



## Joseph Asa Yasaian

December 7, 1948 - November 2, 2022

Joseph Asa Yasaian, 73, of Rochester, New Hampshire passed away on November 2, 2022 peacefully. Joe decided to spend his last days surrounded by his close friends in Tennessee, Rana and Len Beasley. Joe was born in Camden, New Jersey, son of the late Zabell (Tootgooshian) and Zaven Yasaian. He graduated in the first graduating class of Cinnaminson High School in 1967. He received his Master's degree in Human Development from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford, NJ; and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from LaSalle College, Philadelphia, PA. Joe's career started as a history teacher for the Cinnaminson TWP school district in the 1970s. He served in the NJ National Guard, Co C 50th Maintenance Bn, Camden, NJ from 1970 to 1978 and left with an honorable discharge. His rank was SP5. Joe most recently retired in 2019 from Bristol Community College, Attleboro Campus, where he was the Director of Campus Services. In his role, he created many bonds with students, faculty, and staff. He contributed to the growth of the Attleboro Campus and coordinated the study abroad program, traveling with students to places such as Germany, Peru, Portugal, Costa Rica, England, Barcelona, Rome and his most recent trip to Greece in March of 2020. Prior to working at Bristol Community College, he was employed at McIntosh College, Dover, NH and held various positions from teaching to administrative positions. Prior to that, Joe spent many years working for Host Marriott Corporation and spent time abroad in the Netherlands and Poland implementing the Marriott brand in their expansion of the hospitality business

internationally. Joe enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and never missed out on an opportunity to laugh, smile, or travel. Survivors of Joe are Jacquie Valeri Amiriantz married to the late Gregory Amiriantz; Vahe G. Amiiantz; Andrew Kzirian, married to Madonna Kzirian; Melanie Kzirian, married to Keith Mason, Michele Tootgooshian-Mitchell married to Michael Mitchell. He also leaves very close friends who he considered his family, Tom Petrillo from Newport, RI, Peter Santos who was like a son to him, Peter's sons Xavier Chadwick and Rory Santos, and Peter's daughters Adelina Santos and Gabriela Santos, all from Massachusetts. Joe was a member of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Haverhill, MA and was involved with St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Philadelphia. Joe will be remembered for his contagious laugh that will live with us forever.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Inurnment

DEC 12. 12:30 PM (ET)

Lawnview Cemetery  
500 Huntingdon Pike  
Jenkintown, PA 19046

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ Carol Parker-Elbert purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Asa Yasaian.



Carol Parker-Elbert - December 07, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Asa Yasaian.



December 02, 2022 at 03:44 PM

MM

“ Joey always smiled and always spoke of the best in people. Even without knowing it, life was better because of him.

Michael Mitchell - November 26, 2022 at 04:37 PM

RB

“ I've known Joe for 53 years and he became my second brother! He was a part of my family.... We would go to his house in Cinaminson & his parents welcomed us with open arms & my parents did the same! He was in my wedding, and became Uncle Joe to our 2 girls! Joe loved people, travel, and had the most contagious laugh! He loved life! To know Joe is to love Joe! I hope you are now with all the people that love you in heaven, reunite with smiles and peace! Joe you are sorely missed! 💔🙏

Rana Beasley - November 25, 2022 at 09:14 PM

DS

“ I met Joe when he was looking for an apartment. He was moving to the area and he came into my office to inquire about rentals. I showed him an apartment that happened to be at my own personal property. Joe was with me for about 8 years. He was one of the most kindest, gentlest men I know. Always smiling, always agreeable...just a kind and pleasant soul. We had lunch together at least once or twice a year after I sold my property, just to connect. We got together this past July and went to our favorite restaurant in Wells ME. As always we had lots of good "catch up" conversation. I knew he was sick but he always smiled about it and took everything in stride. I was devastated when I heard he passed away. I am proud to call Joe my dear friend and I will miss him so much. Denise

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**Denise Stewart** - November 25, 2022 at 02:34 PM

CM

I met Joe at Cinnaminson HS where he was our class advisor. He was easy to talk to and had a contagious laugh. We became friends after HS and would connect down the Jersey Shore enjoying a good laugh every time. As the years went on we lost touch but thanks to Social Media we were able to reconnect. He was such a great guy and am sad that he is gone so soon. May God bless you Joe!

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**chris matteson** - November 25, 2022 at 08:32 PM