



Joseph Richard DeFranco

December 5, 2016

Joseph Richard DeFranco, 75, of Johnstown, OH, died on December 5, 2016, with Marilyn (Gregg), his wife of 28 years, by his side. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Michele (Greg) Durthaler and Theresa (Tom) Owens; sister, Carol Christiansen; stepdaughter, Kris (Todd) Adams; 11 grandchildren, Matthew and Anna Durthaler, Shane, Madison, Sydnee and Jaclyn DeFranco, Olivia and Chloe Owens, and Macy, Emmy and Alexis Adams; and one great granddaughter, Marlee DeFranco. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Carmel DeFranco; his son, Andrew DeFranco; and his stepdaughter, Tami Ross. Joe was a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend and will be deeply missed. Because of him, we'll forever remember the value of family, the life lessons of discipline, respect and hard work, the importance of looking for good in the midst of difficult times, and that DeFranco meatballs should be a part of every holiday gathering. Joe was a graduate of Bishop Watterson High School class of 1960. Prior to retirement, he was Midwest distribution manager for the Seattle Bike Corporation. A Memory of Joe Service will be held Saturday, December 10th at 1:00 pm at Condit Presbyterian Church, 15102 Hartford Road, Sunbury, OH 43074. A reception will begin in the church lower level immediately following the service from 1:30-4:30 pm. Pastor Annie Melick officiating. Rather than flowers, contributions towards an eighth graders Washington D.C. class trip can be left at the church or mailed to Marilyn.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 10. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Condit Presbyterian Church
15102 Heartford Road
Sunbury, OH 43074

Reception

DEC 10. 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Through the years we had our squabbles, disagreements, but most of all we had so many memories that we shared about our parents, grandparents and anyone else who was part of our family. We laughed together and cried together, particularly when we lost our parents. Now, you have left this earth to join those that we cherished before us and have left me behind to carry on lessons taught by Carmela and Joseph. You had the knack of telling the history of us as I was always the one that had to be serious. Even though you were the favorite son, I loved you dearly, my brother. Rest in peace in God's Mansion of many rooms; hug Mom and Dad, Rosa, Angelo, Antonio, Marianne, Daniel , Dickand everyone else who waited for you at the Gates and greeted you with joy. Your one and only Sister*

Carol De Franco Christiansen - December 08, 2016 at 09:10 PM

VC

“ *Rest in peace my dear cousin, you will be missed. My sincerest condolences to the DeFranco family.*

Vianne Carres-Gossett - December 08, 2016 at 07:50 PM

GS

“ *Joe's stories and laughter will always be remembered. He will be greatly missed. He spoke so fondly and proudly of his entire family. Clearly you all meant the world to him. Wishing you all peace, Gina*



Gina Shultz - December 07, 2016 at 09:56 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joseph Richard DeFranco.*



December 07, 2016 at 08:37 PM