



## Joseph A. Garant

November 7, 1945 - June 9, 2019

Joseph A. Garant, of Delran, passed away peacefully on June 9, 2019. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, he was 73 years old.

Joe earned his degree at LaSalle University and was a history teacher for the Willingboro school district for 33 years. He was an excellent golf coach, earning his place in the NJ Golf Coaches Hall of Fame.

Joe was the beloved husband of Katherine V. (nee Martin) for 52 years. Loving father of Joseph W. (Elizabeth) and Daniel C. (Kelly). Dear grandfather to Kayla. Cherished brother of Josette Largent (Alan), Michele Grimmer (Jimmy), Walter (Sheri), and the late Mark. Brother-in-law of William Martin, Margaret Kolowski (Joseph), Mary Hannigan (Jon), the late James Martin (Bernadette), and the late Mia Glucker (Hank). He is survived by many wonderful nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends who will miss him tremendously.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather on Friday, June 14th, at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, 4th St. and Linden Avenue, Riverton, from 10 am – 11 am. His Mass will begin at 11 am, followed by entombment in Lakeview Memorial Park, Mausoleum by the Lake, Cinnaminson, NJ. Joe's family kindly requests that, in lieu of any flowers, please forward donations in Joe's memory to the Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice, <https://samaritannj.org/giving/donate-now/>. To share your fondest memories and condolences, please visit [www.Givnish.com](http://www.Givnish.com).

# Cemetery

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**Lakeview Memorial  
Park**  
1300 Route 130 North  
Cinnaminson, NJ, 08077

# Events

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**JUN 14** **Gathering of Family and Friends** 10:00AM - 11:00AM  
Sacred Heart Church  
103 4th Street at Linden Avenue, Riverton, NJ, US,  
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**JUN 14** **Mass** 11:00AM  
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# Comments

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“ What do you say about your brother, the oldest of the Circle of 5? Mom and Dad had 5 children, and Joe was their oldest. He was always an inspiration and shared his wisdom with us. He was never judge mental if you were in a dilemma, just listened, and gave good advice. He deeply loved and cherished, Kate, his wife, my sweet and caring sister in law.

Joe loved his boys Joe and Dan so much, and Kayla his granddaughter. This man led a beautiful and clean life, always doing the right thing. He especially helped his siblings and looked out for their welfare after our parents passings.

Joe, I will miss your leadership and love in our Circle of 5. Our Circle is down to 3 now, but we know Mom Dad and Mark, (our other brother), have greeted him with open arms inHeaven!

**michele grimmer** - June 16, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ The Circle of 5 will one day be together again!

**michele grimmer** - June 16, 2019 at 04:31 PM

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“ I am very saddened to hear of Mr Garant's passing. He was a very warm and kind man. I will always ways remember him. May Our Lord bless and keep him. May He make His face shine upon him and be gracious to him. May He grant Him His eternal peace and grace.

Francis J. Alcaro

Willingboro High School Class of 1980

**Francis J Alcaro** - June 13, 2019 at 08:29 PM

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“ About 20 years at this time I met Joe when his wonderful son married my daughter. Since we live miles apart I didn't get to know Joe as well as I would have liked. I've heard inspiring stories about him. I would like to thank Joe for raising a delightful and creative son.

**Judy Sieber** - June 12, 2019 at 11:03 PM

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“ Jim Wood.. Joe was my golf coach at Kennedy High School. He was a great coach and even greater man. He was a man of patience and wisdom. He was fun to play for and he coached my team a team of very good golfers but extreme knuckleheads and did so with his soft way. He was easy to play for because he simply was such a nice guy! RIP COACH JOE.

**Jim wood** - June 12, 2019 at 01:27 PM

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“ Mr. Garant was my golf coach in 73 & 74 at Kennedy High School. We loved having him as our coach but more importantly as our friend. He put up with our stupid pranks etc. Always dressed impeccably and a real class act. We had some really good teams and owed a lot of our success to Mr. Garant. I went to college in NC so lost touch over the years. I went on to become a golf professional and had a successful career in the industry.  
My condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to the Garant family. My God be with you during this difficult time.

Bill Hall, Class of "1974"  
PGA Master Professional

**Bill Hall** - June 12, 2019 at 11:06 AM

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“ Mr. Garant was my high school golf coach and an important mentor to me and countless other teenagers in his long career as an educator and coach. A kind man of wisdom, Mr. Garant always told me, “You have to crawl before you walk.” It was a great lesson for golf and life. He also imparted lots of other strong advice, like how to properly behave on a golf course and how to present yourself in a good light to adults with whom you come in contact.

Besides golf, I looked forward to working on the chain gang with Mr. Garant at high school football games and talking to him during lunch as he was my lunch aid.

One memorably funny story was the time Mr. Garant and the coaches got lost while playing Laurel Creek. The newly opened course, without any of the houses of today and an old farmhouse for a clubhouse, was absolutely breathtaking. But the routing was a little confusing because of its infancy, so we waited seemingly forever until Mr. Garant and the exhausted coaches finally found their way back to the bus. Well, I'm hoping that right now Mr. Garant, impeccably dressed as always and flinging the ball low and straight as per usual, is in heaven getting lost on a beautiful golf course.

Thank you Mr. Garant for all you have done for me. It's more than I ever was able to tell you.

**Aaron Bracy** - June 11, 2019 at 11:28 PM

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“ My uncle Joe was a kind and gentle man. I recall growing up, he always had a life lesson in his talks with me. He wanted the best for his family and friends...wanted to share his wisdom. Our family has lost a patriarch and the world lost a leader. Heaven gained one of the best!

**Jason Grimmer** - June 11, 2019 at 02:08 AM

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“ My favorite High School golf memory was winning the Burlington County Open as a team my Junior Year. Coach Garant was so happy, won Coach of The Year and retired from coaching that season on top. Coach G was a sharp dresser, had a smooth golf swing and was always a gentleman. He would always tell me, “Adam you need to crawl before you walk!” He knew how much of a competitor I was and that lesson of patience has stuck with me my entire life. God Bless The Garant Family during this time. Coach was definitely one of the All-Time Greats!!

**Adam Bracy** - June 10, 2019 at 08:55 PM

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“ Coach Garant was my golf coach At Willingboro HS. We had some really good players back then My brother Steve, Jody Oliver, Frank Babusik, one of the first girl on the boys team Sandi Jaskol. He was a great coach just would tell us go play I don't need to say anything you know why to do. My proudest moment was qualifying for the 1999 US Open at Pinehurst and one the first persons to call me was Coach. I know he is now at peace and will be our coach and friend forever.

**John DiMarco** - June 13, 2019 at 07:59 PM

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“ Joe always sent his brother mark 50 dollars for Christmas. After mark passed Joe continued to keep marks spirit alive by sending it to his granddaughter Alyanna every Christmas in a card that said love pop pop mark.

**Mary colandrea** - June 10, 2019 at 07:59 PM

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“ Mary Colandrea lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Garant



**Mary colandrea** - June 10, 2019 at 07:53 PM

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“ Joe was my great friend, who I met in September of 1970. We were team-teachers at JFK High ,and became lifelong friends. Joe and I, shared many great memories good and bad, over our many years of friendship. I will always remember his love for me as a friend. “Heaven has gained an angel and I have lost my friend.” Love!!!!!! Ty!!!!!!

**Tyrone Belford Sr** - June 10, 2019 at 07:18 PM