



## Joe Janiak

May 17, 2015

Joseph Francis Janiak of West Hartford and Stafford Springs, CT, died at home on May 17, 2015, in peace and surrounded by love. Born in 1933 in Stafford Springs, CT, Joe was the son of the late Frances and Joseph Janiak, and is survived by the love of his life and best friend, his wife, Susan; his children, Susan Lane (Paul), Donna Simlick, Joseph Janiak (Cheryl), and Rachel Short (Bryan); his grandchildren, Matthew, Timothy, Kelsey and Jaime; and great-granddaughter, Clarissa Jo. He is also survived by his brother, William Janiak (Polly), and sister, Linda Mitchell (Ed), and many nieces and nephews. Joe lived a full and happy life. He served in the US Army, pitched for the Boston Braves farm team, and worked in the manufacturing field for decades. A sports enthusiast, he enjoyed golf, hockey, the Boston Red Sox, UConn Women's Basketball, and the NY Giants. One of his greatest thrills was pitching on the All New England baseball team at Fenway Park while in high school, and he was proud to have coached the Stafford Springs Little League and Midget Football teams for many years. Above all else, Joe's family and friends (and his dogs) came first, and they were all a beautiful part of a life well-lived. In honor of Joe's wishes, there will be no calling hours or services; however, a celebration of Joe's life will be held this Saturday, May 23, at 4:00 pm at Olympic Field, Olympic Avenue, Stafford Springs, CT (rain or shine) followed by a reception at the American Legion Hall, Monson Road, Stafford Springs, CT. Donations in Joe's memory can be sent to Stafford Springs Little League, c/o Town of Stafford Springs, Attn: Recreation

Department, 1 Main Street, Stafford Springs, CT, 06076. During one of his many difficult health battles, Joe said, smiling as always, "I've had such a great life!" May these words, and his smile, bring comfort to all those who have loved him.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 23. 4:00 PM (ET)

Olympic Field  
Olympic Ave.  
Stafford Springs, CT

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ 4 files added to the album Janiak Family Photos



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**Donna Simlick** - May 19, 2015 at 06:15 PM

RS

*Beautiful. <3*

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**Rachel Short** - May 20, 2015 at 02:40 PM

KB

“ *Dear Rachel and Susan - We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Joe. He was always a ray of sunshine and always smiling. We know he meant a lot to you and your family and will be missed so much!! Thinking of you all in this very difficult time and hoping you can fill the void of sadness with happy memories. - Kim Blackwood and family*

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**Kim Blackwood** - May 19, 2015 at 06:15 AM

RS

*Thank you so much Kim. <3*

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**Rachel Short** - May 19, 2015 at 10:02 AM

JO

“ Gonna miss that great smile Joe! One of the most kind, caring (not to mention that settle sense of humor) guy that you will ever know. You got your dogs by your side there with you Joe!

*Joanne Odell*

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**Joanne Odell** - May 19, 2015 at 06:13 AM

RS

*He laughed with you on more than one occasion! Thank you Joanne.*

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**Rachel Short** - May 19, 2015 at 01:38 PM

PT

“ I'm truly saddened to learn of Joe's passing, I had the pleasure of working with Joe many years ago at Valco a small machine shop in Bloomfield CT. Joe taught me a great deal about the machining industry as it relates to the Aerospace field. Joe loved his sports as do I, and I still remember our many great debates! He was a great friend and he will missed by all. My thought and prayers go out to all of his family.

*Paul Trzcinski  
Glastonbury CT*

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**Paul Trzcinski** - May 19, 2015 at 06:05 AM

RS

*Lovely Paul! Thank you.*

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**Rachel Short** - May 19, 2015 at 01:37 PM

JL

“ *Josie Lewicki lit a candle in memory of Joe Janiak*



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**Josie Lewicki** - May 18, 2015 at 03:58 PM

RS

*Thank you Josie. <3*

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**Rachel Short** - May 19, 2015 at 01:37 PM