



## Joe Sellers

January 3, 1941 - August 27, 2013

### Obituary of Joe Sellers

Joe H. Sellers, 72, of Leesburg, Florida, was born January 3, 1941 in Cleveland, Ohio and died Tuesday, August 27, 2013.

For over 50 years, Joe worked and was Vice President at Beyers Funeral Home.

He was City Commissioner from January 1972 to 1980; past Worshipful Master of Local Masonic Lodge #58 and 50 year member; past District Deputy Grand Master Florida F.&A.M.; 1981 past Grand Most Illustrious Master in the Council of the York Rite; past President of the Leesburg Sunrise Rotary; and past Board/President of the Leesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

Joe was on the LifeStream Board of Directors and Past President for over 30 years; Mayor in 1974 and 1978; FMEA Board from 1977 to 1981 and President 1979 to 1980; City's Personnel Committee from 1976 to 1980 and chairman 1979 to 1980. He was a member of the Florida Electrical Municipalities Association; Lake County League of Cities; Leesburg Jaycees, receiving the Distinguished Service Award and Florida Municipal Utilities

Association. Joe belonged to Main Street Baptist Church for over 30 years and was attending Christian Ministries Worship Center, Whitney Road, Leesburg.

Joe is survived by his daughters, Lisa M.(Mike)Pitts of Pembroke Pines, FL, Kimberly R.(Jack)Bitting of Leesburg, FL; sisters, Liz Sprecher of Bushnell, FL, Patty Price of Goose Creek, SC; brothers, Bob(Karen)Davidson of Fairview Heights, IL, Bud Davidson of Oklahoma City, OK; eight grandchildren, Carl, Tiffany, Cassidy, Ashton(Aaron), Aubrey, Taylor, Ashley(Greg) and Felicia; six great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and his dog, Bruiser. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth in 2003 and brother, Glen.

Visitation will be Friday, August 30, 2013 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg. Funeral Services will be Saturday, August 31, 2013 at

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## Memorial Donations

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# Tribute Wall



“ Joe Sellers

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss a friend and associate. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his very large extended family and group of friends. fgroup riends.

**Bill Hayes** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I will truly miss Joe, as a fellow funeral director, rotarian, freind and great guy. His freindship and support for our profession was beyond words.

**Stuart Force** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Always kidded with Joe that he had to live long enough to be in charge of my funeral. I know he is in heaven. I pray God's blessings on his family. Bill Keedy

**Bill Keedy** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Joe was a wonderful individual who was a leader in his community and a friend to all. He will be missed by so many of us.

**Cecil Shumacker** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Lisa and Kim- I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was such a nice man. I have fond memories growing up with you both on Peters Drive. May you and your family find peace at this time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Michelle Fortin Hofbauer

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**Michelle Fortin Hofbauer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Kim, Lisa and families, we have loved and respected your dad for many years. He was always the same, whether it was at church or his favorite eating places, Sonny's and OakWood. We enjoyed worshipping with him, too. He was such an inspiration to us. He will be greatly missed by us. Our loss is heaven's gain and he's in perfect health now. Love and prayers to all of you.

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**James and Melba Leggett** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I feel very blessed to have know this sweet, sweet, man. What a gift he had of making everyone he came in contact with feel special. It was obvious that he genuinely cared. I did not know him for very long but the impact he left on me is lasting. I rejoice for Joe, for him to be reunited with his wife and for his promised eternal life where there is no more sickness or pain. My prayers are with his loved ones left behind. I pray God's love to envelop you, bringing you thru this time of mourning with a sense of peace in your hearts. In sympathy and in love.

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**Regina DeMarco** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To Joe's Family, I will miss this great man! I've been acquainted with Joe for many years and enjoyed visiting with him when he came to the Board meetings at LifeStream or when I ran into him at Sonny's during lunch. My memories bring a smile! God Bless, Judy

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**Judith Carter** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Joe was a great leader, and family man who truly loved the City of Leesburg. He cared for many through the years as a professional and so many counted on him to take care of them in their hour of need. I loved our conversation about the funeral business, Church life and people that we both knew. Joe was always good for a laugh too. To his family--we hurt with you as we rejoice in knowing that Joe is absent from us and present with the Lord.

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**Gary Blanchard** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Joe and I always had a great time emceeding the Blood Screening program at the Community Bldg. for Sunrise Rotary. We were brother Masons and he was so helpful for my wife's funeral ten years ago. He was great person and a great leader in the community. I will miss him dearly. May the Good Lord Bless and Keep Him

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**John D.Vance** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Leesburg has been blessed to have man of this stature lead us. My prayers go to his family and friends, Joe will be truly missed and it was a pleasure and a blessing to have known him.

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**Pastor/Commissioner John Christian** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *What a beautiful life of service to his community Joe lived ! He was truly a hero to many being a comfort in their time of need ! He will be missed ! Prayers for comfort and peace for Joe's precious family !*

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**Leah Walters** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ *Our condolences and prayers are with those that Joe has left behind. We are thankful to our Savior who made it possible for Joe and all believers to be in His presence there - 1 Cor. 5:8. The last time we were in Leesburg, we were blessed to see Joe at Sonny's. Goodbyes are difficult, reunions are sweet. Love and prayers!! John 11:25-26.*

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**Bill & Edna Vansant** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ *We were sad to hear about Joe. He knew my grandparents and we would see him from time to time at Sonnys.*

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**Howard & Janice Braden** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *My heart is breaking for the family during this very difficult time. Joe was like a grandfather to me! He was granddaddy's very best friend and was always there when granddaddy was sick! He was such a kind person and always had a smile on his face! He loved his kids and grandkids so much and it showed. He never missed one of Taylor's performances! No matter how bad he was feeling, I knew I would see him there! Joe, thank you for being such a wonderful friend to granddaddy, and for being such a great person! You will be deeply missed! Go rest high on that mountain.....*

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**Maile DeLand** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Joe was one of my favorite customers at Sonny's . He came in all the time and always made everyone smile. He will be dearly missed. I am very sorry for your loss.

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**Cindy Williams** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ What a great loss. Mr. Sellars was always so nice to my family in our time of need. We have used Beyers Funeral Home for many many years from the loss of my father in 1971 until 2000 when my stepfather passed and he was always so kind and caring. He will be missed greatly.

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**Vickie Stapleton** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family of this fine man. He was such a kind, caring and and giving man.... a friend to many and always willing to offer guidance and help. Leesburg was Blessed to have Joe among it's citizens and leaders for these many years. So very sorry to hear of this loss.

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**Gary and Cindi McClain** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To Joe's Family, Joe will be truely missed @ Beyers. It just won't be the same there without him. He has always been so pleasant and caring to all that have needed Beyers services. My prayers are with you @ this time.

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**Jean Bowen Smart** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Kim and Family sorry for the your loss,I remember your Dad very well,Had that smile ,He has gone to such a Great Place ,Peace be with you and Family ,love you all Andre kent

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**andre kent** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To the family: We share in your loss of this wonderful man, husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and a very dear friend. He will surely be missed by so many people. I will miss him at the Oxford Assembly of God homecomings and special events. RIP my friend - you are in the presence of the Lord now. Nothing else can harm you.....

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**Doris & Gerard King, Sr.** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a sweet, sweet man who comforted us when we lost both my father and mother. May God bless you as you remember his life and legacy.

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**Doug and Rose Hampton Gillespie** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ God bless Mr Joe Sellars and the family he leaves behind. From all us at Sign Crafters, Auto Crafters & Image Crafters, we send out best. Joe took such great care of our dads (Don Martin & Thomas Combs) when they passed in recent years. He certainly had a gift of bringing comfort to the toughest times. You will be missed dearly.. Heaven is a brighter place today.

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**Dennis & Kimberly Martin** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Joe was a wonderful person and friend. i remember the good times we all would have eating down at Estelle's Country Kitchen in Lady Lake. We always had a lot of laughs. My symphay goes out to the family. Just remember the good times as I am sure there are a lot. Joe you will be soley missed. Bye Friend. Regards: Margaret Stokes

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**Margaret Stokes** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Joe was a significant leader in this community and a professional in all that he did, and all that he served. I'll miss his sense of humor and his friendship. He was loved by all who met him. " we'll done, good and faithful servant"

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**Rev. Michael Fronk** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ My prayer for this family is that the peace only God can provide will encompass you. Joe was a wonderful man who I will miss seeing around town.

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**Angie Godard** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Joe accomplished a lot in his lifetime and was well respected by so many. My deepest sympathy to the family and the Leesburg Community for their great loss.

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**Barbara Oberholtzer Goolsby** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Joe was a good friend to me for many years. He came to my 16th Birthday, which I will never forget. My father was in Sunrise Rotary with Joe, he will never be forgotten, he was a special man to all who knew him.

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**Kevin Couthure** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Our Condolences to Joe's Family and to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Our Prayers go out to the family. Joe will be missed by many !

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**Chad & Deborah Robinson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ To the family, Joe was a joy to be around and he served others well. He was an institution both at Beyers and in the community and will missed by all who knew him well. Safe in the presence of the Christ whom he knew.

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**Art Ayris** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Very sorry for your loss! God bless. Sincerely, Daniel J. Enea DJ Enea Family Funeral and Cremation Care, Winter Garden, FL

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**Daniel J. Enea** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ We were very sorry to hear of this loss...our prayers are with the family and friends of such a great man. We always enjoyed our conversations at Sonny's and Joe would always make a bad day seem better. We can think of no one else around who was as devoted to Leesburg and to all of us. Godspeed...

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**Gary and Judy Brewer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Sorry this is late. I just learned about this on Sept 6 from a friend. Joe meant a lot to my family through the years. My parents were Jimmy and Gladys Boyte. He be greatly missed. Our prayers comfor and lift you up.

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**john and Kitty June Maholick** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM