



Joseph Frank Jeannette II

April 26, 1978 - March 24, 2010

Joseph Frank Jeannette II of Arlington, Virginia, passed away on March 24, 2010 at Community Hospice of Washington. He was 31 years of age. Joseph was born on April 26, 1978 in Mount Clemens, Michigan to Claudia and Joseph Jeannette. A 1997 graduate of Utica High School, Joseph earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Rhetoric from Hillsdale College in 2001. Upon graduation, Joseph moved to the Washington D.C. area to begin his career. Joseph served on the staffs of U.S Congressman Mike Rogers, U.S. Congressman Fred Upton and U.S. Senator George Allen. Joseph married Karen Makar on October 14, 2006 at Lutheran Church of the Reformation. Washington D.C. Joseph and Karen settled in Arlington, Virginia in 2008. During his career in Washington Joe continued his education, earning a Masters Degree of Science in Engineering Management and a Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness and Response from George Washington University. Prior to his passing, Joe held the position of Senior Program Manager for the United States Senate Sergeant at Arms. Joe was an active member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and an avid supporter of local law enforcement and emergency response agencies. Joseph is survived by his loving wife, Karen Makar Jeannette of Arlington, VA, parents Claudia and Joseph F. Jeannette of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan and sister Anne Michael Klaskin of Winnetka, Illinois along with a niece and nephew. He was predeceased by grandparents, Marietta and Frank Jeannette and Katherine and Norman Blank. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010

at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be prior to the service starting at 9:30 a.m. A memorial service will be held in the future in Washington D.C. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to be made to the Joseph F. Jeannette II Foundation. Donations will benefit Sidney Kimmell Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Dr. Ilene S. Browner and Frank E. Jeannette Junior High School in Utica Community Schools. Donations should be sent to: Joseph F. Jeannette II Foundation, c/o Community Central Bank, 100 N. Main St. Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., Utica, Michigan

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Frank Jeannette II*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Karen, Claudia, and Joe, What a privilege to celebrate Joseph's life with you on his 32nd birthday. Karen, all of us are so proud of you. Your sharing of love of your husband was truly evident throughout the service. Thanks to the Jeannette family for all they have done for my daughter. Their love and devotion to their son, brother, and Karen has helped everyone, You are all a tribute to Joseph. God Bless all of you. Love, Chris*

Chris Makar - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KH

“ *Dear Claudia, Joe and family, I did not have the opportunity to meet your son Joe, but all the heartfelt words from family, friends and associates, give me a sense of how special he was and how much he accomplished. Your Joe managed to touch many lives in a short amount of time. My heart goes out to you, and I hope you can find some comfort and strength in all the prayers and love that are being sent. Fondly, Kay Hentschell*

Kay Hentschell - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JF

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jeanette, David and I are so sad for the loss of your son, Joseph. I will always remember Joseph fondly as a young determined boy, a charming teenager and finally, a very courageous and handsome young man with an infectious smile. The world is a better place because he was here. Hold tight to memories for comfort. Lean on your friends for strength and know how much you are cared about.

Jan and Dave Ferrante - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

FZ

“ Dear Mr & Mrs Jeannette I was so very saddened to get the news of the passing of your dear son, Joseph. Joseph was a special person to me and I always found delight in his ordering of his favorite, Maurice salad and fries. Yes, this is Tina from the St Clair room in Jacobsons of Grosse Pointe. The Jeannette family will always be in my memory and my prayers. Affectionately.. Tina Zelewski

Fred & Tina Zelewski - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

FL

“ Dear Karen, We were saddened by the passing of your wonderful husband Joe. We only met once, but it was a great time. You both have been in our prayers and the prayers of my junior high prayer group. We will continue to pray for you as you continue on with your life. May GOD always be with you and Joe's family. GOD bless you all. Uncle Fred and Aunt Jeannie

Fred and Jeanette Levora - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ I never met Joseph, but I am amazed with all his accomplishments. Everyone that walked in his path made him what he was. All of you who walked in his footprints, have a wonderful "Legacy" to follow. Gone too soon, but left millions of memories. What a guy...wish I had known him. Freda Peteuil-Mother of 7. Warren, Mi.

Freda Peteuil - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Jeannette Family, Our hearts are aching for all of you. Joe was a wonderful son, friend, and person. We know how proud you were of him. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Jim & Mary Pawlik

Mary Pawlik - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Karen, Was sadden to hear of your husband's passing from your mother. Please accept our sincere love. Jean

Bob and Jean Kreisel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Karen, Now that Joe has wings, he will be with you always. The heavens are full of those we have loved. Remember to look up... Julie and Dan -The Ranahan-Dowling Clan

The Ranahan-Dowling Clan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Karen and Joe's Family, I do not have the words to express how sorry I am to hear about Joe. All of you are in my prayers. I hope that you will eventually find comfort in your cherished memories. Joe's spirit will always be with you.

Tara Filmyer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Joe and Claudia, What fond memories I have when "little Joe" use to visit my classroom and help the teachers at Schuchard. He became a special part of our lives and we feel blessed knowing him and sharing in his early young life. God Bless your family at this time and we are keeping your family in our prayers. Love, Pat and Jane

Pat and Jane Kelly - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I'm so thankful to have gotten to know Joe-- plan a party with him, walk with him, and spend thanksgiving with him. He was an angel here on earth and has surely left his mark. Thinking of you Joe, Karen and family. "Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know that they are happy." With love, Stef

Stef Gillman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ We cannot fathom the sorrow you all are experiencing. God be with you, Karen. Dan and Brenda Schroen

Dan,BrendaSchroen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Karen, Both Dick and I are so sorry to learn of your husband's passing. We will remember you and the family in our prayers

Joyce and Dick Vandegrift - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Karen, We are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. Love,
Julie and Patrick Russell

Julie Russell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Words cannot express enough sympathy. Please know that your
family is in our prayers during this difficult time.

Debbie & Kenney Prohm - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Joe's family. I worked with Joe on
the Hill and have many fond memories of joking around with him in
the hallways. He was a really fun and good person who brightened
many days. He will be deeply missed.

Courtney Reinhard - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Claudia and Joe, We have wonderful memories of Joseph
from his infancy! We remember Claudia pulling Joseph in a wagon
decorated with Christmas lights to join the parade walking from
Grant Park to Utica City Hall for the annual Christmas carolling. He
was an important part of our community. Our condolences to you all.

Barbara McKay - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ What a honor and a privledge to work with you and laugh with you. I
just wish I had the opportunity to get to know you better. Thanks for
being you! I will always have fond memories.

Linda Hoffmann - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Joe’s wonderful smile and kind heart will remain indelible in my mind; I will forever treasure that blessing and fond memory.

Vance Poole - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Dear Jeannette Family, We wish to express our sincere condolences to your entire family. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Joe was a wonderful person and we are so happy we had the great opportunity to know him. Love, The VanAcker Family

VanAcker Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Joe, Claudia and family, I was so saddened to hear of Joseph's passing. I know I speak for many of the Schuchard Library Mothers who knew and loved Joe as well as his wonderful family when I say that he will be terribly missed. We knew him as a young, sweet, very kind boy who always had a smile for everyone; he grew into an accomplished young man whom you can always be proud of. My heart aches for your loss and I pray that you will be able to go forward with strength and courage. God Bless all of you. Marsha Beaubien

Marsha Beaubien - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Joe, Claudia and Family, We were heart broken to hear about Joseph. Please accept our deepest sympathy during this extremely difficult time. We will hold you up in prayer as you grieve his passing. We pray you feel the comfort of the Lord and experience a peace that passes all understanding. What a blessing to know he is in heaven. May God bless you all. Love, Barb & Will

Barb & Will Cabble - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Karen and the Jeannette family, Laura and I were so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. While we have moved away from Washington, Joe will forever remain a bright and fond memory. You should go forward knowing that he was a quiet soul who touched many lives, including ours. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Michael & Laura Waldron

Michael & Laura Waldron - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ To The Jeannettes Family, We join in extending to you all our sincere condolences ,As you go through this moment of great loss. Joe has been my buddy and dear friend since I met him at the Grand Hotel Mackinac Island 20Years ago . joe will be missed this year at his fathers"July 7th birthday,at the Grand Hotel. Cheer up my friends Karen,Ann,Mike &Mr/mrs Jeannette, We loved Joe ,But Jesus loves him best ,to relieve him of all the pain he has been going through. Rest in peace my brother and dear friend.See you when we all get to heaven ,what a reunion;. Keep Joes'big smile going. Glen&Ivy Bulgin Jamaica.

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Glen&Ivy Bulgin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Jeannette Family, We are saddened by the passing of Joe; all of us will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. I am very happy to have seen him this past year on a trip to Washington, spending time with Joe and Karen was delightful. Their love for each other couldn't be more open and telling. Courage comes in many forms and Joe proved himself to be not only among the most courageous but an example to be held up for all to see and learn from. We will miss the greatest fighter we have ever known. John, Michelle, Elizabeth and Michael Bemis

John Bemis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Joe, Claudia and Family, Greg and I send our heartfelt thoughts, sympathy and love to you during your time of sorrow. We wish you all comfort....our eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27The Gwizdowskis

Sharon Gwizdowskis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *My heart goes out to you and your family in your tragic loss. You are in my prayers.*

Dee Bernick - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *We offer our deepest sympathies and support to the families of Joseph and his wife during this very difficult time.*

Don Morandini - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Dear Joe- You and your family will continue to be in my prayers, with much fondness, sadness and love, Sandy Kirouac / UCS Vocal Music*

Sandra A. Kirouac - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Dear Jeannette Family, I wish to offer my sincere condolences to you and your family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Pam Cerkis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ It was my distinct honor and privilege to work with Joe while he was with Senator Allen and then with the Senate Sergeant at Arms. His professionalism, eagerness to learn and grow, and his commitment to his family, the Senate, and his country was truly inspiring. More importantly, he was a kind and gentle person, and always recognized that what really mattered was doing what is right and what will help others to be well, be safe, and to achieve their potential. My partner, Bill, and I extend our deepest condolences to the Jeannette family. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of Joe's amazing life.

David A. Vignolo - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Joe and Claudia, Joseph is one of my wife's fondest memories from teaching. Though I did not know him as well, in his short time here, his generous, caring spirit and easy smile is of the kind that leaves a lasting impression. We are all poorer for his passing from us. May our Lord, who now holds Joseph in His loving arms, comfort you with the thought that the young man you raised and shared with us will always be fondly remembered and deeply missed. Doug and Kathy Ming

Douglas & Kathleen Ming - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I offer my condolences to the entire Jeannette family. Our prayers are with you.

Bradley Suggs - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Joe was such a kind soul to everyone who crossed his path. He will be deeply missed. Our most sincere condolences to the entire Jeannette family. Our thoughts and prayers are also with our dear friend Karen, who we have witnessed to be the most loving and devoted wife Joe could have ever known.

Daniel & Angela Klaus - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I wish to express my sympathy for such a precious loss. I wish to tell you how great Joe was in my first year as principal of Utica High. He was a major influence in the start of the changes we made at the school. He was compassionate with everyone and had a great understanding of the needs of others. He had a great sense of humor and suffered mine. He had wonderful leadership qualities and a major reason for the forward movement of our school. He will be missed by me and anyone one else that ever came into contact with the great smile. I am so sorry for your loss.

James Bannan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Jeaneatte Family, It is with a heavy heart that I send my sympathies to your family. I was the teacher of Joe's pledge class at Sigma Chi. It was apparent Joe was a special man from the beginning. A man of integrity and character; someone, I am sure, who taught as much as he learned. Though I have not spoken with him in quite some time, I know I will miss Joe. The world has lost a good man. Joe Rommel and Family

Joe Rommel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Claudia and Joe, It is with a heavy heart that Mary and I send our deepest sympathy having read about your Joey's passing. I could always see the pride in your face when we spoke of him. In time may you have comfort knowing he was so loved by so many. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bunny Bailey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ We're so sorry for your loss. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike, Pauline, & Tim Brower - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ We are sorry for you loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Stephanie Shelters/March of Dimes - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ZC

“ I owe much to Joe, and I will never forget his and his father's kindness. I did my best to help him through Professor Kaltoff's American Heritage course, and he told me about Utica Community Schools. I ended up with the better end of the deal, I think--he with a class; I with a career. But now my heart goes out to his family. Joe's in a good place now, but those who knew and loved him grieve nonetheless.

Zachariah Crossen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Jeannette Family- It was an absolute honor to work with Joe at the Senate Sergeant at Arms organization. He had such an amazing sense of dedication and patriotism. I am happy that I had the opportunity to know him as a friend, too. I most admire his constant positive outlook and his deep love and commitment to his amazing wife, Karen. Joe will be missed by us all. You are in our prayers.
Kate Summers and family

Kate Summers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ My heartfelt condolences to those Joe has left behind. He has always been an epitome of professionalism and dignity. I was privileged to work alongside him and his colleagues at the office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms. Joe always had a smile when he sees anyone of us. Always, despite and inspite of, he had a smile for us. My deepest sympathy to his loved ones.

Norma Goodwin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ I remember Joe as a very conscientious, polite young man at Utica High School. He went on to work in Washington D.C. and set up a tour of the Senate for my husband and myself on a trip that we took there. I felt very well taken care of during that tour thanks to Joe. I'm sure there were alot of others he arranged tours for, but made me feel like I was very special and the only one. Just wanted to share my feelings on just how truly wonderful a guy he was. He may be gone, but he will never be forgotten.

Nancy Rutledge - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear Jeannette Family, I am truly sorry for your loss. In the limited time I had the privilege of spending with Joe, he always had a smile and was willing to lend a helping hand. Thanks Joe.

Bill Duffy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I had the privilege of working with Joe both at the US Senate and during his brief time with SRA prior to his getting his last job with the Senate Sergeant at Arms. He was a joy to be around, serious about his work, but at the same time delighted with those he came into contact with, and with life in general. I got to know Karen and was honored to attend their wonderful wedding. Their love for each other was a source of inspiration. Their courage in facing this dread disease over the last couple of years was a source of wonder. I am terribly saddened at Joe's death, but am also grateful that I got to know him and Karen. He was a good and gentle soul.

Richard Shullaw - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ My sympathy is with you both at this very sad time. Elsie

Elsie Ritzenhein - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ JFJ. Today we honor the life of a truly great man. A man who put everyone in front of himself. His selfless attitude will continue as he continues his personal relationship with God. Today, we look at a loss. However, I see it as a personal gain. I befriended Joe Jeanette, and enjoyed his company, and listened to his advice. A man wise beyond his years, great friend, and a true brother, the Alpha Kappa Chapter has lost one of its best. Rest in Peace, you're always on my mind. I regret that I cannot be here to honor the life of such a great man. However, military duty calls. We love you Joe, you will not be forgotten. Petty Officer Brett W. King, United States Navy.

Brett King - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Joe and Claudia: How saddened am I to hear of the loss of your precious son, Joe. It seems only yesterday that we shared the excitement of his birth! My most sincere condolences to you and your family. Fred

Fred Retzloff - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Joe, Claudia and Family; we were so sorry to hear about Joey. What great memories I have of his involvement with the Judge Jeannette Golf Outing each year and the year you were honored at the SJNSH Dinner Dance Joe, when Joey brought the letter from President Bush. The pride on his face as he read the letter of congratulations to you was priceless. Joey was a true miracle and he was able to accomplish so much in such a short time. We hope that your many wonderful memories will help get all of you through this painful time. Warm hugs and much love.

Claudia & Bob Cartwright - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I was sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I have plenty of fond memories of him in the band. He always had a knack for making people smile. He will truly be missed.

Laurie Brubaker Thomas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ We were so lucky to know Joe. He stayed in our home a few times when the kids were students at Hillsdale. We so enjoyed Joe at Nick's wedding. He's been a good friend to Nick, and will surely be missed, but never forgotten. What a wonderful son you raised. We share in your loss and sorrow. God Bless~

Dick and Marlaine Rhoad - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Dear Jeannette Family, It's with heartfelt sympathy that I write on behalf of our entire family. We go back many years from the early days at Schuchard and then on to Jeannette Junior High. Joseph was a special "son" in many ways and we are all honored to have shared him with you. He is where there is no more pain and only happy moments till he reunites with you eternally once more. May God Bless you all in this most difficult time. Our prayers & thoughts are with you all. The Kurzym Family

Cindy Kurzym - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Joe & Claudia, A friend of mine from Michigan e-mailed me the news about your son, Joe. It has been many years since we've seen each other; but I wanted you to know how truly sorry I am for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. In friendship, Connie Weigel Retzloff

Connie Weigel Retzloff - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Dear Jeannette Family: I am truly saddened by the loss of your precious son, Joseph. I have many fond memories of the ever smiling baritone player in our band. He was a delight every day. May God bless you all at this terribly sad time. I am so grateful that he was a part of my life. Sincerely, Sandy Oset Retired Band Director, Utica High School

Sandy Oset - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dear Claudia and Joe, My most sincere condolences upon the death of Joseph Frank II. I have fond memories of him as a small child. I know that his grandfather was very proud of him and would be even more so now. My heartfelt prayers and love at this difficult time. Sincerely in the Risen Lord, Fr. Richard A. Perfetto

Rev. Richard A. Perfetto - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Claudia and Joe Eventhough it has been more than four decades since we were friends in high school, I feel so very sorry for you and your family. The two of you were always meant to share your lives and my heart goes out to you as you share this very sad time.

Karen Walker Hahn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our condolences and prayers.

Judge and Mrs. Kenneth N. Sanborn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ It took me a while to either call or write something...Joseph was not only special to his family, grandfather, mom and day, sister and wife...but me...he always made me smile and was so into Law Enforcement and doing the proper thing...I am glad that he had some of my Utica Police items because having him have those made me more aware of getting back to Utica and picking up those items and love the way he loved to ride in that Police Car especially when the lights and siren were on...he made me smile, laught and now cry...what a wonderful son, brother and husband, as well as grandson he is and last but not least he was always my babybrother and forever will be.....love you all, Russ

Russ Reiterman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ There are no words to comfort, but my heart just aches for you. Please know I care.

Mary Kay Eschenburg - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Dear Joe and Claudia, Our hearts were broken when we heard of the death of your beloved son, Joseph. We know the pain of parents when they lose a child, so please know that we truly share in the sorrow and grief you are now experiencing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers, and we will always remember Joseph as that wonderful boy and young man that lived next door to us. Love, Carol and Paul

Paul and Carol Pataky - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I am so sorry to hear about your lost. I remember you really seemed like someone that was going to do important and valuable things when we went to Jeannette Junior High and Utica High School together. The world will miss you.

Cathy Harris Hanson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ You worked to keep us safe when you were here, now you take on a bigger role to keep us safe from heaven. You touched everyone you met. It was an honor and pleasure to work with you. My deepest heartfelt sympathies to your family.

David Douglas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM