



Joseph T. Willey Jr.

November 14, 1938 - November 22, 2020

Colonie- Joseph T. Willey Jr., 82, entered eternal life Sunday, November 22, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Albany, NY to the late Joseph T. and Catherine J. Flood Willey. In addition to his parents he was pre deceased by his wife of 53 years Mary Ann Willey; and his brother John “Jack” Willey.

Joseph retired from the New York State Department of Transportation in 1993 and spent many happy years in retirement. Some of his favorite activities were reading, debating with his brother, watching the Yankees and Notre Dame Football and vacationing with his family. Joe was an outstanding home chef and he regularly enjoyed gourmet meals with his wife and children. Dad was an intelligent and stoic man, but he also possessed a great capacity to love. He selflessly provided for his family. Toward the end of his life, he remarked that the greatest thing he had given his children was each other. He leaves behind a family that loves each other as much as he loved them--a legacy that made him immensely proud.

Joseph loved family above all else and cherished every visit and Sunday dinner. He was never happier than when he was at home, surrounded by the people he loved the most--his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Joe is survived by his children John (Mary) Willey, Joanne (Bruce) Shultis, Joseph (Tara) Willey, Jacqueline(Dean) Halpin and Justine (Paul) Fazziola; great grandson Shane; his grandkids Ashley (Adam), Bruce, Bethany (Brandon), Jamie, Ian, Adam, Madeline, Emilia, Abigail, Caitlin, Jacob; his sister in law Marty Willey and brother in law Chet (Gabriella) Chmielewski; also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

To leave message for the family please visit www.lgfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ New York lost one of the best civil servants with Joe’s passing. He guided me in my start with New York and I will be forever grateful. While Joe was one of the most talented civil servants , his devotion to his family was always his first priority. I was fortunate to attend some of his family cookouts. I extend my sincere sympathies to his family. Ron Rock.

Ron Rock - December 01, 2020 at 06:07 AM

JF

Thank you, Ron. What a beautiful tribute to my dad. He always spoke so highly of you; I know that he would appreciate this.

Justine Willey Fazziola - December 14, 2020 at 03:49 PM

MB

“ I worked for Joe Willey when he was Director of the MTA Bureau. I enjoyed working for him and I am sorry for his passing. I want to extend to his family my deepest condolences.

Marc Boucher

Marc Boucher - November 26, 2020 at 11:49 AM

RL

I am really sorry for your loss. Please know that your family is in my prayers.

Rick LaJoy - November 26, 2020 at 09:47 PM

CD

Dear Justine and family,
We were so very saddened to learn of your father's passing. Although we did not know your dad, we knew your mom from seeing her with your children and our grandchildren at the bus stop or at school or on play dates over a few years. Your family surely was blessed by two wonderful parents and the grandparents of your children. We send our deepest condolences at your loss, and pray for your consolation from family and friends and for God's peace.

Fondly, The Diesels

Carole Diesel - December 03, 2020 at 02:24 PM

JF

Thank you, Mrs. Diesel. I always appreciate the kind words we have shared throughout the years.

Justine Willey Fazziola - December 14, 2020 at 03:50 PM

MD

Dear Family,

I worked for Joe at NYS DOT for several years and I can tell you he was one of the best people I knew at the Department. Always ran his program with fairness to each of us and his door was always open when advice or guidance was needed. When I left for a leave of absence he said to me, "Don't come back Mary - go live your life"...I had been at the Department for 18 years straight out of high school. Joe, I took your words to heart and I went on to find my soulmate in Florida and then came back to NY 3 years later and worked in the private sector. Your words pointed me to a new lease on life and I am forever grateful for your words of wisdom.

Mary Dyda (Di Dio)

Mary Dyda - July 06, 2022 at 06:41 AM