



Joseph T. Zappala

April 3, 2021

Joseph T Zappala died at home on April 3rd, 2021 after battling a long illness. He was born April 22, 1935 to the parents of Catherine Clemente Zappala and Dr. John Zappala in Phila, PA.

Joseph spent his childhood along the Delaware River living in Penns Grove, NJ. He graduated from Penns Grove High School in 1953.

He then attended the University of Delaware where he majored in Accounting. He graduated with a BS degree in Accounting in 1957.

Joseph actively served in the Army from 1958-1960. In the Army, Joseph worked as an Accountant and was also a squad leader of his barracks at Fort Dix, NJ. He went onto serve in the active reserves for an additional 4 years. During his time in the Army, he met his future wife to be, Ms Anna Mae Mekis. Upon his honorable discharge from the Army, he and Anna married in September of 1960.

The two remained married for 54 years when Anna passed away in 2014. The couple would raise 3 boys, John, Michael, and David.

Professionally Joseph was a CPA, financial advisor, and also sold insurance. He first worked for a CPA firm in Philadelphia but soon decided to open his own financial services business in Penns Grove, NJ. He later moved this business to Pennsville, NJ where he mostly focused upon stocks, bonds, and

mutual funds for investors. Later in his career, he became a part owner of a brokerage firm located in Northern NJ. Joe would make the commute a few days each week and also maintained his office in Pennsville.

Joseph was very involved in youth sports, namely coaching boys basketball. He had a sincere passion for the game and many grew to love basketball due to his enthusiasm for the sport. Joseph was also a member of the Rotary Club for many years. He lovingly gave his time and support to the YMCA, Boy Scouts, and Ranch Hope.

Joseph had a kind and warm heart. He was always one to give of his time to support people. Joseph loved all of the Philadelphia sports teams, reading, travel, and telling jokes. He was often known for a quick smile, an encouraging word, a funny story, or a joke to fit any occasion. Joseph was a businessman, CPA, husband, family man, coach, friend, and mentor. He was a well rounded person who loved life and the people within his life. His character, positive attitude, and authenticity touched so many lives.

Joseph is survived by his three sons, Michael Zappala of Woodstown, John Zappala of Millville, and David Zappala of Pittsburgh. Brother of Irene Wilson (the late Ed), and the late Joan Zappala (the late George Corea).

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Joe's viewing on Saturday, April 10, 2012 at the Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad Street, Woodstown, N.J. 08098, from 10:00 to 11:00AM. A service will follow at 11:00 . Interment and Military Honors will be held at Lawnside Cemetery, 896 Route 40, Woodstown, N.J. (Everyone is requested to follow safe COVID Practices) In Lieu of Flowers Donations in Joe's Memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Organization, <http://www.alz.org>

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home
64 Broad St.
Woodstown, NJ 08098
adamsfuneralhome@comcast.net

Service at 11:00AM

APR **10**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ Joe was the big brother I never had.

Skipper.

Louis DiNicola, Skipper - December 27, 2021 at 11:29 AM

RB

“ Joe and I were friends since first grade at west harmony street school.....after school sports and birthday parties ...great baseball at pitman street field basketball at the y and in my back yard on penns street ... we were infamous with the teachers for our fights he always said he won one one day and me the next....after High school we helped organize reunions and often had lunch together 14 years ago ranch hope was in financial trouble and Joe decided to contact many friends to help us stay opened he was the only one who came through and helped us big time....these last 10 years were brutal and his family kept us up to date....at the service I was blessed to know my buddy from re hi class of 1953 was at peace with our Lord what was that great ole song he put his own words to he could actually sing love and prayers rev Dave Bailey is at peace with our Lord....

rev dave bailey - April 10, 2021 at 06:16 PM

TF

“ Our sincere condolences to the Zappala family for the loss of their beloved patriarch. We appreciated our friendship with Joe and Anna who are reunited once again. Rest In Peace dear friends.

The Ritchie Family - April 09, 2021 at 08:28 PM

PR

“ Growing up in PennsGrove surrounded by good friends like Joe was a special time for all the kids who were lucky enough to experience it. Cherished memories of people and places long gone. Joe and I shared our friendship through playing games galore like ping pong baseball, a game we made up, and Jets team basketball at the good old Y. Joe was a good guy and a great friend.



Patricia & Charles Ritchie - April 09, 2021 at 07:43 PM

PW

“ Dear Mike and family,

You have our deepest sympathy during this time. Please know you are being thought of and wished strength and peace.

Sincerely,
Trish and Bruce Walton

Patricia Walton - April 09, 2021 at 10:15 AM

Jl

“ My “crazy” , funny, entertaining Uncle Joe.

I forever remember the fun times at your house with my cousins when we were all young. I remember trips for custard, cards, sneaking in the freezer for ice cream and great sub sandwiches.

I remember corny jokes , my first touch of off color humor, Elvis,Buddy H., Little Richard and all the other greats you knew by heart. I remember “flying purple people eater”

I remember that this road can take me anywhere in the continental US! I remember that red lights were to make the car dance

And I remember you! Often and with love

Jim Iannarone

James Iannarone - April 08, 2021 at 06:51 PM

DF

“ My great friend for life. No matter how many miles apart we shared so many good memories. I will never forget him he was funny, creative and entrepreneurial and most of all I was blessed to have him as my friend. May he finally be at peace, his later years were difficult. A giant in my life has passed but we will be together again. May Joe Rest In Peace and be with God everyday. Don Franceschini

Don Franceschini - April 07, 2021 at 01:51 PM

AC

“ *Condolences to the Zappala family from Yolanda Castelli and family!*



Anita Castelli-Whalen - April 07, 2021 at 01:22 PM

SF

“ *Sending Much Love! The Iannarone Family?? purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joseph T. Zappala.*



Sending Much Love! The Iannarone Family?? - April 07, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph T. Zappala.*



April 07, 2021 at 09:31 AM

BP

“ Praying for family.well Coach was special,he didn't care if you was black,Spanish,etc.he loved people.he coached basketball and life lessons,I was just telling someone about coach just last week.Coach Z.was the reason why I began coaching basketball at the Y.M.C.A.

He will be missed and I just want to say I wish I would of kept in touch more..

R.I.P. Coach Z.

Y.M.C.A. GANG.

WE LOVE YOU COACH...

Brent Parrish - April 07, 2021 at 08:57 AM