



Joseph B. Warren

September 20, 1931 - December 12, 2025

Joseph B. Warren passed away leaving behind a legacy of faith, service, and leadership that touched countless lives across Kentucky. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and lifelong advocate for working people, he was guided throughout his life by a deep and steadfast Catholic faith.

Joseph was a proud graduate of St. Xavier High School and completed the Pipefitters Apprenticeship Program. He furthered his education with a Certificate of Industrial Relations from the University of Louisville and participated in numerous seminars and conferences throughout his career. He honorably served his country in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1954 during the Korean Conflict.

A devoted Catholic, Joseph was a longtime and faithful member of St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church, where his faith shaped his values, sense of service, and commitment to helping others. His belief in dignity, fairness, and community informed both his personal life and his decades of public service.

Joseph dedicated most of his professional life to the Pipefitters trade and the labor movement. He worked for various contractors before embarking on decades of service with Pipefitters Local Union No. 522 and later Local Union 502. Over the years, he held numerous leadership positions including Executive Board member, President, Business Manager, Financial Secretary-

Treasurer, Trustee of all funds, and President of Local Union 502. His service to the United Association spanned more than four decades, during which he served as a convention delegate, hearing officer, committee member, and was actively involved with the Pipe Fabrication Institute.

Beyond his local union work, Joseph held influential leadership roles throughout Kentucky's labor organizations. He served on the Kentucky Pipe Trades Association Executive Board as Secretary-Treasurer, was Vice President and President of the Louisville Building and Construction Trades Council, and held multiple executive positions with the Kentucky State AFL-CIO, where he was later honored as President Emeritus.

Joseph's commitment to service extended well beyond labor organizations. He served as a director of the Kentuckiana Children's Center, labor representative for Louisville Labor Management, secretary of the Louisville Waterfront Commission, chairman of Louisville "Heats On," member of the Kentucky Board of Education, and a member of several economic development and government advisory councils. His contributions were recognized with the Louisville "Key to the City" and being named an Honoree by the State of Israel. He also chaired numerous charitable fundraisers throughout his life.

Joseph is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Sharon Warren; his two sons, Chris Warren (Kenyatta) and Jamie Warren (Kristin); his cherished grandchildren; and so many others who loved him, learned from him, and looked up to him throughout his life.

Visitation

Thursday, December 18 | 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Owen Funeral Home

5317 Dixie Highway

Louisville, Kentucky

Funeral Mass

Friday, December 19 | 9:30 a.m.

St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church

1104 South 6th Street

Louisville, Kentucky

Entombment

Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum

1300 Bardstown Road

Louisville, Kentucky

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to a charity of your choice that serves our community.

Known for his wisdom, energy, and unwavering dedication, Joseph believed deeply in faith, family, mentorship, and service. He often remarked that there are “old 50-year-olds and young 70-year-olds,” proudly counting himself among the latter.

Joseph B. Warren will be remembered for his strong Catholic faith, integrity, tireless work ethic, and the profound and lasting impact he made on his family, his church, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Road
Louisville, KY 40204

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

DEC 19. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Louis Bertrand
1104 S 6th Street
Louisville, KY

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Jonathan C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph B. Warren.

Jonathan C. - December 20, 2025 at 10:55 AM

VD

“ VA Medicine Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph B. Warren.

VA Medicine Department - December 18, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph B. Warren.



December 18, 2025 at 03:24 PM

DS

“ Deborah Shoemaker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph B. Warren.

Deborah Shoemaker - December 18, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *Red Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Joseph B. Warren.*



December 18, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *Jeni Warren purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Joseph B. Warren.*



Jeni Warren - December 18, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Grandpa Joe was our last living grandparent. He was not ours biologically, but he never once made us feel like anything less. We had known and loved him our entire lives, and in every way that truly mattered, he was simply our Grandpa. We are forever grateful for the love he gave, the choices he made, and the lasting impact he had on all of our lives. He is deeply loved and profoundly missed.*



Mary Ranney-Warren - December 18, 2025 at 08:28 AM

DH

“ How was my first Business Manager Manger when in was a first Year Appenticd in 1969. Great person, Joe will be missed.



david Huber - December 15, 2025 at 07:53 PM