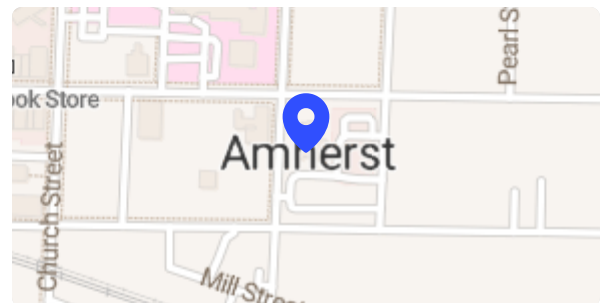
## Interment

**Friday**, February 20, 2026

12:15 PM ET

**St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**

Amherst, OH 44001





# Tribute Wall

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**Sandra Oneill** posted:

Jean & Family, So sorry for your loss. Joe lived a great life and career. He was always a joy to work with on his air travels. He's up there talking Baseball with all the past great ones. Prayers to you 🙏 Sandy O'Neill -(HTT)

February 24 at 11:39 AM



**Amy Jaynes Brown** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Fly High With The Angels Mr Nossek

February 21 at 6:17 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Nossek family.

February 19 at 10:31 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Nossek family.

February 18 at 11:34 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

February 18 at 11:34 PM



**Ohio University Athletics** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Nossek family.

February 18 at 4:16 PM





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**Pam Reber-Jones** posted:

Scott & Liane, Sending my condolences and prayers to you and your families. I got a huge smile on my face reading the first sentence on your Dad's obituary, how he made it home safely. Randy Reber

February 18 at 12:46 PM



**Heather S.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



February 16 at 11:19 PM



**Sheila Stevens** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

So sorry for your loss .. prayers to u and your family



February 14 at 8:57 PM



**Tammy Lacey** posted:

We were lucky enough to be able to take Uncle Joe and Aunt Jean to a Crushers ballgame this summer. Uncle Joe stayed longer than he had planned because he was having such a good time, talking stats and sharing stories with my husband, Kevin. It will forever be a highlight for Kevin, and I thank God for the day we stumbled into this amazing family.

February 14 at 2:32 PM



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

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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