



# Joe A Bunn

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### **J**oe Bunn Obituary Columbus Grove, Ohio

Joe A. Bunn, 77, passed away suddenly on September 3, 2021, at his home in Columbus Grove. Joe was born December 30, 1943, in Lima, to Raymond Arnett and Naomi (Rimer) Bunn. His parents preceded him in death, along with his grandparents, Issac and Anna (Hildebrand) Bunn and Claude and Eletta (Fruchey) Rimer.

Joe was a lifelong resident of the village of Columbus Grove, he was an avid Bulldog. As a Bulldog, Joe played sports in high school, was active in school plays and during his school days he would sneak down to the cafeteria where his mother was a cook. Joe had perfect attendance during his entire 12 years of school. He graduated with the class of 1962. Joe's high school friendships lasted a lifetime. He will be missed at the class luncheons and alumni events. During his adult life, Joe seldom missed a Bulldog home or away basketball or football game.

He will be deeply missed by his morning coffee crew, his golf buddies (especially Bud) at the Bluffton Golf Course, and his bowling teams. Joe has bowled on the same team since September 1964. Bluffton Golf Course will miss his call to get the 1st tee time.

On July 22, 1967, Joe and Carol Fortman married at the Columbus Grove Christian Church; the church that they both attended, were baptized and confirmed. Joe is survived by his wife; he deeply loved his children, Greg Allen Bunn and daughter Jodi Lynn (Dale Paul) Niese. Joe adored his grandchildren, Shelby Jean (Brock) Reynolds and Clayton Joseph Niese. Joe is survived by his brother Jerry Bunn along with his children Mark, Julie and their families. Also surviving is his beloved aunt Lois Pierce and her family. He will be missed by his in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

Following high school, Joe was a 1964 graduate of Northwestern Business College, (now UNOH). The day following his graduation, he started his job at Superior Coach Corporation in Lima.



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From March 5, 1964, until the day of his death, Joe worked at Superior Coach, with almost a perfect attendance. He was the Vice President of Sales Distribution. Joe was known as “Mr. Superior”, a term that spoke volumes for the person he was and his work ethic. He was passionate about the funeral car industry and absolutely loved his job; that enthusiasm continued his entire 57-year career. When working with Superior Coach employees, dealers and customers, Joe treated everyone with upmost respect, his motto was “always tell the truth”. His relationships in the funeral car industry were most often generations of families in the dealership network, funeral home industry and the professional car industry.

In remembrance of Joe, his wishes would be, for you to be the best person you can be, always tell the people you love that they are loved, and donate to the charities that mean the most to you.

Visitation will be from 2:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at Hartman Sons Funeral Home, Columbus Grove.

Services will begin at 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 10, 2021, at the Columbus Grove Christian Church, where visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Pastor Geoff Eubank will officiate, with burial to follow in Truro Cemetery, Columbus Grove.

Please take a moment and remember Joe, go online to [hartmansonsfuneralhome.com](http://hartmansonsfuneralhome.com), share a memory and/or your condolences.

To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of Joe A Bunn, please visit our floral store.



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AB

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Joe A Bunn** posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Joe A Bunn We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Hartman Sons Funeral Home Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

December 5 at 6:43 AM

Jl

**Jerry Small, Melvin Thompson And Bill Black Chevrolet-Cadillac, Inc.** posted:

Sincerest thoughts was purchased for the family of Joe A Bunn by Jerry Small, Melvin Thompson and Bill Black Chevrolet-Cadillac, Inc.. Send Flowers Our deepest sympathies. Joe will be deeply missed. Jerry Small, Melvin Thompson and Bill Black Chevrolet-Cadillac, Inc.

December 5 at 6:43 AM

EP

**Ed Price** posted:

Among the clouds basket was purchased for the family of Joe A Bunn by Ed Price . Send Flowers Sharing in your sadness as you remember your lost loved one. Ed Price

December 5 at 6:43 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Summer glory fireside basket was purchased for the family of Joe A Bunn. Send Flowers

December 5 at 6:43 AM

JD

**Jerry Altom, Monty Monzingo , Mike Searcy And Andrea Dunnahue** posted:

Blooming blues was purchased for the family of Joe A Bunn by Jerry Altom, Monty Monzingo , Mike Searcy and Andrea Dunnahue. Send Flowers Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Southwest Professional Vehicles, Inc Jerry Altom, Monty Monzingo , Mike Searcy and Andrea Dunnahue

December 5 at 6:43 AM

MC

**Memphis Coach Company /M** posted:

Sincerest thoughts was purchased for the family of Joe A Bunn by Memphis Coach Company /m. Send Flowers Our deepest condolences Memphis Coach Company /m

December 5 at 6:43 AM



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ES

**Expression Of Sympathy** posted:

Sincerest thoughts was purchased for the family of Joe A Bunn. Send Flowers

December 5 at 6:43 AM

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**Expression Of Sympathy** posted:

Blooming basket was purchased for the family of Joe A Bunn. Send Flowers

December 5 at 6:43 AM

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**Expression Of Sympathy** posted:

Blooming blues was purchased for the family of Joe A Bunn. Send Flowers

December 5 at 6:43 AM

DF

**Donald Fortman** posted:

Loving roses was purchased for the family of Joe A Bunn by DONALD FORTMAN. Send Flowers WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY, JIM, CLINT, ALBERT AND TRACY AND KIDS, KURT. WE WILL MISS YOU. DONALD FORTMAN

December 5 at 6:43 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Autumn morning was purchased for the family of Joe A Bunn. Send Flowers

December 5 at 6:43 AM

GG

**Ginger Gossard** posted:

Carol, Greg and Jodi and family... I just found out about the loss of Joe and i can't express my sympathies deep enough to all of you from such a Huge Loss!! Joe was a Great guy as you all know and I am sure their will be a deep hole in your hearts... I pray that in time God will heal that hole and give you all peace as Joe is resting in peace now. My thoughts and prayers i am sending your way today. Love Ginger Gossard

September 16 at 8:31 AM



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JG

**John Griffo** posted:

Joe Bunn was one of the greatest guys I ever met. I had the good fortune of talking to him and Carol a few weeks ago. He was a good golfer with a weird swing. The Superior Coach team the years I was there were the best. I will miss Bunn, Benedict, Noble, Noviski, Cuzzocrea and Charlie Travis. Our golf league included the shop and Bunn and Benedict made that happen.

September 14 at 12:07 PM

GM

**Gregg And Nata Miller** posted:

A gentleman in the truest sense.

September 11 at 6:47 AM

DF

**Doug DeLong Family** posted:

Joe was an amazing man, friend and co-worker. He lived his life to the fullest doing the things he loved. He was passionate about his family and grandchildren. Our deepest sympathies goes out to the entire family.

September 10 at 9:41 AM

MH

**Marylee Hartman** posted:

Ms. Carol, My heart goes out to you and your family. Love to you and prayers to your family. Such a beautiful and touching memorial obituary. MaryLee Hartman Ipock

September 9 at 5:35 PM

AF

**Alaina & Kev Siefker & Family** posted:

Carol, Jodi and family, We are so sorry for your loss. By reading all these messages, Joe will definitely be missed by many. We are thinking of you all during this difficult time and will continue to keep you all in our prayers. Rest In Peace, Joe. Love, Alaina, Kev, Dylan & Adam Siefker

September 9 at 12:15 PM



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JM

**Jerry L Mericle** posted:

My name is Jerry Mericle. I worked at Accubuilt for about 15 years,so I new Joe pretty well. He was just a great guy.I'm so sorry for your lost. My brother, Ron also new joe very well.

September 9 at 9:03 AM

KG

**Keek & Gary** posted:

A candle was lit in remembrance

September 8 at 2:41 PM

CT

**Craig Tyson** posted:

Jody , Dale; So sorry to hear of your loss of Jody's father. Although we didn't know him, we are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Your Long Beach extended family, Craig, Therese, and Haily Tyson

September 8 at 9:37 AM

GS

**Greg Coleman/ Coleman Limousine Service** posted:

Sending my Condolences to the Bunn Family , I operate a Limo Service in Sydney Nova Scotia Canada and I talked to Joe a few times about my Commercial Glass S&S Cadillac 6 Door Limo , I asked him how long he was in the business and we talked about the Cadillac combination hearse / ambulance from the sixties and seventies , I enjoyed our conversation , Rest In Peace Joe

September 7 at 4:42 PM

KB

**Kathleen Berry** posted:

Joe was the best of the best and I always enjoyed his company, especially at conventions. He was, as my Dad would always say, a gentleman and a scholar! He always had a smile on his face and a great laugh that was contagious. My deepest sympathies to Joes family and his coworkers in Lima at S&S/Superior. Know that his legacy will live on in all the lives he touched...mine was one! Safe home Joe, safe home! ï¿½

September 7 at 3:39 PM



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MV

**Mark Henry Vinson** posted:

Joe was an amazing man. He dedicated his life to helping others. He was an unforgettable man. He will be forever remembered for his honor and kindness. My deepest condolences to the Bunn family. Heaven has truly gained an Angel.

September 7 at 3:26 PM

HW

**Herbert T. Walker lii** posted:

I'm sorry to hear about Joe. I have fond memories of him. My heartfelt condolences to the Bunn family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Herbert T. Walker, III, MBA Walker Funeral Homes Cincinnati, Ohio

September 7 at 3:23 PM

DC

**Debbie Conaway** posted:

My deepest sympathies to the entire Bunn family. A gentleman at all times, good natured and a jolly laugh. No one ever had a negative word to say about Joe. During the 90's he was my encyclopedia of everything and about anything I needed to know about a vehicle. He was the funeral car's Internet, long before anyone knew what the internet was....a wealth of knowledge and an incredible sharp mind. Joe always was the same, no matter when we spoke. A fine and great human being and I'm glad to have known him.....it was my honor! May you rest in peace Joe. Most sincerely, Debbie Conaway

September 7 at 12:28 PM

CS

**Cody & The Infinite Innovations Staff** posted:

Joe was always a great resource when I couldn't get the answer myself. Always friendly and willing to help. His wealth of knowledge did not go unnoticed. We send our condolences to the Bunn family.

September 7 at 10:32 AM



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CS

**Cw Coach Sales** posted:

Joe was always an absolute gentleman. Over the years we have dealt with him with numerous requests and questions. He always had the answers or obtained them for us. He was 100% professional. During the span of his amazing 57 year career with Superior Coach Corporation I am sure that Joe never looked at it as just a job or merely a place to work. He considered it nothing less than an honor and a privilege to be there. For those that knew him it was likewise an honor and a privilege to have known him. It is obvious that Joe's personal life mirrored his professional life in everything that he did. An old saying comes to mind as I reflect on Joe's life. "If a job is worth doing then it is worth doing right". Joe did it right. We will all miss our dear friend. Carl Woerner and Dale Cooper CW Coach Sales Cincinnati, Ohio

September 7 at 8:15 AM

LS

**Lori Wreede Stevens** posted:

My condolences to the whole family. Joe was one of the nicest and funniest people I have ever met. Although he was my boss, it never felt like it because he was so down to earth. I will always remember him as a person full of life. May he rest in peace. Lori Wreede Stevens

September 6 at 7:36 PM

DB

**Darren Bedford** posted:

It is incredibly sad news hearing of Joe's passing ! He sure was a wonderful, kind and friendly gentleman. I always looked forward to seeing him and talking with him. I couldn't believe his dedication to the professional car industry and his years of service. It is actually two years longer than I have been alive !!! He will be dearly missed. not only by myself, but the whole professional car industry. I have known Joe 1/2 my life and he sure was one of the good guys I have had the pleasure of knowing. I am proud to have been able to call him a friend. A dear friend. With the borders closed to Canadians entering the USA I will unfortunately miss his funeral as I have with a few others during this world wide covid situation but know I will be there in spirit. Until we meet again Joe, RIP brother ! You certainly could use a well deserved rest. Condolences to Joes entire family. Regards from Darren Bedford Toronto Ontario Canada Superior owner as well as Miller Meteor & S/S funeral coaches.

September 6 at 6:25 PM

JO

**Jeanne Oehler** posted:

Carol, Jodi, Greg, Shelby, Clayton and other family members please accept my sympathy. Im so sorry for your loss. Joe loved you all and he will be missed by many.

September 6 at 3:29 PM



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JS

**Jeremy D. Ledford- Professional Car Society** posted:

So sorry to hear of Joes passing. Thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and colleagues during this time of loss and sorrow.

September 6 at 2:56 PM

KH

**Kenneth Howe** posted:

He was a gentleman and will be greatly missed!!

September 6 at 2:18 PM

MW

**Maribeth Wolverton** posted:

Always remember looking out my front window and seeing puffs of smoke from Joe's backyard when he was smoking his cigar. A wonderful guy and neighbor. You will truly be missed! Your neighbors, The Wolverton's

September 6 at 10:35 AM

DM

**Dale Metzger** posted:

It was a privilege and honor to work with Joe for almost 17 years. My best memories are going to many opening day Cincinnati Reds games with Joe and Don Fultz.

September 6 at 6:50 AM

DN

**Dick & Linda Nice** posted:

Dear Carol,What a shock to hear of Joe's passing. Joe was a dear friend for my 15 years at Superior. Thank you for sharing Joe every Thursday - either with the bowling team or the golf course. I was so blessed to share many great times together with Joe. Mister Dependable as league secretary both for bowling and golf leagues all the years I was there at Superior. Linda and I will be praying for you and the family and that our Lord will give you strength and comfort at this time.

September 6 at 6:20 AM

CS

**Cindy Schroeder** posted:

Sorry for your loss, sending lots of prayers.

September 6 at 5:38 AM



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JR

**Jill Renner** posted:

Carol, so sorry to hear about Joe. He was a great guy and will be missed. Prayers to your family and you.

September 6 at 4:55 AM

CC

**Carol Colby Chitty** posted:

Dear Carol and family, praying that God heals the hole in your hearts from the loss of Joe. My deepest sympathies. Carol Colby.

September 5 at 5:57 PM

JT

**Jerry Tripp** posted:

Joe always had a kind word to say to everyone at the Bluffton Golf League. His smiling face was a welcome site at the end of a day as we headed to the first tee. As a partner or an opponent, Joe always wanted everyone to have fun. You will be missed, me friend...

September 5 at 5:29 PM

E1

**Emmit Mchaffie, Cghs Class Of 1964** posted:

I share my sympathy for Carol and her family for their loss. Joe was Mr. Superior even in high school before joining Superior Coach. He was always kind and gracious. I remember he was the first Chicago White Sox fan that I ever met and how happy he was when they won the 1959 World Series.

September 5 at 4:25 PM

TB

**Tom Burkholder** posted:

So sorry to hear about your loss. I much enjoyed my relationship with Joe at work and bowling. I will miss him.

September 5 at 2:25 PM

IA

**iams** posted:

So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Bunn. Jenny and Craig iams

September 5 at 12:44 PM



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**Joe & Ruth Gerdeman** posted:

Carol, we are so, so sorry for your loss. Sending our deepest sympathy, prayers and big hugs!

September 5 at 11:08 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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