



## Joseph A. Baska

October 15, 1953 - July 26, 2017

Joseph A. Baska, age 63, of Kankakee passed away Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at Presence St. Mary's Emergency Room in Kankakee. He was born October 15, 1953 in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of Joseph Jr. and Kathleen Froeshl Baska. He married Debra Bailey on January 15, 1977 in Clarendon Hills.

Joseph was an Instructor at Kankakee Community College and Joliet Junior College. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Illinois State University and his M.B.A. from DePaul University. He was an avid runner, participating in marathons.

Surviving are his wife, Debra of Kankakee; one son, Aaron Baska of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; two daughters and one son-in-law, Megan & Ricardo Astudillo of Phoenix, Arizona and Amanda Shulman of Homewood, Illinois; four grandchildren, Makayla, Hartley, Augie, and Zeek; one sister and brother-in-law, Teresa & Richard Bontrager of Overland Park, Kansas; and two brothers and one sister-in-law, Robert Baska of East Syracuse, New York and James & Kathy Baska of Lenexa, Kansas.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Friday, July 28, 2017 at

Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A memorial mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 29, 2017 at St. George Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Rev. Dan Belanger will officiate.

Memorials may be made to St. George Catholic Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL **28.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Memorial Mass

JUL **29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church  
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 939-1851  
<http://www.stgeorgeil.com>

# Tribute Wall

WM

*“ I just learned of Joe's passing and I am stunned. I have known Joe for almost 30 years and besides being one of the finest people I have ever known I am proud to say he was my friend. His love for Debbie, his children and his grandchildren was always obvious. His love of teaching and preparing his students and clients for future success was always part of our discussions. Like so many others, I will deeply miss Joe and he will be in my thoughts and prayers as will those he loved.*

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**Walter Murray** - August 14, 2017 at 01:28 PM

JM

*“ I was with my mother and his mother the day he came home from the hospital; later I was his babysitter. He has always been very special to me and I am so sorry he is gone, but know his mom and dad are happy to be with him again.  
Susan Molen*

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**joe and Susan Molen** - August 04, 2017 at 02:43 PM

FM

*“ Joe not only was a great runner, but a great person. His loss is felt by many. I will miss him.*

*Fred Mazurski*

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**Fred Mazurski** - July 31, 2017 at 10:50 AM

TS

“ ...so many wonderful memories of Joe and how he positively influenced my life and everyone around him. He was an outstanding humanitarian. The world will miss him. I'm blessed to have known him.

*Prayers and thoughts to Joe's family.*

*Trish Schmidt*



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**Trish Schmidt** - July 31, 2017 at 08:05 AM

PC

“ Very sorry for your loss.

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**Paul Carlson** - July 30, 2017 at 09:07 AM

DS

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless the Baska family.

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**Doris Stackhouse** - July 30, 2017 at 08:10 AM

JR

“ Jenny Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Baska



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**Jenny Rodriguez** - July 29, 2017 at 09:45 PM

JR

*I am so sorry for your loss. Condolences to you and your loved ones.*

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**Jenny Rodriguez** - July 29, 2017 at 09:47 PM

BJ

*Cindy and I are very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was a really good guy who was a friend to all who met him. He was a friend of running in the Chicago area having contributed greatly to the local community in the Park Forest area and to the larger metropolitan area. For all the years that I knew Joe he was a giver, never wanting to do anything but help people to accomplish their goals. He helped a great deal during my tenure as race director of the Park Forest Scenic 10 and became a big part of that event. He was a great person who will be missed but remembered forever as a friend to many.*  
*Bud and Cindy James*

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**Bud James** - August 05, 2017 at 04:39 PM

TK

“ *Our sincere condolences to Joe's family. Joe always took the time to check in with my mom to see how she was doing or if she needed anything. I will always remember his kindness.*

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**Tim and Karen Ecton, Prairie Village KS.** - July 29, 2017 at 10:01 AM

CV

“ *So sorry for our loss. Your loss most but for the rest of us as well. He left such a huge legacy - footprints that no one will ever fill.*  
*Carolyn Vander Velde*

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**Carolyn Vander Velde** - July 29, 2017 at 09:17 AM

SG

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Sue Goodrich** - July 28, 2017 at 06:33 PM



“ Jordan, Jeanne, and Joy purchased the *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet* for the family of Joseph A. Baska.



Jordan, Jeanne, and Joy - July 28, 2017 at 12:37 PM



“ Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Baska.



July 28, 2017 at 07:30 AM



“ Pat and Drew Horn purchased the *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* for the family of Joseph A. Baska.



Pat and Drew Horn - July 27, 2017 at 09:01 PM