



Joseph K. Kacsanik

December 13, 1941 - July 19, 2024

On December 13, 1941, six days after Pearl Harbor, Joseph and Mary Kacsanik welcomed their son, Joseph Kenneth Kacsanik into this world. Joseph was born in Passaic and spent his early childhood and teenage years growing up in Garfield. When he was 20 years old, Uncle Sam invited him to be all he could be. Joseph proudly served his country, stationed mostly in Korea. When he returned home, he had two objectives. The first objective was to find a job. He secured employment with Givaudan Corporation, a chemical company, as a lab technician in their research lab. He remained there for 33 years, retiring in 1998. His second objective was to marry Barbara Brostowski. On July 10, 1965, Barbara Brostowski became Mrs. Joseph Kacsanik. They were married for 59 years and were blessed with one son, Christopher.

Joseph loved to travel. Joseph and his family would select a different part of the United States to visit every summer. They would visit national parks, historical sites, major-league ballparks, theme parks, state fairs, and sample the local food. After 12 summers, Joseph had visited 49 of the 50 states only missing North Dakota.

In 1970, Joseph and his family moved to Rutherford. There, he realized he had some skill as a do-it-yourselfer. He made repairs, improvements, and renovations. He particularly enjoyed the projects that required demolition. After 20 years of doing it himself, he opted to let someone else do the work.

Now Joseph was an empty nester. This allowed him to broaden his travel horizons. Joseph and his wife were fortunate enough to visit all seven continents and 65 countries collecting souvenirs and many, many memories. With retirement, old age, and a variety of health issues, Joseph's life became more sedentary. He was thankful that he was able to be a grandpa to his two grandchildren, Brian and Megan, and watch them grow from infancy to adulthood. On July 19, 2024, Joseph took his last trip. Home. Home to God.

Joseph is survived by his wife Barbara, a son Christopher, two grandchildren, Brian and Megan, a sister, Patricia and her husband, Andrew, a brother-in-law, Allen Brostowski and his wife, Nancy, a nephew, Matthew Brostowski, and a niece, Linda Leach and her husband, Brandon Leach and their son, Teddy.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Mary Kacsanik, sister-in-law, Arlene Gemski, brother-in-law, Robert Gemski, and nephew, Jay Gemski.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

224 Westminster Pl
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Wallington
106 Locust Avenue
Wallington, NJ 07057

Visitation

JUL 24. 9:30 AM - 10:05 AM (ET)

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106 Locust Avenue
Wallington, NJ 07057

Funeral Mass

JUL 24. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Mary
91 Home Ave
Rutherford, NJ 07070

Burial

JUL **24**. 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear of his passing. Joe and I grew up together on Grand St, in Garfield, He was a good friend but we lost touch with each other when I moved to Fl.
My condolences to Barbara, Joe was a very good person.

Eric Krewenka

Eric Krew - March 21, 2025 at 10:17 AM

LM

“ Louise A. Micci lit a candle in memory of Joseph Kacsanik



Louise A. Micci - July 24, 2024 at 12:39 AM

KF

“ Dear Barbara, Memories become exceedingly precious at this time, cherish them. Love, Kraweak Family, Susie, Michele and Jill.

Kraweak Family - July 22, 2024 at 01:47 PM

CA

“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of Joe. Sending strength and healing energy to Barbara and the family. Joe will forever be etched in our hearts. RIP friend, may you find eternal light.

*John, Cathy, Emily and Lauren
Rutherford Physical Therapy*

cathy - July 22, 2024 at 10:13 AM

PF

“ *Patty and Andrew Fostek purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Joseph K. Kacsanik.*



Patty and Andrew Fostek - July 22, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph K. Kacsanik.*



July 21, 2024 at 06:16 PM

LB

“ *Love, Matthew, Linda and Brandon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph K. Kacsanik.*

Love, Matthew, Linda and Brandon - July 20, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph K. Kacsanik.*



July 20, 2024 at 05:08 PM

LN

“ Love, Allen and Nancy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph K. Kacsanik.

Love, Allen and Nancy - July 20, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph K. Kacsanik.



July 20, 2024 at 05:04 PM