



Joseph Galanti

January 3, 1957 - February 25, 2020

Joseph John Galanti, 63, of Huntersville, passed away peacefully in his sleep surrounded by his family Tuesday morning, February 25th, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Dolores, his children, Michael (Joana) and Jenna, his mother, Rita, and his sister, Frances (Ken), as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Joseph enjoyed his younger days on the baseball fields in Brooklyn New York. He was a center fielder and was awarded several college baseball scholarships. After college, Joe married his high school sweetheart and moved to Texas and later a permanent move was made to Charlotte, NC. In Charlotte, Joe met new friends and touched many people's lives. All those that knew Joseph, also knew of his long-term struggle with Multiple Sclerosis. However, throughout his entire life, Joe always remained positive and happy as well as appreciative of all those that cared for him, visited him, and spent time with him. Despite his limitations, Joe always maintained a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be given in Joseph's name to Hospice and Palliative Care, Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region, Attn: Philanthropy Department, PO Box 470408, Charlotte, NC 28247.

The family will receive friends Sunday, March 1 from 4-6 PM at James Funeral Home.

A funeral mass will be held Monday, March 2 at 1:45 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church with a committal service to follow at Northlake Memorial Gardens.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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James Funeral Home

10520 Arahova Dr P.O. Box 3434, Huntersville, NC, US, 28078

MAR **Funeral Mass** 01:45PM - 02:45PM

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St. Thomas Aquinas Church

1400 Suther Rd, Charlotte, NC, US, 28213

Comments



“ Elvira DiBiase Francischelli lit a candle in memory of Joseph Galanti



Elvira DiBiase Francischelli - March 08, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ I have visited Joe a number of times at University Place with my fellow Legionnaires and Joe was always very kind and never complained. My deepest sympathy to his family. I believe he is at peace in our Lord's presence.

Judy Gramig - March 02, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ I met Joe a few years ago, shortly after I was Ordained to the Diaconate. It was an honor and privilege to visit with him and bring him Holy Communion. He was always upbeat and happy to see me. I enjoyed the time I spent with him, especially when we talked about playing baseball / stickball in our younger days. We agreed that the game now was nothing like the game we grew up loving. He also enjoyed talking about his children and was very proud of their accomplishments. I'll miss our time together and there will be a hole in my Wednesday visitations where I use to see Joe. My sincere condolences and continued prayers to his wife Doris, son Michael and daughter Jenna.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon him,
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
Through the Mercy of God, rest in peace

Peace,
Deacon Joe

Deacon Joe Diaz - March 02, 2020 at 12:03 AM



“ Uncle Joe, I hope wherever you are, there is 'lots of baseball. You waited and watched for long enough. We love you

Grace Magee - March 01, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ Mary And Steve Coppola lit a candle in memory of Joseph Galanti



Mary and Steve Coppola - February 29, 2020 at 08:38 PM



“ I work with the Rehab department at the skilled nursing facility where Joe resided. I would come to see him for therapy and always enjoyed seeing him. Joe always had a sweet and positive attitude, no matter how much pain he felt. He loved having a plate of fruit at breakfast every day. I enjoyed hearing stories about his youth and time spent playing baseball. I am saddened to hear of his passing, but I take comfort in that he is no longer at the mercy of MS.

Joe's family is very wonderful and showed their support for him every day. I am deeply sorry for your loss.

Colby Stevens - February 29, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ We met Joe and Dolores about 26 years ago when our girls were entering kindergarten at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic School. Although we did not see Joe often over the years, when we did, he never ceased to amaze us. Despite his very debilitating illness, we never heard Joe complain and he always kept such a positive attitude and a great sense of humor. We visited Joe a few weeks ago and when asked how he was doing, Joe responded, “couldn’t be better”. Watching Joe’s life’s journey from a distance helped us to understand the importance of not taking anything in life for granted and to be grateful for the simple things. Joe Galanti was a true inspiration.

Dolores, Michael and Jenna, we are thinking of you all. Love, Patty and Patrick Mulhall

Patty and Pat Mulhall - February 28, 2020 at 07:09 AM



“ Greg and I met Joe and Delores sometime in the early 90ies. We regularly shared a Lenten meal prepared by the Knight’s of Columbus even after Joe was in a wheelchair and we didn’t see him or Delores regularly. I always looked for them every Lenten dinner where we would break bread and share long conversations. Early in Joe’s illness, when Stephen was still a toddler, Stephen and I drove Joe to the chiropractor until Joe decided that chiropractic was not helping that much and he gave it up. After that Joe and I would go to lunch until that too became difficult for me to see his struggle to walk and remember things. Joes story was and remains Delores’ and his children’s story: a story of grace amidst the stress and strain of illness, of devotion amidst physical and mental decline; of courage in long illness without hope of cure. To speak of Joes unflagging cheer is also to speak of Delores’s stick-to-itiveness, her strength. As Joe rose to embrace his illness, Delores embraced raising her children, working to support the family and Joe with steadfastness, zeal, and dedication.

Even with the burdens she carried, Delores stopped to help Greg and me during Greg’s illness and after Greg’s passing took time to inquire and spend time with me in my loss. What a legacy in generosity of spirit and in action ,of courage and grace both of these wonderful parents have left for the children and for us. Rest in the eternal peace of the living God dear Joe. Look for Greg in your new heavenly home where your long struggle has ended, no more pain exists and you are truly free. Deepest sympathy, Grace and peace to you Delores, Michael, and Jenna.

With love, Kathy, Sarah, and Stephen Johnson

Kathy Johnson - March 01, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ I met Joe a couple of times before attending his wedding to Dolores. I thought he was a handsome and gentle soul. Six months later, Joe and Dolores came up north to attend our wedding. Dolores was one of my bridesmaids. After they moved to North Carolina, we met Joe, Dolores and the kids after attending a family wedding there. That was the last time we saw Joe. May he now rest in peace after a lifetime of suffering. And may God give his family strength during this difficult time. God bless you all. Mimi, Mike and family.



Mimi Ryan - February 27, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ Always had a smile and happy to see you!!!
He will be missed.

Amy Urban - February 27, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ Ah Joe, what a great guy. I remember Joe coming to watch Michael when Michael played on our STA Men's Church softball team. Michael could crush a softball with his very unique batting style, jumping thru the batter's box before hitting hard every time, the rest of us just got crushed game after game after game...and Joe always joked how terrible we were! Joe was in a wheelchair and probably would have been an upgrade at any position. I remember having mini bottles of whiskey and sneaking a cigar when he first started staying in the home, he would ask every time if I brought anything, but soon enough it was limited to chocolate. Joe, there is a special place in Heaven for someone who suffered so much and with such a positive attitude. You will always be in my prayers. Save a spot up there for us okay!

Matt Sergent - February 27, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ The love Joe and his family had for each other shined through to all. We are so thankful for the times when Joe felt good enough to join us out for a while. Our deepest condolences to the family.

Love, The Soderman Family

Marianne and Gary Soderman - February 27, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ Dolores, Michael and Jenna - We are so sorry for your loss. Joe fought a long battle. I do recall a funny occasion at your home. It was either Thanksgiving or Christmas, your family invited us for dinner and was cooking a turkey. All of a sudden, the power went out and there was a scramble to figure out how to finish cooking the meal. Michael came to the rescue and finished cooking the turkey on the outside bbq grill. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers, Tom and Diane Ban

Diane Ban - February 27, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ I first got to know Joe back in the early days of St. Mathew's church (in the theatre). We'd hang out and talk after church with my folks, Dolores, Michael and then little Jenna! Joe was so great to take an interest in my brother and I and I definitely remember him being very funny, too. He and I shared a love of baseball and I really appreciated his insights to the game back then. I miss you Joe. Peace my friend 🙏

William Gill - February 27, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ I had the pleasure of attending Dolores and Joe's wedding. I vividly remember how beautiful Dolores looked next to her very handsome groom, Joseph. Two beautiful people, inside and out. Their children, Jenna and Michael are also beautiful, inside and out. Please accept my deepest condolences on the death of your dear family member. I hope that you can take comfort in knowing that your continued faithfulness and love supported him throughout his life and his battle with a debilitating illness. Now there is no more pain and suffering for Joseph. May he be in peace of God that surpasses all understanding and in glory, until you meet him again. May God bless you all during this difficult time. Continued prayers and love. Debbie O'Connor

Deborah O'Connor - February 27, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ Many years ago, Dolores and Joe came out on Denis' boat with us. I was concerned about Joe. I asked him if he was OK with the boat's movements. With a smile on his face he told me that he loved it because it made him even with everyone else. "This is what I feel normally. " Only Joe could make fun of his terrible disease. We are praying for the whole family as you mourn Joe. Love, Roseanne and Denis

Roseanne Bracco - February 27, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Family



Michael Galanti - February 27, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ When I heard the sad news of Joe's passing, the first thing that came into my mind was a story he told me years ago. When he was a kid living in Brooklyn he was an avid baseball fan and player. Joe told me how John Candelaria, who became a major league player, was from his neighborhood. He reminisced about how he and his friends would all go to watch "Candy" when he was pitching locally. Now fast forward this week: We turned on Tuesday's episode of This Is Us. How eerie it was to find the episode this week was about the main character back in the 1970's spending all his money buying individual packs of baseball cards trying to get his favorite player: John Candelaria
Joe was a really nice guy who I always enjoyed talking to. RIP Joe.

Jerry Meaney - February 27, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ His favorite book was Catch-22, i read it twice and always refreshed myself before visiting Joe so we could quote lines to each other.
Watching him at a restaurant, embarrassing the crap out of his children by giving the waitress a hard time and telling terrible jokes.... he's actually been one of my biggest inspirations

Rob Magee - February 27, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ I never knew Joe personally but only heard wonderful things about him. My love and prayers are with each of you as go through this sad time.

Sue Maxwell - February 27, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ God rest your soul Joe. We shared many laughs as kids in SFP. Those were great days and will provide great memories.

Sitting in the dugout, announcing the game in our best Bob Murphy impersonations. Or us heading to Queens in my mom's '72 Cutlass Supreme, going to get Dee for your first date. Of course the transmission blew! So many laughs.

I can only imagine what you must have endured as life moved on. To me, you'll always be that 18 year old, fleet footed center fielder who could run everything down. Rest easy my old friend and may God bless you always!

Dee, you and your children have our condolences and prayers.

Rocky Mangiarano - February 26, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ Alice & Bryce Kimrey lit a candle in memory of Joseph Galanti



Alice & Bryce Kimrey - February 26, 2020 at 04:14 PM



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Michael Galanti - February 25, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ Saying goodbye to a wonderful man. Finally at rest. God bless the family.

kim - February 25, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ What a privilege to have been a friend. Joe was one of the nicest persons I have ever known. I remember how we always talked about baseball and how he lived the game. Peg(my wife that also had MS) would go pick Joe up and they would have coffee and Joe's favorite donuts. Rest In Peace my friend and know you played The Game of Life better anyone.

Robert Stallings - February 27, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ It was a privilege to have known you even if only for a short time. Always grateful. Always smiling. It was my pleasure to have cared for you. May you Rest In Peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with your friends and family.

Roberto Ferraro - February 27, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ Joe, May you Rest In Peace. You have earned a place with the heavenly angels. Your earthy angels, Dolores and your children are in our prayers.

Elvira DiBiase Francischelli - March 08, 2020 at 11:54 PM