



We little knew the day that God  
was coming to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.  
It broke our heart to lose you,  
but you did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide,  
And although we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken and  
nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.

October 13, 1942	April 20, 2022
Lehigh Co., Pennsylvania	Gettysburg, South Dakota

7:00 p.m., Monday, April 25, 2022  
United Methodist Church - Gettysburg, South Dakota

2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2022  
United Methodist Church - Gettysburg, South Dakota

### CASKET BEARERS:

Dusty Wager, Chris Effling, Brad Saltsman,  
Duane Wager, Curt Hamburger, and Dean Simon

## All Law Enforcement Officers

**USHERS:** Gene King and Larry Madsen

**MUSICIANS:** Donna Hanson and Lexie Vogel

### MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

*"On Eagle's Wings" "Wind Beneath My Wings"*  
*"The Lord's Prayer"*

**INTERMENT:**

# Gettysburg Cemetery – Gettysburg, South Dakota

## With Military Honors



Gettysburg, South Dakota  
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Joseph Senyak was born October 13, 1942 to Peter and Anna (Stempak) Senyak at Lehigh County, PA. He graduated from Whitehall High School in Whitehall, PA.

Following graduation, on October 23, 1961, Joe enlisted in the United State Air Force. While serving, Joe was stationed in Lyon, France before being stationed at Gettysburg, SD, Air Force Base. Here is where he met Janelle Wager. They were married October 8, 1965. Joe was honorably discharged on October 22, 1965. During his service, he earned the small arms expert marksmanship (1965) and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award DAF (1965)

Together Joe and Janelle made their home in Gettysburg. Joe started his career in law enforcement, working for the City of Gettysburg for one year and then serving as Potter County Sherriff from 1968 until 1973. Joe then joined SD Highway Patrol, moving his family to the Freeman community while he worked as a trooper from 1973 until 1979. The family eventually returned to Gettysburg. Joe left law enforcement for some time, working for American Freight, Tote Inc., Northern Plains Coop, and J & J Senyak Trucking after he bought his own truck. In 2003, Joe returned to law enforcement serving as the Gettysburg City Chief of Police until 2009. Following his retirement, Joe worked as a train locomotive operator for NCFE/Agtegra until 2019.

Joe was a member of the South Dakota Sheriff's Association while serving as sheriff, and he was a member, and served as post commander from 2011 to 2013, of Ralph Leui American Legion Post #135, Gettysburg. When not working, Joe spent time babying his pear tree in his back yard, keeping his lawn perfectly manicured, spoiling the grandkids and fishing when time would allow.

Those left to cherish Joe's life are his wife, Janelle; sons: Joey and Mike (Jean) Senyak, all of Gettysburg; his grandchildren: Stetson Senyak (Stasha) of Great Falls, MT, Steven Senyak of Gettysburg, and Sydney Senyak (Phillip Vetter) of Aberdeen; great grandchildren: Kaimbre Ann and Roman of Great Falls, MT; brother, Paul Senyak, Allantown, PA; brother-in-law: Lanny (Jayne) Wager, Gettysburg; nieces: Sandy (Carl) Raber, Terry (Dewey) Dennis, and Kristi (Chris) Effling; nephew: Dusty (Aimee) Wager; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Anna; mother and father-in-law, Sidney and Nina (Eldeen) Wager; sisters-in-law: Yvonne Senyak and Anita Wager; and brother-in-law: Doug Maynard.



## **In Loving Memory Of Joseph Senyak**

**1942 - 2022**



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