



## Joseph H. Mannella

February 7, 2020

Joseph H. Mannella, 68, of Pittsgrove passed away on February 7, 2020. Born in South Haven, MI., Joe was the son of Harry J. & Josephine (Ragain) Mannella. Joe graduated from Audubon High School in 1969. He began working in the car industry, specifically on the finance end, before eventually getting into sales. Joe worked for several different dealerships, but the demand on his time took him away from his family. As a result, he opened his own business, Cumberland County Car Company which he operated for many years until ultimately selling it. He then started JDJ Realty where he enjoyed rehabbing houses and selling them throughout the area. During this time Joe began umpiring and refereeing both soccer and baseball games for high school and various travel leagues. Joe was a proud member of the Independent Umpires Association and the SJ Soccer Officials Association and strongly believed in instilling young players with the meaning of sportsmanship. Joe also loved coaching which enabled him to spend more time with Joey and Danny. He loved all of his grandchildren very much and spent as much time with them as he could. He would often sneak in scary old movies with them at sleepovers. Joe loved summer days with his family hanging out in the pool and listening to his favorite music. You could always find him watching the Phillies with family and friends while cooking crabs and making his "famous" crab spaghetti.

Joe is survived by his wife Sharon, whom he met when they were both

sophomores in high school; his two sons, Joe and his wife Evann and Dan and his wife Jess; two sisters, Susan Harrell (Mark) and Lynne Graham (Walt), four grandchildren, Harry, Lucy, Josephine and Georgi as well as many more family members and friends. In addition to his parents, Joe was predeceased by a sister, Barbara Jones.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Wednesday night, February 12, 2020 from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM at the Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad St., Woodstown, NJ 08098. A Memorial Mass will follow on Thursday morning, February 13, 2020 at 11 AM at St. Joseph's RC Church, 51 Broad St., Woodstown, NJ 08098. Interment will follow in the church cemetery after mass. [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

Woodstown, NJ 08098

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 12. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home

64 Broad St.

Woodstown, NJ 08098

adamsfuneralhome@comcast.net

## Memorial Mass

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's R.C. Church

51 Broad St.

Woodstown, NJ 08098

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just found this and my heart is broken. Joe was my roommate in college and had many, many, many laughs. Joe turned me on to rock music and to this day I am grateful.  
I went to Sterling and I am African American, so I thought that we would have problems. NONE whatsoever, he was a great guy and great friend. He was on the football team and was a BEAST. There was a guy on the team 6'5" 270 lbs. who was an all american and eventually played for the baltimore colts, Joe brought him to his KNEES with a forearm shot. I can still see it like it was yesterday. I could tell great stories about him for hours. I saw once since college when his first son was still in the crib. He was a GREAT man and a beautiful person.  
R I H my friend. You were one in a million and I was BLESSED to have met you.

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**Chuck Butler** - February 21, 2021 at 01:33 PM

JP

“ I learned of Joe's passing from classmate Phil Davolos. Last reunion our class was told of Joe's health. Sharon, I am so sorry that I never got to visit. I'm in rehab so I was unable to get to visitation or mass. But I must say I am saddened by the loss of a great old friend. I knew Joe since grade school. Cards at Dickerson's. LL baseball. Football. Joe was a ferocious linebacker. He was a pro-level punter at the high school level. But most of all Joe was a consummate gentleman. A friend for all seasons. Sharon your sorrow should be tempered by the love Joe had for you, your sons and grandchildren.

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**John Porvaznik** - February 15, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Mannella.*



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February 13, 2020 at 08:09 AM



“ *Remember plenty of good times had on Laura Lane, Elmer LL, and Schalick HS. Mr. Mannella was a great human being who showed his passion for life and sports in a positive way. Was the model baseball coach and great person to be around. The world will miss him greatly.*

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**Christopher McClain** - February 12, 2020 at 03:24 PM



*I met Joe because of our mutual love of baseball. Through the IUA baseball Organization Joe and I did many games together. Joe was a genuinely nice man and funny as well. I will miss the fun times we had and will always remember the courageous battle he put up. God Bless you JOE.*

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**Cordell Boyd** - February 13, 2020 at 10:34 AM



*I knew Joe from grade school in Audubon NJ Baseball and football were common loves. I am so saddened by Joe's passing. We played ball together. Joe was an outstanding catcher. He was a ferocious linebacker. Joe could punt a football at a pro-level in highschool. I can still hear him calling me Provy. I was at his wedding. Sharon is a beautiful woman and she was ❤️. I'm sorry I didn't get to see Joe. But my thoughts and love are with him.*

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**John Porvaznik** - February 14, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Mannella.*



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February 12, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Mannella.*



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February 12, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *South Jersey Soccer Coaches Association purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph H. Mannella.*



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**South Jersey Soccer Coaches Association** - February 11, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *Mr. Mannella always had such great positive energy about him. I'll always remember how witty he was. He would always say to me, "call me Joe, not Mr. Mannella". Joe, thanks for treating me like family, you'll be missed. I could really go for some crab spaghetti right about now. Thinking of the entire family at this difficult time.*

*Always-Chad Evans and family*

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**Chad Evans** - February 11, 2020 at 07:29 PM

CF

“ Carl & Gerri and our family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Joseph H. Mannella.



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**Carl & Gerri and our family** - February 11, 2020 at 03:18 PM

PJ

“ Dear Sharon and all of the Thompson Family  
I am deeply saddened by the loss of Joe. He was such a great guy who never took life too seriously. Joe had a great sense of humor and was always kidding around when I saw him at my brother Lee and Edie's home. His great smile and love for his family will be sorely missed. Love, Patty Jackson

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**Patty Jackson** - February 11, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Mannella.



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February 11, 2020 at 08:52 AM

BD

“ Joe was one of the most pleasant people that I have ever known. I will remember fondly the last time that we were together at the Diamond Classic Baseball Tournament. God rest his soul.

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**Bob Dugan** - February 11, 2020 at 03:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Mannella.*



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February 10, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Many found memories on a baseball diamond as a fellow umpire. Joe taught me a lot and made it fun. He will be missed always.*

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**Ron Fijalkowski** - February 10, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ *I am deeply saddened by the news of Joe's passing. My heart felt condolences to you and your family.*



*Dave Zipkin IUA Umpires*

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**Dave Zipkin** - February 10, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ *Looking back in time I remember meeting Joe before I even knew his sister that I would later marry. Joe would walk over to my side of town to play a little street ball with the guys that hung-out and he became one of the baseball gang even though he was about 4 years younger than the rest. Being from a small town we knew the same people and it's the same today and I know they will miss Joe and much I as I do.*

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**Walt Graham** - February 10, 2020 at 10:27 AM

GW

“ *Graham Family, Stephanie, Walt 3rd, Lynne & Walt purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Joseph H. Mannella.*



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**Graham Family, Stephanie, Walt 3rd, Lynne & Walt** - February 10, 2020 at 10:18 AM

JK

“ *Though sadden by the loss of another friend, the memories of the good times our families shared in Cape May will always live on. Godspeed Joe 🙏*

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**john keil** - February 09, 2020 at 06:14 PM

GS

“ *God bless, Jane (Janie) Stant purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph H. Mannella.*



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**God bless, Jane (Janie) Stant** - February 09, 2020 at 01:27 PM

JB

“ *Lots of good memories with Joe at Elmer Little while coaching our sons. Always a gentleman, always a pleasure to be around. Joe will surely be missed by all who knew him. Praying for Sharon, Joey, Dan and the rest of family. Rest In Peace Joe. John Bucolo*

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**john Bucolo** - February 09, 2020 at 01:21 PM