



Joseph Ostrowski

March 17, 1941 - April 30, 2010

Visitation for Joseph J. Ostrowski, 69, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. Father Dennis Settles will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Elks PONY League. He died Friday (April 30, 2010) at Loyola University Medical Center after an extended illness. Mr. Ostrowski was retired from Quaker Oats. He was currently working at Kankakee Junior High School. He was born March 17, 1941, in Kankakee, the son of Joseph and Stella Garonski Ostrowski. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Bradley American Legion Post 766. He was a longtime area coach. He had coached basketball for 53 years, baseball for 48 years and football for many years. Surviving are his wife, the former Nancy Denault, whom he married April 15, 1988, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church; two sons, Scott Walker and Richie Walker, both of Kankakee; four grandchildren, Dominique and Ty Walker, Kaylee and Britni Walker; three nephews, Joe (Paula) Denault, Don (Julie) Denault, Dave (Barb) Denault, all of Kankakee; one niece, Diann Denault of Woodridge; and several nieces-in-law and nephews-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Wanda Denault; and one brother, Charles "Ozzie" Ostrowski.

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“ Sorry for your loss. Joe is a great friend.##imported-begin##Daniel & Amy O'Connell##imported-end##

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“ Nancy and family you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. i ½ Coach Joe will always be remember in our hearts as the greatest baseball fan and coach ever. i ½ i ½ i ½ ##imported-begin##Carmen & Gary Duffield##imported-end##

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“ thank you for everything you have done for the youth in the community, and thanks for being a great friend##imported-begin##steve west##imported-end##

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“ Joe, you were a wonderful man, friend, and brother. You will be greatly missed!##imported-begin##Michele & Thomas Castner##imported-end##

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“ I always enjoyed working with Joe. ĩ½He was a good man. ĩ½He will be missed.##imported-begin##Alex Renchen##imported-end##

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“ We are very sorry for your loss. Joe was a great man. Joe was excellent with all the kids.##imported-begin##Laura Tong Buckman##imported-end##

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“ Nancy..we put the word out..to meet tonight @ 8 O'Clock @ the old Lions Little ballpark (across from Monicals) ĩ½Bring a candle & a memory. ĩ½See you there with my candle shining!!!! Hope we got the word out intime. ĩ½XO's##imported-begin##Jeanie & Dick Darr##imported-end##

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“ Thoughts and prayers with your family.##imported-begin##The Manau Family##imported-end##

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“ I feel sorry for your loss. Joe is a good man. I am sorry that I will not be able to come down in person for visitation or the funeral.##imported-begin##Brian Norrick##imported-end##

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“ Joe, you were a wonderfully kind man. I wish I had lived closer so my children and I could have spent more time with you. Although it has been 3 years since I saw you last, Evelyn saw you last summer and she remembers you fondly.

You treated Aunt Nancy like a queen, as she well deserved, and I love you for that. I never heard a mean word escape your lips. You were respectful toward everyone. I will miss you dearly.##imported-begin##Tonya Lynn Denault##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest condolences to Ostrowski Family and Friends - We will miss Coach Joe barking words of encouragement to young athletes and his dedication to community youth sports; in particular, Lion's Little League Baseball and St. Martin of Tours Basketball.

The memory of Joe's unselfish personal commitment to Kankakee area youth athletic sports will always remain with us.

##imported-begin##Chris Coy##imported-end##

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“ We are sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##ronnie p miller##imported-end##

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“ Our family's hearts go out to Joe's family and friends on the loss of this kind-hearted man. Growing up as the only girl in a household with three brothers, the talk of sports was something that never escaped me (believe me, I tried)

Joe was a mentor, fellow coach and friend to my brother Steve. For decades the name of Joe Ostrowski was as familiar in our home as our own name is. Through the years Joe had done so much for the youth who were fortunate enough to have stepped onto one of his playing fields. ¶½My brother spoke so well of him, it would have crushed him to have been here and have learned of Joe's passing.

Over forty years ago, Joe kindly looked over a chain link fence at a fifteen year old kid who just wanted to be a part of the game, that kid watched Joe coach his little league baseball team and decided to ask if he could help. Of course Joe welcomed him onto the field, and that began a friendship that spanned forty years. ¶½Now, four decades later, that kid is welcoming Joe onto their new field; and I'm sure their putting together a great team up there with smiles on both of their faces.

###imported-begin###Cheryl (Souligne) Alessandri###imported-end###

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“ Knew Joe from the old northside.Played some baseball with Joe when we we're

kids.Also worked withJoe at General Foods.Was always A kind and thoughtful

guy.He will be missed.My deepest sympathy.###imported-begin###Mike Betourne###imported-end###

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“ NANCY AND BOYS,MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME.##imported-begin##BETTY VADEBONCOEUR##imported-end##

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“ NANCY AND BOYS,WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO YOU ALL AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.##imported-begin##GREG AND MARSHA FAFORD##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Sam and Roxanne Godwin##imported-end##

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“ Uncle Joe, i ½you will be missed and loved forever!!!##imported-begin##Danielle & Justin Shartzter##imported-end##

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“ What a loss to the community. i ½Nobody enjoyed working with the youth and showing them the fundamentals, love and appreciation of sports than Joe. i ½I am sure that from the many he coached his values will continue to be taught. i ½you have my deepest sympathy on your loss.##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Ostrowski:

Your fine reputation proceeded you before I played my first game for the Lion's Little League. ĩ½All my uncles-Larry, Mike, and Kevin-raved about you. ĩ½My grandfather, the man whom I most admire, told me to listen closely to you. ĩ½Though I only played on an all-star team for you, I found you to be an all-star person all the time. ĩ½Years later, I admired you for assisting with basketball in the Kankakee program. ĩ½You were Kankakee's coach and mentor. ĩ½We will sorely miss your guidance, compassion, and trust. ĩ½God's blessings.##imported-begin##Timothy McIntyre##imported-end##

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“ You were a great man and a welcome addition to the family. You will be missed. I am truly sorry I couldn't get out there to say good-by, but you are in my thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Bruce and Lisa Denault##imported-end##

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“ sorry for your loss##imported-begin##tim kraft##imported-end##

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“ Our sympathy at this most difficult time. We knew Joe as a neighbor, classmate, co-worker and FRIEND. He was the BEST.##imported-begin##Joe & Carol Fritz##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Larry Devors##imported-end##

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“ I have been around Kankakee baseball diamonds for a long time and I have done some coaching. I have met only a couple of people who exhibited the pure and genuine joy of teaching our youth athletics as much as Joe did. He was charismatic, i¿½always laughing and when he spoke you could not help but listen to him. And for those of us who had the opportunity to be influenced by Joe, we are the lucky ones. Thanks Joe..##imported-begin##David Jepson##imported-end##

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“ I offer my condolences and sorrow for your loss. i¿½I coached in little league with Joe and he taught me a lot about coaching youth. i¿½He was a really good man.##imported-begin##Ron Dionne##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Lisa Walls##imported-end##

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“ I have thought of Joe over the many years remembering the basketball games we played in Junior and Senior High as well as at the YMCA. A great person that has brought pleasure to many people. God grant him peace##imported-begin##Chuck Conrad##imported-end##

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“ My sympathies go out to the family.

The area has lost a great supporter

of youth sports. Joe was more than a coach to the youth, he was a friend & i½

mentor. He was a longtime family friend.

He will be greatly missed.

##imported-begin##JEFF SOULIGNE##imported-end##

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