



Joseph Frank Jeannette

August 6, 1944 - February 10, 2020

Joseph Frank Jeannette of Northfield, Illinois, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on February 10th, 2020 at NorthShore Evanston Hospital. Joseph (Joe) was born on August 6, 1944 in Mount Clemens, Michigan to Marietta Lancaster Jeannette and Judge Frank E. Jeannette. A 1962 graduate of Mount Clemens High School, Joe earned his Bachelor of Science in Education from Eastern Michigan University. Joe met his future wife Claudia Blank at Mount Clemens High School and the pair dated throughout high school and college. Both enjoyed being members of the marching band where Joe was the Drum Major. Marrying on June 24, 1967 Joe and Claudia settled in Utica, Michigan, where they raised Anne and Joseph. In 1997 they moved to Grosse Pointe Farms where they continued to live until their move to Northfield, Illinois in 2017.

Joe enjoyed a nearly forty year career working for Utica Community Schools, beginning as a fifth grade teacher, then Principal of Plumbrook and Schuchard Elementary Schools, and eventually becoming the Assistant Director of Elementary Curriculum until his retirement in 2005. One of his fondest memories was opening Schuchard Elementary School in 1978.

During retirement Joe and Claudia enjoyed traveling, especially to Mackinac Island, and spending time with family and friends. Joe loved to watch his granddaughter in musical theatre productions and his grandson's lacrosse games.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Claudia and daughter Anne (Michael)

Klaskin of Winnetka, Illinois along with a granddaughter and a grandson. He was predeceased by his son, Joseph, and parents, Marietta and Frank Jeannette.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236 at 11am. Visitation will be prior to the service starting at 10am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to a charity of choice or Frank E. Jeannette Junior High School % of Utica Community Schools 11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48312. Arrangements entrusted to Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, Utica. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Cemetery

43755 Elizabeth Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
375 Lothrop at Chalfonte
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ Joe and I enjoyed many lunches after he retired. Our conversations were always lively and fun.

I met Joe when we were kids at his Aunt's house in Walled Lake. We did not see each other for many years. But as fate would have it we spent many of good evenings at golf outings (Joe did not golf) but he attended the dinners. He and his wife always were a joy to be around and I would seek out their company.

In tough times Joe was a pillar of help for his family.

I could go on and on but my wish is that his family Claudie and Anne will be comforted in the fact that Joe was a loving person.

Jim Timpa

James T. Timpa - March 06, 2020 at 10:09 AM

GA

“ Dear Claudia,
I was, and still am, so sorry that you lost your life partner.. I have many memories of you and Joe. The first memory is of a weekend at the cottage. John and I drove over there and we had a wonderful time. I had never been on a knee board before and I enjoyed it. Mostly I sat on the dock and watched Joe and John as they took several rounds of the lake. His family was nice and they seemed happy to have us.

You two married a year after John and I. I remember being invited to your apartment in Utica. You told us about your adventure to the car wash with some furniture you wanted to refinish....as I remember, the piece turned out very nice. Joe was surprised how good it looked....I don't think he'd ever done anything similar before in his life.

You can communicate with me at galger1@gmail.com Take care of yourself.

Your friend,

Gee Alger (Georgene Corneillie) class of 1962

Georgene Alger - February 22, 2020 at 03:21 PM

ML

“ Mike Lancaster

Claudia and family

I'm sorry to hear about Joe's passing. I hadn't seen Joe my cousin since I was a kid in Clinton. My sister Mary has told me about the time you all spent together in 2015 and how nice it was seeing you all. Please except my Condolences of your loss.

Mike Lancaster

Mike Lancaster - February 15, 2020 at 06:39 PM

DT

“ It was my pleasure to know Joe and work with him. We both began our administrative careers with Utica together and worked on a number of projects. I also enjoyed knowing Claudia and the children when they resided in the City of Utica, and Ann and Joseph attended Eppler. What a beautiful family.

Brigitte and I extend our prayers and sympathy to Claudai and family on the passing of Joe. He was loved and respected by so many.

Dave Turrel

Dave Turrel - February 15, 2020 at 07:56 AM

CH

“ Claudia and family. There are not words to tell you how sorry we are. He a wonderful administrators and my favorite. I loved it when he visited my room. He understood early childhood and was invaluable at Utica. He will be missed. Love and prayers to your family. George and Chris Harrison

You are one of the nicest couples I know.

Christine and George Harrison - February 14, 2020 at 05:24 PM

BK

“ Dear Claudia and family

We were so saddened to hear of Joe's unexpected passing. He was truly a pillar in the UCS school system. He was respected by everyone and a pleasure to work with. Our entire family will feel the loss. We offer our prayers to you and your family. He will be missed by all. May God comfort you and your family during this most difficult time

Bonnie and Chuck Kraft

Bonnie Kraft - February 14, 2020 at 03:00 PM

SB

“ Joe, Claudia and I started teaching together at Plumbrook in 1967. Joe was a leader then and was a whole lot of fun to be with! I will never forget our times together. May God bless Claudia, Anne, and family.

Shirley Bergman - February 14, 2020 at 11:24 AM

JH

Shirley, you and Joe were the team that got my daughter Renee' through second grade.

Jackie Henry - February 14, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Frank Jeannette.



February 14, 2020 at 10:29 AM

ME

“ Joe was a fine and honorable gentleman. My husband Bill worked with him through UCS and I enjoyed his friendship while City of Utica Librarian. My sincere condolences to the Jeannette family.

Mary Kay Eschenburg - February 14, 2020 at 09:31 AM

EB

“ Claudia, both my parents and I want you to know the sadness felt at this news. They have many memories of the two of you; individually and as a couple. Know that our prayers for you are ongoing.
Warren, Joyce, and Eric Beaman

eric beaman - February 13, 2020 at 11:22 PM

SP

“ So Sorry to Hear about Joe. He was a Good Man and Colleague. Thoughts and Prayers to the Jeannette Family from Shirley Posk and Family.

Shirley Posk - February 13, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ Mr Jeannette was my principal at Schuchard from K-6 grade. He left a lasting impression on my family and I. He was an outstanding leader, educator, and man. Years later, we saw him at my high school graduation ceremony and he remembered all of our names. That's pretty phenomenal. He was so personable and caring. He surely will be missed. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Michelle Tokarczyk Jones - February 13, 2020 at 07:43 PM

JD

“ Condolences to Claudia and family on the loss of Joe. We will always remember him from MCHS as such a loving caring person. He did so well at reaching out to others and continued to educate others.
Jeanne and Roy Duvall

Jeanne and Roy Duvall - February 13, 2020 at 01:55 PM

A(

“ So very sorry to hear this news! I always enjoyed your family- your dad was certainly someone special. <3

Angie Gareau (Olsen) - February 13, 2020 at 10:42 AM

KR

“ I had the privilege of working with Joe for only one year when he was the principal of Schuchard and I was the social worker. His outstanding professionalism combined with his supportive attitude left a lasting impression on me. I can only imagine the loss for his family and offer my heartfelt condolences to them.

Kathy Rohan - February 13, 2020 at 10:29 AM

DP

“ I can say that the kindest human being I have ever encountered will be so deeply missed on this earth. Joe was such a mentor to me and I will never forget how caring, compassionate and generous he was to so many people. A beautiful angel has been delivered to heaven.

Deborah Prohm - February 13, 2020 at 09:18 AM

CB

“ I am so saddened by this. Joe was one of a kind, a true gentleman, a huge part of why I am still teaching, and a mentor. Such a avid fan of the Arts, Joe was always present and encouraging to the Art Department, my deepest condolences to Claudia and family.
-Cara Bay

Cara Bay - February 13, 2020 at 08:27 AM

JB

“ My deepest condolences goes out to Mr Jeannette and his family. He was and always will be remembered; fore he was kind, funny, and so passionate. I met him years ago when he was an admin in curriculum, working with his partner in crime, Vivian. He was always loved and respected and will forever be in my heart.
Josephine Braun and family.

josephine braun - February 13, 2020 at 06:44 AM

JS

“ My condolences to the family. Joe's father was my neighbor on Riverside Drive.

Janet Schenk

Janet Schenk - February 12, 2020 at 10:52 PM

MC

“ My Condolences to Claudia and the family. Mr. Jeannette was a major influence on my pursuit of teaching. For me, he went from my elementary principal to the finest example of what it meant to be a teacher in Utica Community Schools. Thank you for all the lessons, known and unknown to you, that you gave me in my development as a teacher.

Morgan Cloyd - February 12, 2020 at 04:57 PM

PC

“ So sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Joe...A true friend and outstanding colleague...always kind, always a gentleman, always professional. This world is a better place because of Joe. My heartfelt prayers go out to all of the family.

Hugs from Patti and Pete Connors

Patti Connors - February 12, 2020 at 04:34 PM

SR

“ He was the BEST Principal. He guided me to become the best teacher I could be. He also created such a wonderful 'Schuchard Family' atmosphere. He will always hold a special spot in my heart. Rest in Peace Joe. You will be sorely missed.

Sandy Richards

Sandy Richards - February 12, 2020 at 04:27 PM

CJ

“ I am so saddened by this news. Joe Jeannette was one of the most wonderful UCS personnel that I have ever had the opportunity to work with. He was so kind and helpful, and always had a compliment for a job well done or just a gentle smile to warm your heart. His support for the arts was second to none. He will be sincerely missed by so many people. My sympathy for family and friends as he takes this final and beautiful journey home. Rest in Peace, dear Joe.

Cheryl Jackson

Cheryl Jackson - February 12, 2020 at 04:16 PM

MG

“ To Claudia and family, we send our love and prayers to you in this difficult time. We're so glad we got to be with all of you five years ago on our trip to Michigan and share old happy times and memories. Joe was such a wonderful cousin and I know he will be forever missed.

Love,
Mary and George Grandy

Mary Grandy - February 12, 2020 at 03:31 PM

BJ

“ Claudia - May God wrap His comforting arms around you and your family and give you peace during this difficult time of sending Joe home to be with Our Loving Father.

Joe was the most gentle, caring man I've ever met and his loss will be felt by so many that knew and loved him.

Barb Justin - UCS HR

barb justin - February 12, 2020 at 03:15 PM

MB

“ My prayers are with Joe’s Family at this sad and difficult time 📖 A kind and beautiful man has went home. Joe was so loved. Maureen Brown, 2000 Retiree of UCS.

Maureen Brown - February 12, 2020 at 03:07 PM

BB

“ I was lucky enough to have him as my elementary school principal, then later as a colleague when I got hired into UCS. He always remembered my name. Condolences to the family.

Brett Bays

Brett Bays - February 12, 2020 at 03:03 PM

DB

“ to Claudia and family. I'm sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I knew Claudia as a Picture Lady when I worked at Flickinger. May Joe Rest in Peace and Prayers to all who loved him.

Diane Bond - February 12, 2020 at 02:59 PM

BK

“ Joe was a wonderful friend & boss. Our years at Schuchard were the best. My heart is heavy with sadness in the loss of Joe. We had many great times with Joe, Claudia & family. Rest In Peace, Joe.

Barbara Kraemer - February 12, 2020 at 02:52 PM

UF

“ UCS Foundation purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Frank Jeannette.



UCS Foundation - February 12, 2020 at 02:33 PM

JJ

“ It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to our dear friend Joe. We have so many wonderful memories of the time we were principals together in Utica Community Schools. We were such a close knit group traveling to conferences and attending many social gatherings together. Of course we can never forget the beautiful weddings of both Anne and Joseph and Joe's birthday celebration. My sincere sympathy to Anne and your family at this most trying time. May God bless you and Mike and and those beautiful children. I know Joe and Claudia treasured the times spent with your family. Love and Prayers, Joanne and Ron Jacobson

Joanne Jacobson - February 12, 2020 at 12:19 PM

MP

My wonderful childhood friend. Friend throughout high school. He reminded me so much of his mothers personality. Kindness always went with him and he worked with others. I was privileged to set next to him and his wife at our 50 yr. reunion. You are loved and will be missed. God's blessings on all who remain behind. What a reunion day we will all have in heaven.

Marilyn Pleiness - February 13, 2020 at 01:29 PM

MC

As a former UCS Board of Education Trustee, I greatly appreciate the dedicated work of Joe Jeannette for nearly forty years in many capacities including Assistant Director of Elementary Curriculum. His work greatly contributed to making elementary schools a better place for children to learn. UCS students are still benefiting from his legacy.
Marietta Crabtree

Marietta Crabtree - February 15, 2020 at 01:02 AM

NS

My prayers are with Joe's family in this time of loss. He was a wonderful gentle man and always a gentleman. Rest in Peace Joe. I was a former employee of UCS, now retired.
Natalie Schaffer

Natalie Schaffer - February 16, 2020 at 04:50 PM