



Joseph A. Ripepi Jr.

October 28, 2017

A Memorial to honor Joey will be announced at a later date

Joseph A. Ripepi Jr. (Joey), age 45, passed away peacefully on October 28 after a long and brave battle with several serious medical conditions, His Mom was by his side to comfort him at the time of his passing. Joey showed extreme courage in the face of many challenges and taught all of us so much about the strength of love and the human spirit.

Joey was born in Orlando Florida on July 8, 1972 to Barbara (Harriott) Ripepi Hansen and Joseph Anthony Ripepi, Sr.

He spent his early years in Florida and the Schenectady NY area, but lived most of his life in Connecticut. After a traumatic brain injury at the age of 18 he was able to live semi-independently for many years. As his health worsened in recent years, he has required the specialized care of a nursing home.

Joey was an avid sports fan and enthusiastically rooted on his favorite teams, including the NY Giants and the NY Mets. He was a real fan of the great music of the 60s, 70s and 80s and enjoyed listening to his extensive collection of CDs. He also enjoyed his many DVDs of favorite movies and TV shows. He was truly an expert on sports and music trivia.

Being with his family was the most important thing to Joey. He always enjoyed

his visits and phone calls with his sister Laura and he enthusiastically looked forward to holidays and family gatherings. He had a special bond with his family's dog Angel and he treasured her visits to him every Sunday. He was so happy to be an uncle to his "special buddy" Cole Carroll. We are comforted to know he will be a guardian angel to his niece, due to come into the world very soon.

Joey was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Lloyd C. Harriott, his uncle John T. Harriott, his paternal grandmother Terry B. Ripepi and grandfather Thomas Ripepi. Joe is survived by his loving and dedicated mother Barbara (Harriott) Hansen, his stepfather Tony Hansen with whom he had a special relationship, his beloved sister Laura Carroll, her husband John Carroll and their son Cole Carroll, his grandmother Marie R. Harriott, his Uncle Lloyd R. Harriott and wife Theresa, his aunt Teresa, his cousins Michelle Bardey, Caroline Harriott and Richard Harriott, his aunt Mary Ann Hansen and step-brothers Robert Hansen and James Hansen.

Joey's family wishes to extend a very special thanks to those at Hughes Health and Rehabilitation In West Hartford who provided such loving and special care and friendship to Joe for the past 5 years and to the caring staff at DaVita Dialysis in Bloomfield.

The family hopes you will show extra special kindness and consideration to those with special needs as your way of honoring Joey. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Special Olympics.

A private burial will be held on November 3.

Tribute Wall

BH

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barbara hansen - November 04, 2017 at 11:22 AM

JL

“ *Barbara and Family,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you. I pray that our Heavenly Father comforts and strengthens you during this time. Joe was a lovely young man, who will be greatly missed. Sleep in heavenly peace Joe.

*Sincerely,
Jennette-Hughes Health and Rehabilitation*



Jennette Livingston - November 03, 2017 at 09:44 AM

RH

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Rob Hansen - November 03, 2017 at 08:40 AM

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Barbara Hansen - November 02, 2017 at 07:50 PM

AS

“ We will miss Joe at the dialysis clinic. He was our go-to guy anytime we needed an answer to a trivia question! Joe loved to share stories about his family. He especially loved to talk about his nephew and his dog, Angel. May Joe's family and friends take comfort in knowing how special he was and the impression he left on people.

Abby Strong

Abby Strong - November 01, 2017 at 06:50 PM



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Laura Carroll - November 01, 2017 at 01:32 PM

JH

“ Of all of the people I've met, I have a little extra respect and admiration for the few who have faced life-or-death struggles with good humor and resilience. Joe was surely one of these people, and over the years I was surprised several times by how he overcame his challenges without losing his ability to enjoy life.

Joe was a natural "uniter", and an incredibly genuine guy. From the first time I met him, he made a real effort to get to know me and did his part to turn our two families into one. He later did the same in welcoming Gina into the family. He made holidays and family gatherings more joyful, and I know he'll live on in our thoughts through many years of family occasions to come.

James Hansen - November 01, 2017 at 12:49 PM

GD

“ I'm honored to have known Joe and had the pleasure of calling him family. It's can be a little challenging as families mesh with a marriage but Joe was always unfailingly welcoming and caring to me at every holiday and gathering. I will miss his gentle spirit but I'm thankful he is at peace and unburdened by more health challenges than anyone should have to endure. He and your family are all in my prayers, and as I remember his special blend of kindness and bravery, it will surely be an inspiration to me going forward.

- Gina

Gina DeGregorio - November 01, 2017 at 12:00 PM

BH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Barbara Hansen - November 01, 2017 at 09:36 AM

BH

“ *Barbara Hansen lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Ripepi Jr.*



Barbara Hansen - November 01, 2017 at 09:32 AM

TH

“ As a tribute to Joey, his stepfather Tony wrote the following poem to illustrate the importance of family to him and to honor his bravery and positive spirit:

Our Hero Joe

*Hard won success defines heroes,
athletes and career achievers.
Concealed from our tabloid culture,
quiet dreamers and believers.*

*When revealed these hidden angels
speak of hopeful loving dreams.
Knowing they gauge us with kindness
makes life better than it seems.*

*Joe never gave up on hoping,
meeting fate with bravery.
Ever thinking of his loved ones,
the soul of a family.*

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Tony Hansen - November 01, 2017 at 09:26 AM