

## Joseph Michael Amoroso

August 17, 1971 - September 5, 2019

Joseph M. Amoroso, passed away peacefully on September 5, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

Joe, as he was known to his family, friends, and colleagues, was a distinguished disability rights advocate. While attending Montclair University he was employed as the first Disability Services Coordinator at the school. Following completion of his Masters degree, he worked at Prudential Insurance and then was employed by the Division of Disability Services at the NJ Department of Human Services as the Manager of Information & Referral. He was subsequently appointed as the Division Director. With his personal experience of having a life-long disability, he was ideally suited to oversee and lead the Division. Joe and his wife provided foster care to over 20 children.

Joe was predeceased by his mother, Carol, at a young age.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Samantha (née Smith) and his son Michael. Also surviving is his father, Joseph M. Amoroso and step mom, Annette; brother Anthony and wife Corinne, and sister Angela; his loving mother-in-law, Kathryn "Kitty" Smith.

Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather at Givnish of Marlton, 398 East

Main Street, on Monday September 9th from 2 to 4 pm and again from 7 – 9 pm. His funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, September 10th, at 10 am at St. Joan of Arc Church, 100 Willow Bend Road, Marlton, NJ. Interment will follow in Jesus, Bread of Life Catholic Cemetery, 3055 Fostertown Rd, Mt Laurel, NJ. In lieu of flowers, Joe's family would appreciate donations in his memory be made to the Mount Laurel First Aid Squad, Samaritan Hospice at Voorhees, or to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in Memory of his mother, Carol.

# Cemetery Details

## Jesus, Bread of Life Cemetery

3055 Fostertown Road  
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

SEP 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Marlton  
398 E Main St  
Marlton, NJ 08053  
(856) 452-5090  
info@givnish.com

## Gathering of Family and Friends

SEP 9. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Marlton  
398 E Main St  
Marlton, NJ 08053  
(856) 452-5090  
info@givnish.com

## Mass

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SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
100 Willow Bend Road  
Marlton, NJ 08053

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Michael Amoroso*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Samantha I just saw this when I was flipping through my Facebook. I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers sent to you and your family Margaret Duvak the Duv*

**Margaret Duvak** - February 11, 2020 at 11:08 PM



“ *So sad to hear of his passing. He really helped my husband and I and we will always be thankful for that. He will be missed by many!*

**Sandra Guarino** - September 18, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ *Samantha my deepest to you and your family Donna Bedle*



**Donna Bedle** - September 10, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ *A wonderful man who many truly admired. He will he missed . Thinking of his family and sending love and thanks for all he contributed .*

**Rebecca Gallanter** - September 09, 2019 at 10:38 PM

IG

“ *In deepest sympathy, Joe and Sue Gilkey purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Joseph Michael Amoroso.*



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**In deepest sympathy, Joe and Sue Gilkey** - September 09, 2019 at 11:47 AM

RL

“ *Resources for Independent Living purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joseph Michael Amoroso.*



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**Resources for Independent Living** - September 09, 2019 at 11:28 AM

LN

“ *Joe was a caring and hardworking person. Although the dystonia support group that my wife and I lead is far from his home and meets on Saturday, Joe attended two of our meetings and helped my daughter and many of our members. He was always available. He will be missed.*

*Len Nachbar*

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**Len Nachbar** - September 09, 2019 at 11:11 AM

LT

“ *Lori Buza and the AC/BL Team purchased the Home in Heaven Throw for the family of Joseph Michael Amoroso.*



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**Lori Buza and the AC/BL Team** - September 09, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Amoroso.*



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September 08, 2019 at 07:13 PM

ES

“ *Joe was one of the funniest people I have ever met. Even at my lowest, he could always get me to laugh. He was a good soul with generous heart and a passion for helping others. The world is worse off without you, my friend. I will miss you greatly. Rest easy*



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**Eileen Scanlan** - September 08, 2019 at 06:10 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Amoroso.



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September 08, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ At a wedding reception at a winery.. we both were not that pleased with the wine and asked for beer, although others looked at us a little strangely. Wonderful guy who will be sooo missed.

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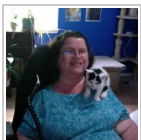
**Sue Henshaw** - September 08, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ I was very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was a good man, and I'll miss him.

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**Brian Hartman** - September 07, 2019 at 06:01 PM

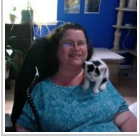


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**Lydia Fecteau** - September 07, 2019 at 03:46 PM



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**Lydia Fecteau** - September 07, 2019 at 03:44 PM



“ My favorite Joe moment was when he called me at the hospital as I was facing double pneumonia and perhaps a permanent trach and threaten to kill me if I died and left him to deal with PASP on his own. It was exactly the right thing to say at the time and I loved him for it. I will miss him and I truly regret not being able to see him teach.

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**Lydia Fecteau** - September 07, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ Blessings, Mary McDonough purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joseph Michael Amoroso.



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**Blessings, Mary McDonough** - September 07, 2019 at 03:24 PM

CT

“ Three strangers met as the inaugural staff at the Office on Disability Services in August 1999 with you at the helm. We were united in our passion to improve the lives of those with disabilities. We stood together as it became a state division. Our greatest accomplishment in creating Resources, culminating in a teamwork award.

*You became my closest friend, confidant, mentor and beacon of light over all these years.*

*The world is so very different now but we will carry on as you would expect.*

*I will miss your laughs, jokes, and calling me “Boo Boo.”*

*You did it your way! Until we meet again, your legacy will carry on.*

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**Chrissy Teitel** - September 07, 2019 at 11:45 AM



*Beautifully said, Chrissy!*

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**Jenny Sterner** - September 07, 2019 at 12:02 PM

LC

“ Lydia Fecteau, Chair and PASP Advisory Council purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joseph Michael Amoroso.



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**Lydia Fecteau, Chair and PASP Advisory Council** -  
September 07, 2019 at 11:09 AM

BO

“ Rest in Peace Joe, you were a good soul, a fun loving guy and loved by so many people!!!! If the world had more Joe Amorosos it would be a more beautiful place!!

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**Bonnie O'Brien** - September 06, 2019 at 10:23 PM

MC

“ I was Joe's assistant at DDS, and enjoyed him not only as a boss but as a friend. He was a wonderful person and loved his job. I will miss him and I'm so very sad that he is no longer here with us but he will be in my heart forever...,All my love -Michelle Campbell and family .

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**michelle campbell** - September 06, 2019 at 09:17 PM