



Joseph Rivero

July 1, 2025

Joseph Rivero: A Life of Love, Strength, and Courage

It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Joseph Rivero, 63, on Tuesday, July 1st, 2025, after a courageous battle with ALS. He was surrounded by the love of his family in Courtice, Ontario.

Joseph was the cherished husband of Cheryl Rivero (nee Maggs), a devoted father to Marissa, Gianna, and Taryn and the adoring grandfather to Jason. He was, without a doubt, the best parent anyone could ask for, always offering unwavering support and love. As a proud grandfather, he consistently provided encouragement and protection. As a husband, he was a supportive partner, a true pillar of strength and best friend for Cheryl.

Joseph is predeceased by his parents Saverio Rivero (2010) and Barbara Mellace (1994) and his oldest brother Ted (1996). He is survived by his siblings, Dominic, Umberto, and Teresa, his sister-in-law, Teresa, as well as nephews Daniel, Christopher, Michael, and Robert and nieces Stephanie and Daniella.

After 43 years, Joe retired from General Motors in April 2025. His career began in 1982 as a Co-op Engineering student from the University of Waterloo in the GM Diesel Division. Through the years he held a variety of key

positions. His final position was Senior Finance Analyst at Oshawa Stamping. He truly loved his job and the many people he worked with over the years.

Joe was a huge Star Wars and Lord of the Rings fan. He was also intensely interested in music with some of his favourites being Bruce Springsteen, Pink Floyd, Elton John and the Beatles. He enjoyed watching sports and was a die-hard Blue Jays and Maple Leafs fan. He looked forward to March Madness and always had the family pick their own brackets. Family time was extremely important to Joe. In the winter he had us all skiing and, in the summer, we pulled a trailer through many provincial parks in Ontario. He always looked forward to biking and hiking at the parks. He loved watching the girls at their activities and anything that involved his grandson.

We express our deepest thanks to the ALS Clinic team at Sunnybrook, Ontario at Home, Valleyview Medical Center and the Durham Palliative Care team. So many people touched our lives during this time. Special thanks to Tracy, Karen, Courtney, TJ, Peter, Husban, Nancy, Kianda and Sarah. Your support, knowledge and compassion was invaluable.

His kindness and generosity touched the lives and hearts of many. Joe's legacy of love, strength, and extreme courage will live on in the hearts of his family and all who know him. He will be deeply missed.

Mass will be Saturday July 12, at St. Therese Catholic Church in Courtice, at 11:30.

Followed by inurnment at Bowmanville cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the ALS Society.

Love you always,
Cheryl

We love you dad!

Marissa, Gianna, Taryn

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I had the privilege to work with Joe as his manager for the last 2 years. During this short tenure, I witnessed firsthand the dedication, integrity, and quiet strength he brought to our team every day. Joe was not just a valued colleague, but also a genuinely kind and thoughtful person who made a difference in the lives of those around him. He had a remarkable way of bringing people into his world, often taking the time to educate me on the finer points of the games he loved. Those conversations over our daily lunch sessions are memories I will always carry with me. Joe was a valued colleague and a wonderful human being. He made a lasting impact on our team, and he will be deeply missed. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and all those who were fortunate to know him.

Rashmi Srivastava - July 11, 2025 at 11:06 AM

DB

“ I worked with Joe for many years. He was always great to work with and we shared many laughs together. I still remember when helping him do some wiring in his basement, I showed him what happens when you short wires by touching them together. After this, Joe was adamant he keep to working in finances. Sending sincere condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed by all.

Dennis Barry

Dennis Barry - July 10, 2025 at 08:53 PM

 Karen
Fava

“ May the memories of your loved one be a celebration of their life and a source of strength for you during this difficult time.
Karen and Ray Fava

Karen Fava - July 08, 2025 at 05:13 PM

DD

“ Cheryl, Marissa, Gianna and Taryn. Having worked with Joe since 1989, I feel I knew a lot about him, his family and his interests. I enjoyed our conversations over the past 36 years and if it wasn't about work, or his family, it was usually about the Toronto Maple Leafs. I believe we thought we were the President and the General Manager, as we had a lot to say He will be sadly missed. My heart and condolences go out to you and the family.

Dan Derlis

Dan Derlis - July 08, 2025 at 11:17 AM

TP

“ I was Joe’s PSW during the last two and a half months of his life. I first visited him on 18th of April this year. Since then I visited him at least 3 times every week.

First thing I noticed was his beautiful smile and how he smiled whilst hiding the immense physical and mental pain he was going through.

My main responsibility was to give him a shower, clean himself up and get him in to clean clothes. Every time he used the last ounce of strength left in him to assist me to do my job.

He was always very concerned about the fact that I leave him at the end of my one hour visit.

He didn’t want to make me late to visit my next client. He put his hand on his wrist watch to show that it was time for me to leave.

Joe was one of the most beautiful human beings I have ever come across.

Even at the late stages of his life it was unmistakably clear that what a handsome and a humble guy he was.

Every time I left him he always put his hand to his chest and gave me a thumbs up to show his appreciation for my services. It made me so happy to see his beautiful smile when he did it .

My last visit to him was on 30th of June the day before he left this world.

The day before he had been moved to downstairs. Therefore I had to take him upstairs to give him the shower and bring him back downstairs.

Obviously he was in such pain that day since it was too tiring for him. Cheryl helped me to take him upstairs that day.

When I left him that day he took both his hands together 🙏 to show his appreciation and returned my respect the same way. It was such a beautiful moment. 😭

If I don’t add how dedicated and resourceful

Cheryl and the girls in caring for Joe throughout his sickness. They did everything humanely possible to make Joe’s life as comfortable as possible whilst looking after Cheryl’s dad . Theirs is one of the most beautiful families I have ever come across.

With a heavy heart 💔 I wish Joe eternal rest .

*I also wish God's blessings, every happiness and success for Cheryl and family.
Cheryl and the girls*

Tj . joe's PSW - July 08, 2025 at 10:26 AM

GM

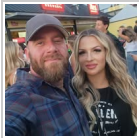
I would like to pass my condolences to all joes family and friends as i worked with him for a long time in stamping plant and had a great time with him and will miss him dearly Gord

Gord mccrate - July 09, 2025 at 08:21 PM

PD

“ Joe, I was so saddened to hear about your battle with ALS and now your passing. You were always a class act, a good friend and co-worker in GM. My deepest condolences to your family.

Pat Drumm - July 07, 2025 at 09:54 PM



“ Jays first introduction to grandpas team



Marissa Riverso - July 07, 2025 at 09:46 PM

DB

“ Joe was warm, welcoming and a great observer of business and life. I'm so sorry for his suffering and for your loss.

Diane Brady - July 07, 2025 at 06:44 PM

PM

“ *This breaks my heart. I worked for several years along side Joe in South Stamping or Oshawa Metal Center under the name change. We would talk about our beloved Leafs 12 months long. Dragged him out to play lob ball and he always had my back when trying to convince Oshawa to bring different types of work into the plant. The world is a lesser place with him gone.*

Pete Monkman - July 07, 2025 at 05:07 PM