



Joseph G. Montalto

February 24, 1946 - October 22, 2017

Joseph G. Montalto, age 71, passed away Sunday, October 22, 2017, at his home in Bradley. He was born February 24, 1946, in Brooklyn, NY, the son of Gaspare and Francesca (Romano) Montalto. He married his college sweetheart, Janet Tarulli, on August 17, 1968, at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Bayside, NY.

After graduating from Queens College of the City University of NY, Joe began his career as a research chemist at New York University. His job brought his family to Illinois in 1974, where he was employed at Pentex Inc., then Miles Inc., in Kankakee. He was a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University's first MBA class, and was promoted to Manager of R&D, and then Director of Operations at Bayer Corporation and Serologicals Corporation. He earned 6 patents from 1983 to 2004. As he became more involved in business operations, he never lost his love for science and research. He also remained committed to fostering a good relationship with the union.

Joe taught in the MBA and B.S. in Management programs at ONU from 1992-1998. He served on the Bradley Elementary Dist. 61 School Board from 1991-2000; he served as President from 1991-1993. He was a member of the City of Kankakee Blue Ribbon Panel on Strategic Planning; the Kankakee County Labor/Management Assoc. Board of Directors; the Kankakee Area Business Education Council; and the Education to Careers of Kankakee Economic Development Council. He was on the Riverside Hospital Foundation Board since March 2015. He also coached Bradley-Bourbonnais Pony League,

Kankakee Colt League and BBYSL teams.

He was of the Lutheran faith. He loved being Sicilian, lifting weights, a good Italian wine, The Godfather movies (except III), the Yankees, the White Sox, and a good debate, probably in that order. He loved his family most of all. He and Janet celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary with their entire family this August.

He is survived by his wife, Janet, who cared for him around the clock, and his four children, Francine (Joseph) Romary; Gregg (Heather Potter) Montalto; Daniel (Heather Norbury) Montalto; and Joanna (Andrew Burton) Montalto. He has 9 grandchildren (Francesca, Joseph, Michael-Daniel, Nico, Nahom, Gianna, Gianluca, Mario, Carlo and Leona (on the way)), who all loved him, and avoided the subject of spoons.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, in Bourbonnais, on November 11, 2017, from 1-3:30 pm, with a service at 3:30. Memorials may be made to Riverside Healthcare Foundation, Rush-Riverside Cancer Institute, or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 11. 3:30 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Tribute Wall

PH

“ Janet, I was so surprised when I saw a prayer for the family in the Our Savior Lutheran Church newsletter. I contacted a couple of people to see if it was the same Joe as we knew so many years ago. It was such a surprise to us as we hadn't known of any illness previously. We're so sorry and hope for you to be comforted in knowing he is in heaven. We still think of you and your family with fondness and good memories! Bill & Paulette Hartley

Paulette Hartley - November 08, 2017 at 04:58 PM

KM

“ Kathi, Brandon and Liberty Myers purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Joseph G. Montalto.



Kathi, Brandon and Liberty Myers - November 06, 2017 at 04:27 PM

JE

“ Janet and family my heart and prayers are with you all. Always enjoyed the time with you and Joe . May God give you the peace and strength to get through this hard time

Roger and Jeanne

Jeanne - November 03, 2017 at 08:43 PM

JG

“ *Francine and Joanna, and all the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a role model full of life. He did so much for all of you and the community.*
Joann Gricius

Joann Gricius - November 03, 2017 at 02:40 PM

HA

“ *To the Montalto Family We send our most sincere sympathy. It is never easy to say goodbye no matter how our loved ones leave us. Family & Friends while by your side help to ease that heartache a little more each day. Sending Prayers to help get you through the days and weeks ahead.*

Hoagy & Betty Akerman

Hoagy & Betty Akerman - October 31, 2017 at 08:38 PM

PF

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Montalto family. I am so saddened to learn of Joe's passing. Joe was a great guy and a good friend for many years. May God comfort your family and give you His strength in your time of need.*

Patricia Fisher - October 31, 2017 at 10:57 AM

RR

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. I will always remember his leadership for the Bradley Elementary School District. He worked closely with the teachers' association (BEEA), the school Board and Superintendent during some very challenging times. He was an inspiration to be.*
My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Ruth Reynolds - October 30, 2017 at 04:55 PM

RR

Sorry for my typo. Joe was an inspiration to me.

Ruth Reynolds - October 30, 2017 at 04:56 PM

CJ

“ *Catherine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Joseph G. Montalto*



Catherine Jackson - October 27, 2017 at 04:37 PM

AH

“ *Joe was one of my members at Golds Gym for many many years. He was always friendly and kind. He was always smiling and putting others before himself. I'll always remember him for being an amazing human being.*



Angie Hasemeyer - October 26, 2017 at 07:32 PM

LS

“ *Paul and I are very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We still have so many memories of a good friend and spiritual man. We send our love and condolences to all of the family.*

Linda Schreck - October 26, 2017 at 12:25 PM

JA

“ *This is very sad news. I knew Joe from Gold's Gym years ago and continued a friendship ever since. My thoughts and prayers to Joe's family.*

Juli Altmyer - October 26, 2017 at 06:28 AM

MH

“ *MR MRS S HOCHFELDER lit a candle in memory of Joseph G. Montalto*



MR MRS S HOCHFELDER - October 24, 2017 at 11:42 AM

TB

“ *Joanna & Family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.
Keith & Tiffany Brack*

Tiffany Brack - October 23, 2017 at 03:59 PM