



Joseph J. Ridgway

August 24, 1947 - March 10, 2023

Joseph J. Ridgway, of Cinnaminson, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on March 10, 2023. Born in Philadelphia, PA to the late James and Esther (nee Clark) Ridgway, he was 75 years old.

Joe was the beloved husband of Janet (nee Sgro); loving father of Justin (Sue) and Kevin (Leanna); cherished grandfather of Alex, Jaxson, Cameron, Maddox, Kieran, and Samantha; dear brother of Thomas Ridgway, Regina O'Loughlin, Esther Costantini (Greg), and the late James Ridgway (Pauline) and John Ridgway. Joe is also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends who will miss him tremendously.

Joe was happily married to his wife Janet for 45 years plus an additional 3 years of dating. Making the move from Philadelphia to Cinnaminson to create a life and family together. Joe served 29 years of his professional career as a federal probation officer based out of Philadelphia. Upon retirement he then combined his love of golf and gift of gab gaining employment at Riverton Country club. Where he became a staple on the porch and was employed for the past 15 years. In his spare time he loved to fish with his grandchildren and spend time at Sea Isle beach with his loved ones. Joe's motto was "family first" and made sure to show that everyday of his life making sure everyone knew they were loved in their own special way.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather at Givnish of Cinnaminson, 1200 Route 130 North, on Friday evening March 17th from 6 pm to 9 pm, and Saturday morning March 18th from 9 am to 10 am. His funeral Mass will begin at 10:30 am at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 2500 Branch Pike, Cinnaminson. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's memory may be made to St. Charles Borromeo School.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR 17. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Cinnaminson
1200 Route 130 N
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
(856) 829-8000
info@givnish.com
<https://www.givnish.com>

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MAR 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Mass

MAR 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Charles Borromeo Church
2500 Branch Pike & Pomona Road
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Tribute Wall

LC

“ I have many memories of playing with Joe as a kid. Among the 25 "Clark" cousins, there were 4 others about my age and Joe was one. We went thru St. Joe's together. Then in 1975 when I really needed a friend, Joe just showed up. He moved me in his van from Philadelphia to Massachusetts. We spent a lot of time together on that journey. I'll never forget that selfless and extremely timely effort. Never.

Louis Clark - March 20, 2023 at 08:21 AM

JM

“ To Janet, Justin, Kevin and the rest of the Ridgeway family, my condolences to you. Joe was a great friend, co-worker, and mentor. I learned so much from him during my time at the office. Joe was a dedicated officer who really loved his job and loved to share his wisdom with the newer officers. Joe was also a dedicated family man who talked about all of you frequently. Rest in peace my friend!
Jim Muth

Jim Muth - March 18, 2023 at 03:13 PM

CF

“ Dear Janet and your family
We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Joe. We will keep you in our prayers. I always loved seeing him at the carnival. Joe is now resting in peace with our Lord Jesus Christ.
Love Carol and bob Flynn and family



carol flynn - March 18, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Ridgway.



March 17, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ The two best things about the second week of June are the St Charles Borromeo Carnival and volunteering with Joe. We had the privilege and honor of laughing everyday for twenty years with Joe. He was never at a loss for words and we all better people because of him. However he wasn't all fun and games. When I took over one of his many carnival jobs Joe was always available when I needed to bounce an issue off him. He was never too busy and always helpful. To say that he will be missed is the biggest understatement I ever heard. Rest In Peace our friend.

John Janet Geary - March 16, 2023 at 09:23 PM



“ Janet, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Like many others, I have many good memories of Joe as both a friend and a coworker. We began our careers as U.S. Probation Officers on the same day, reporting for training in the office when it was located above the donut shop on Market Street in Philly. Joe was one of the most dedicated officers I had the honor and pleasure to know and work with. I haven't spoken to him these many years since retiring but have spoken of him many times when reminiscing with old friends from the office. You and your family can take pride in the job he did as as a PO. Wishing you happy memories of your life with Joe. Old friend, Bill Heim.

Bill Heim - March 15, 2023 at 07:19 PM

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Jim Muth*

Jim Muth - March 18, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“*Janet and family, I worked at the US Marshals Office and knew Joe from when he was at Probation. I always teased him that he only came to see me when he needed something. I was usually right, and we would laugh about it often. I can still hear him bouncing into my office saying, "Hey, NOW we're having fun!" I'm sure you will have eternal fun, Joe... happy, healthy and forever young. My prayers for your family - for strength, courage and the comfort of happy memories. God bless you all.*

Patricia Polichetti - March 15, 2023 at 04:23 PM

SL

“*Janet and Family,
James and I were so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. His smile will always be remembered and how James loved to have conversations with him will be missed. We are glad to have considered him a friend for the past few decades. I am upset that we will be away this weekend, but please know we are thinking about you all with love.*

James and Susan Lafferty

Susan Lafferty - March 15, 2023 at 03:55 PM

DG

“ Joe was such a pleasure to work with at Riverton Country Club, he was never without a smile and a kind word for all he came in contact with. I certainly will miss seeing him as Golf season gears up in the spring. I know he has a special place in heaven, as he was a good servant to our Lord and Savior. Until we meet again Joe, rest easy.

Denise & Mike Guglielmucci

Denise D Guglielmucci - March 15, 2023 at 03:28 PM

JL

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the entire Ridgeway family. Joe worked at the U.S. Probation Office for over twenty-five years. He had strong connections with all staff while there, and after retirement, he would get to know new staff and happily share "old" stories. He was so good-natured and charismatic that everyone who knew him liked him.

Jana Law - March 15, 2023 at 02:41 PM

FJ

“ Fr. PJ, Gigi and Jean purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joseph J. Ridgeway.



Fr. PJ, Gigi and Jean - March 15, 2023 at 10:37 AM

AM

“ My sincere condolences. I did not work directly in the Philadelphia office; however, any meeting with him throughout the years, you were guaranteed a laugh. He always had a smile and a positive attitude. Amy Martinez, U.S. Probation, Reading Office.

Amy Martinez - March 15, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Ridgway.*



March 14, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Summers on Pleasant Avenue - lifelong lessons provided by Mr. Ridgway. The perfect example of “the head of the table” and father/husband who’s values trickled down to his sons. God Bless.*

Zachary Penska - March 13, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Janet & Family, We are very sorry for your loss . Joe was a GREAT husband , Dad and Grandpop and just a terrific guy who always had a smile when he greeted you. He will be missed dearly. Our Love & Prayers, Connie & Tom Field*

Thomas D. Field Sr. - March 13, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Ridgway.*



March 13, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Ridgway.*



March 13, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Ridgway.*



March 13, 2023 at 12:53 PM