



Joseph "Joe" C. Early Sr.

January 2, 1940 - October 13, 2023

Albany, NY-Joseph "Joe" C. Early, Sr., 83, passed away on Friday, October 13, 2023, at St. Peter's Hospital after a brief illness.

Born and raised in Albany, NY, he was the son of the late Joseph A. and Natalie Tanski. He was pre-deceased by his sister, Mary Ann Shade.

Joe was a 1958 graduate and staunch supporter of Christian Brothers Academy. In 2018, Joe was inducted into the CBA Athletic Hall of Fame and served on the Nomination Executive Committee. He was a constant presence at sporting events and always looked forward to time spent with his fellow Brothers for alumni gatherings. Gentlemen, he truly enjoyed your company.

As a young man, Joe worked for Schaeffer Brewing Company and was affectionately known as "The Schaeffer Man". Later he enjoyed a lengthy career at Niagara Mohawk/National Grid retiring in 2005 as a Foreman.

Joe married the love of his life, Nancy Schewe, in June of 1967 and they shared a happy marriage until her passing in 2006.

Joe was known for his interest in all things athletics, participating in various sports, spectating Siena and CBA games, and coaching. He was particularly fond of playing handball, participating in triathlons, and was a member of the

YMCA 10,000 mile run club where he served on the Washington Avenue Board of Directors.

He was well known and loved by many in the community, not only as a fixture in local activities, supporting small businesses and restaurants, but also for his many years of service to St. John's/St. Anne's Outreach Center. It was not uncommon for Joe to have multiple breakfasts and lunches scheduled on a weekly basis with old friends from McColoskey, Philip Schuyler, "NiMo" and childhood friends from old Arbor Hill. Almost every door was opened with a warm greeting of "Hey Joe!"

Joe is survived by his sons, Scott (Noreen), Brian and Joey (Emily) Early and his grandson Ryan (Ashley) Early. He leaves behind his long-time companion Angie Robilotto who faithfully cared for him during his short illness. He is also survived by his sister, Kathy (Lenny) Robelotto, the Schewe boys and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joe's family Friday, October 20, 2023 9:00 am to 11:00 am at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY. Please enter the church from the new Parish Life Center doorway.

Joe's Memorial Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 am.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.LGFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Christian Brothers Academy of Albany.

"Saint John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!"

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Road
Loudonville, NY

Service

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ I was sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He and my husband Sandy Brousseau were life long friends. They shared their love of CBA and Albany sports. I last saw Joe at Sandy's memorial in June. He was a good friend.
Maggie Brousseau

Maggie Brousseau - November 03, 2023 at 12:53 PM

AD

“ Very sad to hear the passing of Joe . I have had the pleasure of working with Joe for many years and share many good times and memories. A true gentleman , class act, and friend. My condolences to the family . He will be missed .
Aric Dicruttalo

Aric Dicruttalo - October 23, 2023 at 07:40 AM

PB

“ So many memories that start back in OLA and go on when neighbors are friends. Climbing up the hill to watch the fireworks on Fourth of July. The day your pool split and the contents rushed into my basement. The times spent sharing a beer in Beff's. Chats with Pete about the old Arbor Hill friends you shared

Pat Blanchfield - October 20, 2023 at 08:26 AM

JF

“ Joe, Goodbye my friend March 17th will never be the same without you Your old friend Joe Ford

Joseph Ford - October 19, 2023 at 01:43 PM

ML

“ Scott, Doreen and family, very sad to hear about the passing of Joe. Great memories of him on the football trips. He will be missed. RIP Joe.

Mike Langan

Mike Langan - October 18, 2023 at 10:47 PM

ML

Sorry for the typo on your name Noreen.

Mike Langan - October 20, 2023 at 08:03 PM

WM

“ Noreen, Scott and Family -

I am so sorry for your loss. It sounds like Joe was a friend to everyone he met, and he will be greatly missed. It is apparent he brought much joy to many people, and I hope you can take some comfort in knowing that. May he rest in peace.

Wendy Milonovich

Wendy Milonovich - October 18, 2023 at 02:14 PM

KS

“ Noreen, Scott and Family,

Thinking of you during this difficult time. Although I didn't know Joe personally, I felt like I kind of did through the stories shared by Noreen. He seemed like a very special man loved by all. My sincerest condolences on his passing.

Kim Scharrenweber - October 18, 2023 at 10:23 AM

MW

“ Joe, where have the past 70 years gone? Throughout those decades you have always been a presence in my life. From the OLA & CYO years, through CBA, Schaefer's, Nimo, running, biking, swimming...you've always been there. You'll be so missed at our 59r's luncheons and my football tailgates, it's hard to fathom those events without you.
My heart goes out to Brian and family as well as Angie for their devastating loss. Rest in peace Joe, life was always a better place with you in it.

Mike White - October 18, 2023 at 09:23 AM

VB

“ I was deeply saddened to hear that Joe had passed.
Truly one of the best people that I will ever know.
Shared many a great time with him at work and socializing.
Thoughts and prayers for the boys and Angie.
RIP Joe.

Vinny Berdar - October 17, 2023 at 03:53 PM

JT

“ Joe was neither my classmate, schoolmate, teammate nor neighbor, but somehow after a meeting on the CYO basketball court back in the 1950s, Joe became a lifelong friend.
The other sincere tributes here paint the picture of a true gentleman, athlete and Christian. I attest to the accuracy. RIP, Joe
Joe Tierney

Joe Tierney - October 17, 2023 at 03:37 PM

BA

I known Joe since we were teenagers. We did allots of road races together and he always beat me. But mostly of all things he was just a Very Great Person!!! Burke Adams

Burke Thomas Adams - June 28, 2025 at 04:58 PM

TO

“ Our friendship goes back years and years, and only deepened the longer it went. To describe one of the one of the best persons I ever had the good fortune to connect with, I can only say of him, "He was a good and decent man". With that none can disagree.
TV

Tom - October 17, 2023 at 12:04 PM

PT

“ I can't believe Joe is gone. Of course I called him Mr. Early until I was 40 per my fathers request. We were next door neighbors for 55 years. We are family. I will miss him stopping by with "the boys" on Christmas Eve for a hug and a shot of "nostrovia"...or singing the schaffer song at the neighborhood block parties. You will never find a nicer man than Joe. Loved Nance, his boys, CBA and a cold beer. God speed Joe. I'm sure you're going for a long beautiful run in paradise

Patty Soweck Tompkins

Patty (Soweck) Tompkins - October 17, 2023 at 11:46 AM

LM

“ Dear Scott and Noreen and the rest of the family, I send my deepest condolences for your loss. May Joe rest in peace now and no longer has to suffer. Larry Moats

Larry Moats - October 17, 2023 at 09:44 AM

MP

“ So sorry to hear of Joe passing. An all around fabulous person, friendly and courteous to all. Will truly miss seeing him at CBA sporting events. May God Bless his family as Joe is surely looking down over them. Rest in Peace Joe.

Mike Podgorski - October 17, 2023 at 09:35 AM

JK

“ To Joe's family,
Lynda and I send our sincere prayers and condolences on the passing of Joe.
A true gentleman and friend. He will be missed. God Bless!
We will keep Joe and all of you in our prayers.
John and Lynda Kearney

John Kearney - October 16, 2023 at 09:28 PM

JV

I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Early's passing. He was a very good friend to my father, Joe VanDeloo. I know my dad enjoyed the Tuesday lunches they had At Swifty's. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.
-Joanne VanDeloo

Joanne VanDeloo - October 17, 2023 at 09:38 AM

BA

Sorry I missed about Joe passing until now. I first met Joe while playing basketball in our teenage days. At the Y in where we were both members we did allots running around Washington Park. And once we ran a 26.2 marathon in Lake Placid. We crossed the finish line in holding hand to finish tied for the 20th place. Also played some handball with Joe at the Y. Joe was one of the best handball's players in the Capital Region and maybe one of the best in New York State. I recalled in how he rode his bike up to Lake George and back many times!!!

Burke Thomas Adams - April 28 at 01:46 PM

DP

“ Dear Scott and family, I know your father was a large presence in your life. His words and deeds playing out in your own will, over time, fill the void and help you to know that he is always near. With my love and sympathy ~

Donna MacPherson Preslar - October 16, 2023 at 09:05 PM

CD

“ Scott, Joe and Brian, So sorry for the loss of your Dad. I remember his presence in the “neighborhood” and at St. Pius fondly. I hope your memories and love for him carry you through this time. We are thinking of you.

Chrissy and Chris Pettograsso

Christine Dillon-Pettograsso - October 16, 2023 at 06:48 PM

M'

“ I am so sad by Joe’s passing. He was a great personal friend, and a greater CBA Brother. He was always the youngest 80 years young man I knew. The world cannot afford to lose men like Joe. I will miss him so, and look forward to seeing him again some day. Rest in peace our Brother. You made the world a much better place.

Mike Alvaro '76 - October 16, 2023 at 06:11 PM