



# Joseph M. Osowski

December 31, 1935 - September 8, 2021

Joseph Martin Osowski; beloved father, husband and Dziadzi passed away September 8th 2021.

Born in Philadelphia in 1935 to Emily Czerniak and Joseph Osowski. He is survived by his wife Janet, daughter Kim, son-in-law Jim, son Joe, daughter-in-law Sanna, grandchildren Rachel, Michael, Freya, Kasen, Alex and Gabrielle.

Joe was a proud graduate of Northeast Catholic High School in Philadelphia. He was an avid baseball player as a young adult and loved to talk about being on the South Senior All-Star Team. "Joe Osowski's 7th inning single produced the winning run after North had led 2-1 at the end of the 6th."

Joe served in the Air Force 1955 to 1958 and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. This time in his life was so impactful that he and Janet, in 2019, took his kids and grandkids on an epic trip across the globe to visit Okinawa and surrounding locations. Wonderful memories!

Joe's career highlights include working at the Frankford Arsenal as machinist and for the Federal Government in Quality Control. Joe retired at the young age of 56 (1993). He was able to enjoy his love of reading and became a collector of books, stamps, postcards and civil war memorabilia.

Joe married Janet Hansen in 1963 and had two children - daughter Kimberly born in 1968 and son Joseph born 1973. They moved from Philadelphia to Cinnaminson, NJ in 1971. They lived in Charlotte, North Carolina and then Claymont Delaware for a short time. When Janet retired in 2002, they built their retirement home on their property in Barnegat Light NJ.

Oh boy. Dad was generous, strong, loved and was committed to his family. He taught us the value of hard work, patience, and persistence. Passed to us a love of reading. Showed

us true dedication and love for his wife and was a constant presence in his children's and grandchildren's lives even across the country. The values he imbued will be passed on for generations. He will be missed.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am (service will only be 30 minutes and they keep to a firm schedule) on December 17th at BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery (approximately 45-60 minutes from the Philadelphia area) in Wrightstown, NJ. The service will be outside, under a tent and will include a Military ceremony. There will be unvaccinated infants and elderly at risk to COVID at the memorial service, please be vaccinated, please respect social distancing, and wear a mask to attend.

At this time, the family has decided to defer the traditional after-ceremony lunch gathering. Once we are able to assemble more freely a "celebration of life" gathering will be announced.

Due to the distance of travel, the variability of the weather in December, the short service length, COVID protocols and the deferment of the luncheon, the family recognizes attending the ceremony is a significant commitment for some. Do not feel obligated to attend. The memory of Joe/Dad/Dziadzi is in our hearts and we look forward to celebrating his life together at an event in the future.

Donations can be made in honor of Joe to the American Indian College fund, something he was very passionate about. <https://collegefund.org>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 17. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (est)

BGWCD Veteran's Memorial Cemetery  
350 Provinceline Rd.,  
Wrightstown, NJ

# Tribute Wall



“ This is a silly thing, but I remember going to visit the Osowskis and help them with some computer woes down at the shore house. I was looking through the photos they had and I noticed Mr. O had his mouth open in so many pictures. I said, "Mr. O, how come you mouth is open in all these photos?" "That's me smiling," he replied. "I smile and that's what happens." We both laughed. I've never seen anyone else get their picture taken like that and it's something I'll never forget.

Sam Bossen - December 19, 2021 at 08:53 PM

KA

“ Joe was 12 years older than me but I remember him playing baseball for the Blue Rocks. He would tease me about my cooking until he went in the service then he wished he was back home eating my hamburgers. He loved family picnics in Cinnaminson & get together at their home in Barnegat Light. I will miss my big brother.



Kathy - December 14, 2021 at 09:52 PM

TK

“ I got to enjoy several years with "Mr O" and his family in the 80's and 90's in both Cinnaminson and LBI. I will always cherish those memories, thank you.

Tony Koszarek - December 11, 2021 at 06:03 AM

SM

“ Pop welcomed me with open arms from the first time I met him. He made me feel loved as part of the family and asked me to call him Pop long before Joe and I were even engaged. He adored his grandkids and always tried to get a laugh out of his twin grandbabies over frequent video calls. I am grateful for all of the adventures and time we got to spend together in Seattle, New Jersey and Japan these past few years and for the memories and love that will always remain.



Sanna Miller - December 08, 2021 at 11:53 PM

RG

“ Joe played third base for the Port Richmond Blue Rocks. I played short and also pitched. He was a great friend and person. I have thought of him many times over the years. Graduated North with him,also. I just wanted his family to know that he was respected and appreciated. We need more men like Joe. God rest his soul.  
Ray Grochowski

Raymond Grochowski - December 06, 2021 at 07:31 AM

JP

“ Although I shall miss Uncle Joe, I am forever grateful for all the memories over all the years. From their wedding day, to holidays shared, and the special and precious memories at Barnegat Light. My empathy to all. A beautiful tribute to him and a life well lived. Sending love and condolences and prayers for him to rest in joy and for comfort for all of us, his loved ones. Julie

Julia Scalise, DN, PhD - December 02, 2021 at 12:23 PM

KN

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Kim Nesbitt - December 02, 2021 at 11:41 AM

PO

Thanks for the memories Joe - living on Livingston as a kid - Joe was the teenager across the street and then military man - I remember when he came home from Okinawa - what a proud moment...Joe, thank you for your service and thank you for always being a good neighbor!

Pat O'Leary - December 13, 2021 at 01:46 PM