

1994 OV GRADUATE



A GRADUATE OF LAKE SUPERIOR STATE WITH A CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE, JOE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A POLICE OFFICER & FIREFIGHTER FOR COLDWATER PUBLIC SAFETY BUT ALWAYS WANTED TO COME BACK TO HIS HOMETOWN. IN 2000, HE RETURNED & JOINED THE MUSKEGON SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS A UNIFORM DEPUTY SHERIFF.

BUT JOE ALWAYS WANTED TO CONTRIBUTE MORE. BEYOND HIS MANY UNIFORM DUTIES, HE ALSO SERVED AS AN UNDERCOVER DETECTIVE TO HELP KEEP DRUGS OUT OF YOUNG PEOPLES HANDS & WAS A MEMBER OF THE MUSKEGON COUNTY RESPONSE TEAM (SWAT) IN 2003, JOE WAS AWARDED THE SHERIFF'S "LIFE SAVING AWARD" FOR SELFLESSLY GOING INTO HIGH WATER TO SAVE A YOUNG GIRL (IN FULL UNIFORM) WHO MOST DEFINITELY WOULD HAVE DROWN.

FATHER, COACH, OFFICER, COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR. OV LOST A GOOD ONE WHEN JOE PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 39.

JOSEPH GABRIEL