

Joseph A. O'Donnell

January 9, 2014

O'Donnell, Joseph A.

age 61 of NE Mpls, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, January 9, 2014. Preceded in death by parents, Joseph and Olga. Survived by Julie, his loving wife of 39 years; daughter, Molly (Brian) McFarlane; and son, Anthony (Becca); grandchildren, Ellen, Kate, Kerri, Gabe, Evelyn, and Oliver; mother-in-law, Maxine Ahrens; brothers-in-law, Dick Ahrens, Steve Ahrens, and Norb Neira; sister-in-law, Sue Ahrens; Cathey, Jeff, Ann, Christine and Drew. Also survived by nephews, nieces and many friends. He started as a buyer for Powers Dept. Store and then was a stay-at-home dad. He got his teaching certificate and spent most of his career teaching kindergartners. He was a long time member, volunteer and part time employee at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. To honor Joe's passion for feeding the hungry, please make memorials to Loaves & Fishes.

Interment Hillside Cemetery.

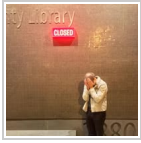
Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday, Jan. 14, 10 AM with visitation 1 hour before at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1 Lourdes Place, Visitation also Mon. 4-7 PM at:

www.Washburn-McReavy.com

Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

2610 19th Ave. N.E., Mpls

Tribute Wall



“ I taught many times in Joe's class when he needed a substitute teacher and was always so happy to have the chance to visit and talk with him when possible. I found him to be such a kind and interesting person and really a gentleman who was a terrific model for his students. It was a joy seeing his Saint Patrick's Day parade around the school, which his students enjoyed so much. I will always remember Joe as one of my teaching mentors and will continue to think of him often both in and out of the classroom. Grieg's "Morning" from Peer Gynt will always remind me of the way he taught his kindergarten students to clean up while guided by beautiful music.

- Jack Whitebread

Jack Whitebread - May 07, 2015 at 07:36 AM

PA

“ Im Sorry for you loss. We knew Joe at Our Lady of Lourdes and on St.Patricks day.

He was a great guy!

God.Bless..Paul & Susana Daugherty

Paul - March 04, 2014 at 10:06 AM

BD

“ Julie and family, Just a note to extend our sympathy for your loss. May the special things about Joe live on inside your heart forever.
Bob & Linda Driscoll

Bob & Linda Driscoll - January 16, 2014 at 12:30 PM

CE

“ Dear Julie and family,
Mike and I are deeply sadden to hear of Joe's passing. We both have fond high school memories of him in band and play productions. Always a happy guy with a great smile. Our sympathy to you and yours,
Chris (Gallo) and Mike Engel

Chris Engel - January 15, 2014 at 11:59 AM

KM

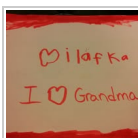
“ Dear Julie,
I was so sorry to hear about Joe. Joe lit up the room just by being himself. He was the same sweet man at our last reunion that we grew up with as kids. Treasure your memories and know that there are lots of prayers surrounding you and your family. Love, Kathy Middleton

Kathy Middleton - January 13, 2014 at 10:42 PM

MW

“ Dear Julie and family,
Kent and I were so sorry and sad to hear about Joe. He was the same kind hearted person from elementary school to our last class reunion. Loved his big smile and the sparkle in his eyes. Cherish your memories.
Kent and Marcy Wardenburg

Marcy Wardenburg - January 13, 2014 at 08:57 PM



“ Dear Julie and family, Joe was such a very special person to everyone that had the fortune to meet him. Smart, funny, sweet and compassionate is just the beginning. May you find comfort in each other and in your memories. Much love, Jeanie Gardner Lehnst

Jeanie Lehnst - January 13, 2014 at 08:11 PM

KM

“ Dear Julie and family,
A kind and gentle, gentleman has left us. Joe was a delight to visit with, so many stories. I know you can find joy remembering him as a wonderful & loving soul. By the way, I am the one who remembered him as the General yelling "Charge!" as the Chapman boys and myself would faithfully follow him up the hills at the old golf course. Of course, we were always victorious. Lead on Joe!

Sincerely,

Kathy & Dick Martens

Kathy Martens - January 13, 2014 at 04:23 PM

CY

“ Dear Julie and family,
Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Everyone has been sharing Joe stories from our younger days (Joe was always the General when we played army, Joe had a laugh that would light up the room, Joe always made me smile...) and he will always be fondly remembered back in the 'burg. Wishing you peace in the days to come.

Love ya,

David & Coleen

Coleen Yearian - January 13, 2014 at 03:44 PM

CM

“ Hey Joe,

You were a wonderful addition to our Thursday meetings. I will miss you.

-C. Maguire

Charlie Maguire - January 12, 2014 at 06:25 PM

R.

“ To: The O'Donnell Family. I am sorry for your lost. May your love for Joe and the memories he shared with you may they comfort you.

R.Gaines - January 10, 2014 at 06:05 PM