



Dr. Joseph Anthony DiLallo

December 12, 1933 - June 25, 2020

Joseph Anthony DiLallo, was born in Elmira, NY to Consiglio (John) and Cecelia DiLallo on December 12, 1933. He peacefully passed away on June 25 in Huntersville, NC.

Joe grew up in a close-knit Italian family. He was the only child of adoring parents. His mother was a caring and energetic force; his father was a hard-working, old school cobbler. He grew up with many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Much of his childhood was spent watching minor league baseball at the iconic Dunn Field. In addition to being a talented baseball player, he excelled in football, basketball and bowling. His first job was at the bowling alley across the street from his home, where he set up pins at the age of twelve. He later picked up tennis, which became his favorite sport for the rest of his life. He was a fixture at the Short Hills Racquet Club and the Summit Tennis Club. He won countless trophies and tournaments.

From Elmira, Joe went on to the University of Notre Dame, which he loved dearly. He returned countless times to his alma mater with his family in tow to watch ND football games and catch up with his Notre Dame buddies. He subsequently attended Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, which he often said was one of his best decisions ever. It was at Loyola that he met his wife Lilita (Lily) of 59 years. After medical school he proudly served his country as a physician in the United States Navy.

Joe was a wonderful father and a loving husband. He was a positive, happy force for his family. He was the embodiment of kindness, good humor and a little mischief! He devoted a great deal of himself to the career he loved and instilled a strong work ethic in all of his children. He particularly loved family vacations and taking his children to Yankee games and the US Open to watch tennis every year.

Joe was a caring, brilliant and empathetic doctor who loved his patients. The house was filled with gifts every year at Christmastime from his patients who loved him back. He made house calls and volunteered at free clinics. Until just a year ago, he contributed his

time and energy at a school for disadvantaged youth. He was great with people and making everyone feel special, greeting everyone with a spring in his step and an infectious grin. He retired at the young old age of 85. He will be greatly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

He is survived by his loving wife Lilita DiLallo, and his six children: Annie Newell, Laura Watson (Wade), Lisa Clark, (Bruce DeCesare), Johnny DiLallo, Eva Nordstrom (Brian) and Joey DiLallo (Rachel). Joseph is survived by 14 grandchildren: Alisa, Lauren, Julie, Andrew, Matthew, Christina, Elizabeth, Whitney, Damon, Liam, Lily, Heather, Zander, Dax and his great granddaughter Glory. He was predeceased by his much loved son-in-law, Tommy Clark on 9/11. He had many more cherished nieces, nephews and cousins. Additionally, Joe leaves behind many close friends all of whom he treasured.

A private funeral will be held for the immediate family only, due to current Covid restrictions. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date, conditions permitting.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's memory can be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Events

JUN **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. Mark Catholic Church

14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC, US, 28078

Comments



“ Dr. Joe was a warm and devoted physician here at Overlook Hospital in Summit. As the director of music for the 10 am Catholic Mass at the Hospital, i would occasionally see him and his wife as they attended the Mass. A very vivid memory was the special baptism one Sunday morning, performed by the the chaplain, Fr. Bob Babulski.

Throughout the many passing years, I would see Dr. Joe at Mass until early this year just before the effect of covid-19 put the Mass on hold. During the last 5 years or more, I always looked forward to seeing Dr. Joe at Mass because he was a ray of sunshine with his funny sense of humor. He would kid me that "we should become a duo and take the show on the road", and I would respond...."I think we need a lot more practice!!!"

I was sad to learn of the passing of Dr. Joe, Many regulars at the Mass often asked me why we hadn't seen him during those early months of this year. Now I know the reason for his absence. I will pass along the news when I see any of our regulars. Please accept my condolences for your loss. I know that as long as you keep your loved one in your thoughts and hearts, the spirit of Dr. Joe will always be there with you. May you take comfort that he is at peace. .

Patricia A Tarashuk - August 13, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ I'm so very sorry to see this news. Dr. DiLallo was a longtime friend of my family, and I babysat for many of his children. My condolences to you all, especially to Mrs. DiLallo. He lived a long, full and happy life, and I hope your memories will be a comfort at this difficult time. Please do let me know if you are able to hold a service at a future date.

Janice Ann Perrone - August 07, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ There are not enough good words in my vocabulary to describe Joe DiLallo. His ever present smile and constant good humor brightened our days at his beloved Knollwood Tennis Club where his gracious offers to share the considerable knowledge of the sport he loved were legendary. Of course Joe was much more than a kind and loving physician and good tennis player, We shared many days together and they were good days because of Joe. He was a proud parent, a good husband and most of all, a man faithful to his God. He was my friend and I shall miss him the rest of my days. RIP Joe.

Joe Glavin
July 5, 2020

Joseph Glavin - July 05, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ Dr. "Joe" as I referred to him, will always be remembered for his kindness, wit, sense of humor and of course his tennis playing skills.....don't know how they are going to be able to handle that sweeping drop shot in heaven.....will miss you my friend and rest in peace.

My sincerest sympathies to Dr. Joe's family.

Hans - July 01, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ Just out about Joe' a passing .I was a friend of his since 5 th grade in Elmira , NY.He was a great high school athlete and o a chance. for a full tennis scholarship at Notre Dame U. He loved baseball and didn't want to give it up.His family made many sacrifices for his education and many people benefited from his skills.I have lost a good friend and this world a good man. David Luellen Sr.Bluffton,SC

David H Luellen SR - December 09, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ Dr. Dilallo was one of the most beautiful people on this earth. He was kind, generous, sweet, funny and caring. He was and always will be very special to us and we will always hold a special place in our hearts for him. We will miss him dearly. God bless his soul. Much love to the family.

With sympathy and love,

The Puzella and Brooks Families

Donna Puzella - July 01, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St Mark Catholic Church extend our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

Bereavement Ministry Team - June 30, 2020 at 09:47 AM