



Joseph "Joe" R Davis

March 8, 1940 - January 23, 2017

Joseph (Joe) R. Davis of Columbus, formerly a longtime resident of West Windsor Township, passed away on Monday, January 23, 2017 at the Compassionate Care Hospice Unit at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in Hamilton. He was 76.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, Joe was a graduate of St. Francis Prep and St. Francis College in NY. Recently he was inducted into the Ring of Honor for his accomplishments in both cross country and track at St. Francis Prep. He worked in the banking and check processing industries and in disaster recovery services for over 45 years. He was an active member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Princeton and St. David's Catholic Church in West Windsor Township where he taught religious education and pre-cana. In recent years, he was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly. He was also involved in youth sports in West Windsor, having served as a soccer and baseball coach and President of the Babe Ruth Baseball program. In his retirement he enjoyed playing bocce and golf, spending time at his second home in the Outer Banks, where he served on the Magnolia Bay Board in the Currituck Club. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and attending their games.

Joe is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Arlene; 3 children: daughter and son-in-law Stacey & Scott Muscarella, son and daughter-in-law: Glen

Davis & Gaelen Vandenberg-Davis, son and daughter-in-law: Scott & Tara Davis; 4 grandchildren: Kyle Muscarella, Ashley Muscarella, Arwen Vandenberg, & Paige Davis. He is also survived by a brother Paul Davis.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, January 26th at 11:00 AM at the Sacred Heart Church, 260 High St., Mount Holly. Interment will be private. There will be no visiting hours. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to St. Francis Prep with "in memory of Joseph Davis," written in the memo line and mailed to Mr. Robert Angeletti, St. Francis Prep Development, 6100 Francis Lewis Blvd, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. Arrangements by the Perinchief Chapels, Mount Holly.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly
260 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph "Joe" R Davis*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Joseph "Joe" R Davis*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



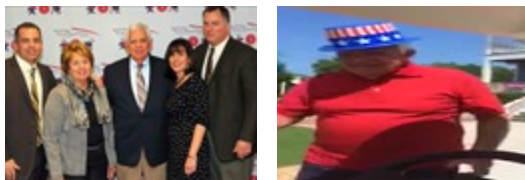
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Scott Davis - February 03, 2017 at 07:17 PM



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Scott Davis - February 03, 2017 at 07:10 PM

SD

“ My brother in law Scott "Musc" helped me share my thought at my dad's funeral. Thanks so much.

“Dad”

Thank you all for coming today and thank you for allowing me to talk about Joe on behalf of his son Scott. Or as Glenn often refer to him as the prodigal son. Being the youngest did have some advantages.

Before I get started, there are a few people we would like to thank – Diane Wronko, you have been nothing short of an angel over the last 5 months. No matter where Joe was you came to visit every week. Jefferson Hospital/ the rehab center/Home/Jefferson Hospital/the rehab center/ Trips to radiation/and everything in between- you were always there. Also Wayne & Phyllis Rickert – you will never know how important your visit during radiation meant to all of us.

Thank you to Tara for being a pillar of strength thru it all, along with Musc and Galean for being there for Stacey and Glenn.

And to my mom - during the worse 5 months of your life you remained strong and a role model to us – your love and devotion makes me want to be a better husband a better father and a better person. Finally, THANK you to everyone for the support during all of this. The phone calls & text messages – they all meant so much to us all and helped us deal with the trying times.

Joseph Raymond Davis, - JOE or as Arlene may say “Joey” He was a son/ a brother/a cousin/a husband/a father/ an Uncle/ a grandfather and a Friend to us all. Quiet and unassuming he lived life the right way at all times -- always giving of himself in so many ways and expecting nothing in return. Patient and understanding he truly led by example.

As many of you may know, Joe lost his father when he was only 18.

The son of a police officer, he worked hard to put himself through college and eventually to start a career in banking. Nothing was ever given to him – he earned everything and he exemplified in so many ways that hard work and determination does pay off.

He married to Arlene in '67 and soon after they started a family. The Davis family would call Lake Shore Drive home for many years. A place where countless friendships were born and lasting memories were made. Joe coached teams, ran leagues, taught CCD classes, and even cooked food at outdoor ed. He loved the West Windsor community and the family values that he held so dear. These are the same family values that we carry forward today with our families and pass down to his grandchildren.

When they coined the phrase “idle hands are the devils work” they must have had Joe Davis in mind. Joe was always on the go. If not fulfilling Arlene’s “honey to do list” – he always found something to keep himself occupied and productive. The relentless pursuit of the perfect yard, spotless bathrooms, the evening dishes and of course his beloved pool that he tended too every weekend. When he did finally take a moment to swim he would even float around on the raft and clean the edges. To say he was a tireless worker would be an understatement.

As time went on, Joe’s to do list changed. The new house had less to tend to but his grandchildren quickly filled that void and Joe loved every minute. There were soccer games, dance recitals, first communions, confirmations, and lots of birthday parties. There were also some new hobbies around the Homestead Community – playing golf and bocce with the guys and Friday evenings at the clubhouse. And then there were the great West Windsor reunion trips with the Gasiors, Rickerts and Lindsors that took them all over the country and other parts of the world. He so cherished your friendship.

There are so many words that one can use to describe Joe, kind, caring, helpful, supportive, dedicated, loyal, hardworking,

determined, I could go on, but in a world filled with superficial and materialistic the one thing Joe always was is genuine. Genuine in how he treated people and genuine is how he lived his life. When you're not sure what to do in a real life situation – think to yourself what would Joe do? Cause that is the right way.

While today is a sad day in many ways, today is also a day to celebrate and remember the genuine spirit that Joe gave to us all - every time. Yes we miss him, but we will ALWAYS have the lasting memories to reflect back on and his genuine example to live by. Our tears may fall today but let our smiles last forever when we think back on how he had such a positive influence on all of us.

I was provided some modest authorship to this reading, however this last part is untouched. It is in Scott's words and it reflects the gifts that a father gives a son:

My dad was such a big part of my life. It started as just a father figure and later in life became a friendship. I will truly miss him and know my live will never be the same. A good friend of mine that lost his dad a couple of years ago recently said this. " This is one of the worst days that you will hopefully ever experience, however, you know that he will always be a part of you. Everything he taught you from the day you were born leads you to this day. You honor him by making him proud of the man, father and husband you have become. Just know that you did everything you could do for him. One day you will see him again."

Love you dad...God Bless Everyone.

Scott Davis - February 03, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" R Davis.*



January 27, 2017 at 10:24 AM



“ *To Arlene and Family, our deepest condolences for this overwhelming loss. May God give you continued strength to overcome the sadness and give you hope to continue seeing the light he left shining in all the lives who were blessed to know him. His gentleness, kindness and generosity of heart will always be remembered.*

*With much affection, your neighbors from across the street.
the Clark family, 3Seanoritas*

clark - January 26, 2017 at 08:59 AM



“ *The blue house on the corner (aka Shr2par) will always serve as a reminder to us of the man who worked so hard to make Magnolia Bay in the Currituck Club a show piece. Thank you, Joe, for all that you did for our community and for the good times we shared. We will miss you, Joe!*

Judy and Ann



Judy & Ann - January 25, 2017 at 04:24 PM

LD

“ Ditto on the beautiful work Joe did on the pond across the street from our home and the hard work he did on our Board. He worked us tirelessly at times, little did we know it would all pay off in the end benefiting us all in Maggie Bay!

Most memorably were the parties he and Arlene threw at their home for the board members during Homeowners weekends, plenty of fun, food and drink for all! One thing you can say about Joe, he lived his life well loving his wife and children, driving around in his golf cart having a good old time! You will be sorely missed Joe!
Laura and Steve Dragos

Laura Dragos - January 25, 2017 at 03:54 PM

GT

“ Arlene and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss of a devoted husband and father. We are also sorry for OUR loss of a caring and hard working neighbor who selfishly gave his time for the improvement of the Maggy Bay community. We'll miss you Joe.

The Tapia's.

Gustavo Tapia - January 25, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ I did not know Joe personally but have come to realize we are neighbors in both Magnolia Bay and in the Princeton area. We both are active members of St. Paul's Church in Princeton, NJ. A perfect example to show how we are all connected. My thoughts and prayers to Joe's family and friends.

Marie Ciardella - January 25, 2017 at 07:21 AM

LA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am also a property owner at Magnolia Bay. My husband also just passed away from brain cancer on December 28. I didn't know Joe well, but he was always so kind to us whenever we had questions or spoke to him at the association meetings.

Linda M. Alms - January 25, 2017 at 05:42 AM

BB

“ So sorry to hear about Joe. He gave tirelessly to the Magnolia Bay and Currituck Club community where we knew him. Prayers extended for his family.

Burk Beale and Pat Fitzsimmons

Burk Beale - January 24, 2017 at 10:20 PM

KR

“ So sad to hear about Joe. He was a wonderful neighbor and every time I pass the pond on Magnolia Way, I think of him. It was especially beautiful this past November. We are keeping the family in our prayers.



Ken & Tanya Rachfal - January 24, 2017 at 09:35 PM

WF

“ I was saddened to read of the loss of your loved one. When we lose our loved one in death it is the most difficult time in our life. However, there is loving comfort in Psalms 55:22 “throw your burden on God and he will sustain you..” Yes, no matter what you are facing God is there to help you get through it. May you continue to have the love and support from family and friends. I sincerely hope that this Bible message brings you a measure of comfort during this difficult time.

Williams Family - January 23, 2017 at 03:39 PM