



Mr. Joseph Sangiorgi

March 19, 1938 - January 11, 2020

Joseph Sangiorgi, 81, born in 1938 to Ardell Joseph and Olindo Sangiorgi, passed away at home in Cortland on January 11, 2020.

Joseph was a graduate of the 1957 Class of Cortland High School and received a wrestling scholarship to Ithaca College and went on to teach physical education and coach wrestling, from Liverpool, N.Y. to California to Maryland. Joe spent the last few years in Florida where he retired to before returning to Cortland just a short time ago. An avid car fan and collector, Joe was the former Vice-President of the Edsel Car Club in Florida and at one time Joe counted 19 Edsel's in his collection.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents as well as brothers, Jack and Tony and his loving son, Mark.

He is survived by a brother; Ralph (Jeanne) Sangiorgi of Cortland, a granddaughter; Elaina Sangiorgi, of South Carolina, an Aunt; Helen Pollard, a niece; Jodi Sangiorgi McLyman (Steve), nephew; Nathan and nieces; Allyson and Margaret McLyman.

In keeping with his wishes, there will be no services. Private burial will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery, Cortland. Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland NY. www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ To my 'brother' Ralph and Joey's extended Family. Connie and I are Deeply. Saddened by the sudden passing of our Dear Friend. I grew up w/ Joey, Jackie and Ralph and were like Brothers. Too many experiences to relate. But we were together so many hours each day. No organizationized activities in those days. We played on the street or on the patch of grass next to the Lehigh Valley On Railway Avenue. Sometimes we picked green apples for War Games. Borrowed grapes or plums from Neighbors or climbed on the parked rail cars. Lately, since Joe came 'home' we have renewed our friendship. We miss Joe so much. But he is at Peace and in our Hearts.

Mike Sopp - January 15, 2020 at 06:06 PM

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Oh Mike I am so sorry to hear this. Joey was a great guy. One of the neighborhood kids. I remember kick ball games, snowball fights, etc. His parents and brothers were great people to know. I remember Joey working in the store. Always so nice. He graduated with Larry and my sister Pat. Prayers to his family and friends. RIP Joes. He is now reunited with his family and his friends Larry and Pat.

carol Seyfried Taylor - January 17, 2020 at 05:05 PM

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I was sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We became friends when Joe was the Coach at Winter Springs Elementary School, where my children attended.

Joe was kind and funny and very talented. He never bragged about his accomplishments, but when at his home in Longwood for Mark's 16th or 17th birthday, he showed me a sculpture he was repairing (he was one of the few people who were able to do this) and he had made a beautiful free standing corner cabinet. He was also very good at real estate and encouraged me to buy my first house. Mostly, he was a great friend and mentor and lately, reflecting back on life, I had been trying to find a current address for him so I could send him a card and let him know how much I appreciated and cherished our friendship and to catch up.

I regret that my search ended here, as I will never have the opportunity to tell him what his friendship meant to me.

Joe was respected and loved by all that knew him and will be missed. I am happy that he spent his last few years with his family and reconnected with friends. If anyone deserved peace and happiness, it was Joe.

To anyone reading this, don't wait to reach out and let people know how much you valued their friendship, no matter how long it has been, as tomorrow may be too late.

My thoughts and prayers to all his family and friends.

Christina Martin, Deltona, FL

Christina L Martin - March 17, 2020 at 06:24 PM