



Joseph W. Karpinski

December 25, 1943 - May 8, 2023

It is with deepest sorrow we announce the passing of Joseph Karpinski, 79, of Branchburg, NJ. Joe passed away on May 8, 2023 in Somerville, NJ. Born December 25, 1943 to Vincent and Constance, Joe grew up in Manville, NJ with his brothers: Vincent Jr., Ronald, and Richard.

Joe married Barbara Grecco in 1976 in Raritan, NJ and were married for 46 years. Joe is survived by Barbara and their two children: Michael and Caitlin, as well as a beloved son-in-law Ross Knapp and guard dog Khaleesi.

The Karpinski family has owned and operated the Manville Pastry Shoppe since Joe's father opened it in 1966. Joe took over responsibility and ran the business with pride, humor, and tireless work ethic until he retired in 2018.

In his early twenties, Joe was an accomplished bodybuilder, and he had a love of classic cars. He shared his passion for sports and cars with his very best friends: Fred, Harry, and Roger.

Joe was a collector of odd facts, old movies, flashlights, and books. He was a reliable source in all areas of trivia. He would gladly sit and share nuggets of wisdom with anyone. After work or early on day's off, Joe would sit with either his coffee or a beer in his kitchen watching his birds.

Joe was exceedingly funny; if there was an opportunity for a joke, he would find it.

Joe was loud, he filled a room with his voice, his laugh, and, if the Mets or Giants were playing, it was filled with cheers or curses.

Joe lived a full, beautiful life, but there was nothing he loved more than his family. His pride is in his son, Mike, who continues to be a provider of strength for the family. And his joy is in his daughter, Caitlin, who single-handedly created the spark in his eye. Above all, Joe was endlessly and deeply in love with his wife, Bobbie, who he provided not only companionship, but ceaseless laughter throughout their lives.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either: Rawhide Rescue (<https://rawhiderescue.org/>) or Bully Rescue Warriors (via PayPal to bullyrescuewarriors@gmail.com or Venmo to Krystina-Maria-1 #2138)

The memorial visitation will take place on Thursday, May 18, 2023 from 6 to 8 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ 08835. The Funeral will take place on Friday, May 19, 2023, 8:00 AM from the Ketusky Funeral Home followed by a 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church (Christ the Redeemer Parish) in Manville, NJ.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 575-8512
info@ketusky.com
<https://www.ketusky.com>

Mass

MAY **19.** 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
98 South Second Ave.
Manville, NJ 08835

Tribute Wall



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Karpinski.

May 18, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Karpinski.



May 18, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Karpinski.



May 17, 2023 at 08:16 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Karpinski.



May 16, 2023 at 06:14 PM

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“ My very favorite memories are of my very first job at Manville Pastry shop with Joe, Vince and their dad Vincent. We all had a great time and I learned a lot about pastry. After working all morning Vincent used to make us pizza and everyone enjoyed the time laughing. I remember his friend visiting Fred his work out buddy and working with his cousin Celeste. What a beautiful family. Joe loved his Shelby car and occasionally had to chase the kids away from it , giving me a chuckle. I was just only 16 now a senior citizen and will always remember and share the lifetime of very fond memories especially of Joe , and his family . May you rest in Peace in Heaven . Thank you for the memories.

Janet Zydallis -Mathias - May 16, 2023 at 05:50 PM

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“ The Onka Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph W. Karpinski.



The Onka Family - May 15, 2023 at 03:55 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Karpinski.



May 15, 2023 at 01:00 PM

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“ *Sunday mornings, Joe would pick up us girls at 5:00 AM to bring to work! Started working at the bakery at 16 years old! great memories!*

Marylee DeCosimo - May 15, 2023 at 11:16 AM

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So sorry for the family loss! Unfortunately I am out of town, would have loved to share my respects in person.

Marylee DeCosimo - May 15, 2023 at 11:20 AM

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“ *Doug, Jenn, Alex and Autumn Eagan purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Joseph W. Karpinski.*



Doug, Jenn, Alex and Autumn Eagan - May 15, 2023 at 10:19 AM