



## Joseph Paul Liss III

January 26, 2019

Joseph Paul Liss III died on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Joe was born on October 5, 1964 in Brookline, MA, grew up in West Hartford, CT and made his home in Suffield, CT. After graduating from Northwest Catholic in 1982 and the University of Connecticut in 1986, he used his natural charm and charisma in his sales career where he made lasting friendships throughout the years. Joe was married for 20 years to the love of his life, Carolyn Hennessey Liss. He loved their sons Brian and Owen with his heart and soul. They were not only the greatest gifts in his life, but also his most precious gift to the world he leaves behind. Joe loved his boys for the people they are and the men they will become. As the oldest of the five Liss siblings, Joey was thoughtful, loyal, dependable and courageous, but above all he was adored. Joey had the perfect joke for every occasion. Sometimes it was a “Dad” joke, sometimes it was dry and sometimes it was irreverent, but all were perfectly Joey. A gentle soul with a giant heart and a quiet generosity, Joey had a presence that was larger than life. He was a natural athlete with a passion for hockey and he shared his love of sports and sportsmanship with the many kids he coached throughout the years. Joe will be missed not only by his family, but also by his many lifelong friends. He left indelible footprints on all of our hearts and we are better and more compassionate people for having loved and been loved by him. Joe is survived by his wife Carolyn and their sons Brian and Owen of Suffield, CT; his sisters Eileen of South Boston, MA, Rori Sughrue and her husband Bill of Newtown, CT, Suzanne of San Francisco, CA and his brother

Brian and his wife Chris of Granby, CT; his nieces and nephews Julia, Declan, Kiera and Elena Sughrue and Patrick, Brady and Molly Liss. He is also survived by his father Joseph P. Liss Jr. of Columbus, GA; his Aunt and Uncle John and Judy Collins, his Uncle Thomas Gilhooly, and his cousins Patricia, Eileen and MaryKay Gilhooly and Patricia, John and Michael Collins and their beautiful families. Joe was predeceased by his loving mother Kathleen Brady Liss, his Aunt Marie Gilhooly, his cousin Kevin Gilhooly and his maternal and paternal grandparents. His family will receive friends Friday, February 1 from 5-8 pm at The Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main St., West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, February 2 at 10:00 am also at The Church of St. Timothy; Burial will follow at Mount St. Benedict Cemetery. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd  
Bloomfield, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
(860) 233-5131

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to the entire Liss family. Joe was a fun-loving, energetic member of the NWCHS Class of 1982 and I have very fond memories of his youthful sense of humor and positive energy. He was a wonderful member of our class.*

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**Wilder Leavitt (NWCHS '82)** - February 06, 2019 at 07:22 PM

ML

“ Eileen, Rory, Suzanne and Brian,

*I am so sorry I was not able to get to Connecticut for the services for Joey. I love all of you guys and have such wonderful memories of spending time at your house, playing and watching over you. I want to share a reading with you that was shared with me when my dad passed.*

### *Togetherness*

*Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains as it was. I am I and you are you, and the old life we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way that you always did. Put no difference in your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.*

*Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is an absolute and unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well.*

*From “September” by Rosamunde Pickler*

*Remember these words as you think of Joey, he is with your mom, just around the corner.*

*From “September” by Rosamunde Pilcher*

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Melinda Lefebvre - February 03, 2019 at 12:48 AM

MP

“ *Eileen, Rory, Suzanne and Brian.  
I spent a lot of time playing in your yard when we were very young. I am blessed with wonderful memories of this time with you all. I am very sorry to hear of Joey's passing. I hope you will find peace in knowing he is in the loving arms of your Mother.*

*With Condolences,  
Mary-Beth Perri (Maloney)  
Chester CT*

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**MaryBeth Perri** - February 01, 2019 at 01:37 PM

DI

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you and your family Rori! Please know you will be in our thoughts an prayers during this most difficult time.  
Love, George and Diana*

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**Diana** - February 01, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.*



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February 01, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.*



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February 01, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ *Dear Brian and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Joseph. I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. May happy memories, and the cherished time spent help to heal your pain at this time.*



*Kristin M Naismith*

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**Kristin Naismith** - February 01, 2019 at 10:14 AM

IF

“ *In loving memory, Harold and Your Y Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.*



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**In loving memory, Harold and Your Y Family** - February 01, 2019 at 08:26 AM

SS

“ *Dear Liss Family and Friends,*

*All of us hear at H.A. Schreck, Inc. are very saddened by the passing of our friend Joe. We've known Joe well over twenty year's and always enjoyed seeing him in Poughkeepsie or at an event in Hartford. Great guy,great salesman,great friend. May The Lord's blessings comfort you all in this difficult time.*

*Samuel J. Schreck  
H.A. Schreck,Inc.  
Poughkeepsie,NY*

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**SAMUEL SCHRECK** - January 31, 2019 at 03:28 PM

JL

“ On behalf of President and Head of School, Christian Cashman, I offer my deepest sympathy on the passing of Joseph Liss '82. Joseph, along with his sisters, Eileen Liss '83, Rori Liss Sughrue '86 and Suzanne Liss '87, is a valued member of the Northwest Catholic community, so we mourn his loss along with all who love him. Please know that we will remember Joseph and his entire family in a special way at our next school-wide Mass. We are very sorry for your loss. ~ Jane Leary, Director of Constituent Relations, Northwest Catholic High School.

Jane Leary - January 31, 2019 at 01:39 PM

DH

“ Your "Brian Liss" Small World family throws our arms around you. We wish we could take away the pain but hope you have the most amazing memories to help guide you through your days. Much LOVE. Doreen, Theresa and all who love you at Small World.

Doreen Hoddinott - January 31, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.



January 31, 2019 at 08:55 AM

Mary Sunshine

“ Our condolences to the Liss family from the Magauran family.

Mary Sunshine - January 31, 2019 at 05:03 AM

JB

“ *Jeff Richards, Regal Beloit purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.*



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**Jeff Richards, Regal Beloit** - January 31, 2019 at 12:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.*



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January 30, 2019 at 03:56 PM

BR

“ *Set Rori and the entire Liss family, I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. In sympathy, Bridget (Kelly) Peterson*

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**Bridget** - January 30, 2019 at 03:20 PM

JR

“ *My Dear Joey,  
An Irish blessing for you, my dear Nephew,  
May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back  
May the sunshine warm upon your face  
May the rains fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of His hands.*

*Love and prayers,  
Your Aunt Judy Liss Reilly*

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**judy Reilly** - January 30, 2019 at 02:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Joseph Paul Liss III.*



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January 30, 2019 at 02:31 PM

JS

“ Dear Eileen, Rori, Suzanne, Brian, and Family

*I am so deeply saddened to hear that Joe has passed on. It really doesn't seem possible. I have known the Liss family for many years, lived in the same neighborhood, attended the same church ( St Tims ), and enjoyed countless good times with many of you in my classroom and the athletic fields at Northwest Catholic HS. My memories of you and your late mother all are numerous and fond. " Big Brother " Joe was the first of you that I really got to spend time with. When Joe decided that he wanted to play football and came out for the team we bonded immediately. I was an assistant coach then and coached the line where Joe became one of " my guys". We spent every fall day together on the football field after school. I watched his skills develop to be sure but I also got a very nice glimpse of the man he would become in life. He was very dedicated, hard working, full of life, eager to learn, and demonstrated a sense of humor that won me over from our first practice together. He was a darn good player too. In time, as you all entered my life in one way or another, I saw some of Joe in each and every one of you. The Liss family has left a wonderful mark on my life. Please know that Joe and you all are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. I deeply regret that time and distance make it impossible for me to share these words with you in person. Sincerely, John C. Shukie NWC Retired - Baltimore MD.*

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**John C. Shukie** - January 30, 2019 at 02:23 PM

BL

“ Joey, at our last meeting in New Hampshire, was affable, lovable and a grand human being. The photos shared by his father are testimony of our fun time. We shared each other, Lake Winnepesaukee, good food, conversation and great family time. We, his Aunt Judy, Uncle Ronnie, spouses, cousins Ronnie Jr. and Georgie rallied in frivolity. We warmly welcomed a new member of the family, Deborah, Dr. Joe's wife. It was a memorable family gathering. In retrospect, years later, to deal with this untimely passing is not an easy task for this family. Joey, know you were loved and appreciated. We know you are now in the arms of God. Rest in peace.

*Barbara Liss, Royal Palm Beach, Florida*

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**Barbara Liss** - January 30, 2019 at 11:26 AM

AK

“ Alex Karlicki purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.



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**Alex Karlicki** - January 30, 2019 at 11:25 AM

DD

“ Dr. Joseph P. Liss, Jr & Deborah purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.



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**Dr. Joseph P. Liss, Jr & Deborah** - January 30, 2019 at 11:10 AM

FM

“ *From your friends and family at Liberty Mutual purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.*



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**From your friends and family at Liberty Mutual** - January 30, 2019 at 10:50 AM

EF

“ *East Hartford YMCA and LEHY Swimming Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.*



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**East Hartford YMCA and LEHY Swimming Families** - January 30, 2019 at 10:38 AM

JJ

“ *The death of a son is so tragic an event that without faith in God and the hope of eternal life one can not comprehend this emotional devastation. "Our lifetime is but the passing of a shadow and our dying can not be deferred because it is fixed with a seal". Death reminds us that time is not renewable so we must not forget to cherish every moment we have with our loved ones.*

*The highest tribute to my son is not grief but gratitude. Gratitude for the person he was and what he strived to be; gratitude for the life he shared with others; gratitude for his devotion to his mother, siblings, wife and two sons; gratitude to those who called him friend; gratitude for being a complete and loving human being.*

*Your soul is now in the Lord's garden. "Rock", I love you dearly with my whole heart and I will miss you everyday of my life. Until we meet again my son.*

*Love,  
Your Dad*

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**Joseph P. Liss, Jr** - January 30, 2019 at 09:27 AM

JJ

“ *5 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Joseph P. Liss, Jr** - January 30, 2019 at 08:29 AM

MF

“ *Dear Brian and family - We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Carole and Marty Fins*

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**Marty Fins** - January 30, 2019 at 07:37 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Paul F Travers** - January 29, 2019 at 06:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.*



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January 29, 2019 at 06:09 PM

PT

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Paul F Travers** - January 29, 2019 at 05:51 PM

PT

“ *We've been friends for forty-eight years,  
Now I sit silently, eyes welling with tears.*

*I am broken inside that you had to depart.  
I love you Joe, with all my heart.*

*I don't know what else to say.  
I know that you are smiling alongside Kay.*

*All that we shared, I will surely miss.  
A fond farewell to my dear friend, Joe Liss.*

*Traves*

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**Paul F Travers** - January 29, 2019 at 05:17 PM

GT

“ Greg Werk & Pat Haddad @ Northagte Technologies purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joseph Paul Liss III.



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**Greg Werk & Pat Haddad @ Northagte Technologies -**  
January 29, 2019 at 03:19 PM