

Joseph S. Stabnick Jr.

March 2, 1942 - October 10, 2011

Joseph S. Stabnick, Jr., 69, of West Hartford, beloved husband of Christina Olson Stabnick, passed away peacefully Monday October 10, 2011 at home surrounded by his loving family after a brave battle with lymphoma.

Born on March 2, 1942 in Memphis, TN, he was the son of the late LaVerne and Dr. Joseph Stabnick. Joe lived in Memphis throughout his childhood before moving to West Hartford. He graduated from Conard High School in 1959. Joe attended his father's alma mater, University of Michigan, but returned to Connecticut after his father's death, completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Connecticut. In 1971, Joe earned a Masters Degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Joe began his career in 1964 at Aetna Life and Casualty. His impressive career spanned 47 years, during which he held a series of senior management positions. Joe completed his career as the Chief Administrative Officer of Claim Legal at Travelers Insurance.

Joe was involved in many civic organizations throughout his lifetime. He sat on the West Hartford Economic Development Commission from 1987-1989 and was the Statewide Development Committee Chairman of the Combined Health Appeal Board in 1986. He was a member of the West Hartford Parks & Recreation Advisory Board from 1983-1987, serving as the Vice Chairman in 1986. Joe was the Greater Hartford United Way Fundraising Campaign Chairman in 1982 and continued to hold a leadership position until 1985; and he served as the Treasurer of the Better Business Bureau of Greater Hartford

in 1981; Joe was on the Operation Fuel Executive Committee from 1979-1985, serving as the Chairman in 1980. In 1977, he was the Founding Chairman of the Connecticut Minority Purchasing Council. Joe was also active in the West Hartford Youth Hockey Association from 1976-1986, serving as the President for two years. He continued his community involvement through Habitat for Humanity and various volunteer positions at the Travelers Championship.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his three devoted sons, Joseph S. Stabnick, III and his wife Anne of Wellesley, MA, Andrew C. Stabnick and his wife Paula of West Hartford, and David G. Stabnick and his wife Lynn of Glastonbury. Papa Joe, as he was fondly called, will be dearly missed by his seven grandchildren Emily, Peter, Ned, Cole, Aidan, Matthew and Ryan. Joe is also survived by his sister and brother, Hollye and her husband, Dr. Alfredo Nino, and Richard Stabnick and his wife Cheri, all of West Hartford, his brother-in-law James Olson of Windham, his nephews Dr. Alfredo Nino of Phoenix, AZ and Jack Olson of West Hartford and nieces Deanna Nino Goldstein of LaJolla, CA, Jennifer Stabnick of Brookline, MA, Courtney Stabnick of West Hartford and Charlotte Olson of West Hartford. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the compassionate and devoted care provided by the staff of CB2 at Hartford Hospital.

Funeral services will be held on Friday October 14 at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Avenue, Hartford at 10:00 a.m. Calling hours will be held at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford on Thursday October 13 from 4-8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Joseph S. Stabnick to SmileTrain, P.O. Box 96231, Washington, D.C. 20090 or online at smiletrain.org. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ It is with deep sadness that I heard of Joseph's illness & demise. Although we lost touch through the years I thank him & his family for pleasant, motivational trips there in Tom's & my formative years. He was an inspiration. God bless him.##imported-begin##maryanne stabnick##imported-end##

November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ chris and family in our prayers##imported-begin##barry potter##imported-end##

October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Andrew Stabnick and family; so sorry about the loss of your father. My condolences.##imported-begin##Lisa Siedor##imported-end##

October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Had a great time working with Joe @ Aetna. Joe's passing came as a surprise and I'm saddened by the news.....M##imported-begin##Mike Ferland##imported-end##

October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Please know that we are deeply saddened by your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.##imported-begin##Linda & Alan Levin##imported-end##

October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Joe was epitome of a great friend, co-worker, and torchbearer for Aetna and Travelers. He loved chatting about his children and grandkids, he was so proud and loved attending their sports events. He always had time for everyone and his smile was ever present. He will be remembered forever.##imported-begin##Gary Mann##imported-end##

October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris,

Our sincere condolences to you and your family for your loss.##imported-begin##The Men of Kingston House##imported-end##

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“ I met Joe 21 years ago when I first traveled to Hartford to interview for the Baltimore Managing Counsel job at the Aetna. He was a great friend, counselor, advocate and "work dad" or at least "work big brother" for the rest of his life. He was the most loyal, gracious and entirely genuine man and friend that anyone could ask for. Professionally, I was convinced that there was nothing he could not do--all one had to do was ask and amazingly it was done, and done very well. His genuine warmth, humor and good nature were always evident. I fondly remember every minute I spent with him and miss him enormously today. He was a true gentleman.

To his family, I know that you will cherish the memories and time you had with him. He spoke often of you and loved you all with all his heart. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God be with him and with you all.##imported-begin##Joe Jagielski##imported-end##

October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris & Family,
Joe was a great guy and this is a great loss. We feel fortunate to have known him.
Nancy, Jack & Charlotte##imported-begin##Nancy
Olson##imported-end##

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“ To the Stabnick Family:
I worked for Joe for many years at the Aetna and interacted with him at the Travelers. He was a kind, generous and very funny man. He loved life and shared his enthusiasm with all. He truly loved his family and was so proud of everyone. He will be sorely missed##imported-begin##Leslie Lerner##imported-end##

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“ I worked with Joe at Aetna for quite a few years. He was without a doubt the best "boss" I have ever had. Patient, understanding, personable and just a total pleasure to have to deal with. He definitely stood out from his peers. A truly "nice person". My deepest prayers are with his family and I know Joe will be much loved on the other side. Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Rich Zechiel##imported-end##

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“ All the Berry family share in the Stabnick family loss of a wonderful father, husband and friend. We have many great memories of Joe, Chris and especially David, Andy and Joe III in the many early morning hours @Memorial rink. He will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Rick Berry ##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Joe. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. I worked with Joe at Travelers and he was one of the kindest people I have ever met. He was always upbeat and had a great sense of humor. He will be missed greatly!##imported-begin##Larry Mazur##imported-end##

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“ *David and Stabnick Family,*
Just want to let you know how sorry we are to hear of your loss. The memories of Joe hold a special place in our hearts.
Anthony & Kelly##imported-begin##Anthony Claffey##imported-end##

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find strength in Joe's memory and his love. May you find comfort knowing our loved ones leave a special imprint in our hearts and in our lives that never fade.*
- Sincerely, Herb and Jerri Watstein, the staff of Watstein & Watstein, P.C. and Mr. & Mrs. Jesse M. Frankl.##imported-begin##Watstein & Watstein, P.C.##imported-end##

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“ *A true and trustworthy friend, a genuine person, and an incredible loss. Hopefully, we will be comforted by some terrific memories.##imported-begin##Stanley Ness##imported-end##*

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“ *My sincere condolences to Joe's immediate and extended family. He will be sorely missed by all of his many friends at Travelers.##imported-begin##Scott Birrell##imported-end##*

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“ I feel blessed to have known Joe. He was always supportive and positive. He had the ability to make the person he was assisting feel at ease and valued. He was a gentleman, a true professional, and a class act. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Matt Scoll##imported-end##

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“ Andrew, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. I will be praying for your family.
Tina##imported-begin##Tina Levine##imported-end##

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“ To the Stabnick family. Joe has so many friends and fans in so many places. I am just one of many. Joe was a true gentleman, a loyal friend, and such a kind person. Our work place will not be the same without him. I will miss him very much. My sincere condolences to the Stabnick family and to all who had the good fortune to work with him. Sandy Williams##imported-begin##Sandy Williams##imported-end##

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“ I worked with Joe both at Aetna and Travelers. Joe was a great guy with a great sense of humor. He was devoted to his family both at home and work.
Rest in peace my friend, you will be sorely missed. My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Ashvin S. Pandit##imported-end##

October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Working with Joe at Travelers was a pleasure. Joe's humor was unique in this business. He is missed. My prayers go out to his family.##imported-begin##Randy Hebb##imported-end##

October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Andrew:

I am really sorry to hear about your father. Sandy##imported-begin##sandra downes##imported-end##

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“ Out thoughts and prayers are with you at the time of your loss of such a wonderfully loved man, father and grandfather.##imported-begin##judy friedman##imported-end##

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“ Business colleagues come and go but few leave the presence that Joe did in so many lives. Those of us who knew him as a business partner feel lucky to have known him as a friend. We are not nearly as lucky as his family who knew him as a husband, father and grandfather and had the good fortune to share the best part of his life. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Joe Weimer##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Kelly Fortier##imported-end##

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“ The Stabnick Family, Our condolences and sympathies to your family on the loss of a loved one. Joe will always be remembered as a steadfast, standup man and will be in our prayers. The Mascolo Family##imported-begin##The Mascolo Family##imported-end##

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“ My family sends our thoughts and prayers to Chris, Andy, Joe, David and kids. I consider myself extremely lucky to have met and spent time with Joe. He ALWAYS made my wife and kids feel like we were part of his own family during our visits to West Hartford. You can't pick the family your sister gets married into, but boy if I could I would have picked the Joseph Stabnick clan ten times til Sunday! He was a man's man and always put his family first and made our worlds that much better with his contagious smile and that laugh. Anytime I think of Joe a huge smile pops up on my face. He may be gone, but the smiles he put on all our faces and the warmth he put in our hearts shall never leave.##imported-begin##Dennis P. Shea##imported-end##

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“ Many have already said it but Joe was a true gentleman and as honorable as they come. He always had time to chat when he called on business and never ceased to make one laugh. I have many fond memories of Joe and he will most certainly be missed. He spoke often of his family and was clearly proud of all. My condolences to Chris, Andy and the entire Stabnick family. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Cindy Garraty##imported-end##

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“ Joe Stabnick was one of those rare persons who always thought of others before self. After spending time with Joe, you always felt better about yourself and the world. I am a much better person because I had a friend and mentor like Joe. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Chris and the entire family.##imported-begin##Don Shivers##imported-end##

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“ Dear Chris and family: Words cannot express the sadness I feel for all of you on the passing of your beloved Joe..I shall always think of him as a gentleman and kind man.....and of course a good neighbor and wonderful father,husband and grandfather..All my prayers go with you..Love,Claire Evans##imported-begin##Claire Evans##imported-end##

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“ Joe will be missed. We worked together at Travelers. I will always think of him as a comfort to me at my husband's funeral service which was my last coversation with him in May. He was such a true gentleman and devoted family man. My condolences to his family and friends.##imported-begin##Karen Hale##imported-end##

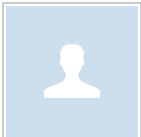
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“ Chris and family--

The entire Travelers/Aetna family mourns your loss, and our loss. There is no one else like "Gentlemen Joe" or Papa Joe--a wonderful man who loved his family, and his friends. My heartfelt condolences.##imported-begin##Dianne Scott##imported-end##

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“ If you look up the word "gentleman" in the dictionary, you will see a picture of Joe. There is no better way to describe him. I work with Joe at Travelers and he was always ready, willing and able to lend a hand when you needed one. I will miss our conversations that lasted much longer than the "quickie" question he had for you. Rest in Peace Joe.##imported-begin##Eileen Grimmer##imported-end##

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“ My prayers and sympathy to you Chris and your family. When I was fortunate to run into Joe after high school we could not stop laughing remembering so many good fun-filled times. Joe remains one of my favorite and respected friends of "The Chicks and the Jokers"--such a colorful and engaging guy!!!
begin##Mimi Taylor Beggs##imported-end##

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“ We want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers today and always.
Love to all
Jim and Linda##imported-begin##Jim & Linda Cuttings##imported-end##

October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris,
I was so sorry to hear about Joe. I will pray for you and your family .
Cousin Gloria##imported-begin##Gloria Prout##imported-end##

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“ A guy couldn't ask for a better brother-in-law, you'll be missed.
begin##Jim Olson##imported-end##

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“ A true gentleman who leaves a legacy of service to his fellowman.##imported-begin##Joseph, Chora & Olivea Myers##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Stabnick, please accept our condolences on the passing of your husband Joe. Andrew, we will continue to offer our support to you and your family, and will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Don Murday##imported-end##

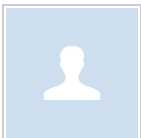
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“ Andrew - I am sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Brian P. Downey##imported-begin##Brian P. Downey##imported-end##

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“ Andrew & Family, my deepest sympathies to all of you. Please know that each of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Fondly,
Tracy##imported-begin##Tracy Michaud##imported-end##

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