



Cosmo L. Palmisano

June 11, 2019

Palmisano, Cosmo L., 74, of Teaneck, NJ, formerly of North Bergen and Guttenberg, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Tina Palmisano (nee Orson). Devoted son of the late Leonard and Jennie Palmisano (nee Cauterucci).

Loving brother of Esther M. Brinkers of Guttenberg and Anna J. King of Ramsey and her husband George. Dear uncle of Jennifer A. Bryson and her husband Erik; John Brinkers and his wife Michelle; Leonard Brinkers and his wife Valeria; David C. King and his wife Gina; Jennifer Lowe; Theresa Ramos; and Christine Kalata. He will also be missed by many grand-nieces, grand-nephews, first and second cousins, friends, and colleagues.

His many accomplishments both professionally and academically include: graduating third at Memorial High School in West New York; Phi Beta Kappa with a dual degree in US History and Italian from Rutgers University; and a Master's degree from NYU in Italian Literature. Cosmo taught at North Bergen High School for 35 years. In his retirement, he was an adjunct professor at Bergen County Community College and William Paterson University.

Additionally, post retirement, he gladly accepted a position as Senior Services Advocate in Bergen County.

Cosmo never hesitated to volunteer to those who needed his guidance and expertise and thus took leadership positions in the following organizations: North Bergen Education Association President for 3 years; Chairman of Government Relations Committee; Hudson County Education Assn.; PAC

Executive Committee; V.P., for 15 years, of the Hudson County Retired Educators Assn.; Government Relations Committee, Hudson County, to NJREA; HCREA Executive Committee; unofficial Chaplain of HCREA; Member of the Delegate Committee for New Jersey Education Assn.; member of the NJEA Government Relations Committee; state delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly (NEA Convention); National Education Assn. NJEA State Delegate to the NEA Convention; elected to the NEA Resolutions Committee; member of the Executive Board of the Alumni Assn. for Rutgers University (Newark); member of the Foreign Languages Assn.; and served as a member of the Teaneck Democratic Club.

Cosmo was awarded the Sen. Matthew Feldman Award for Community Service, specifically highlighting his work as a volunteer at Holy Name Hospital, as a Eucharistic Minister, and for his Interreligious fellowship for the Homeless in Bergen County.

He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus; Sons of Italy; Bread for the World; Historical Preservation Committee; Senior Citizens Advisory Board; Teaneck Seniors; and was a Eucharistic Minister at St. Anastasia's Roman Catholic Church.

He travelled to Italy many times throughout his life and mastered the Italian language, speaking it like a native Italian. His love of politics and education took him to conventions and seminars throughout the country.

Cosmo was a devoted family man and will be remembered for his great sense of humor and wit, and for his legacy of teaching, volunteerism, and compassion.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Sunday from 1-3pm and 5-8pm, at the Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck. Funeral service from the funeral home on Monday at 9am, then to St. Anastasia's RCC, Teaneck, for a 10am Mass of Christian Burial. Entombment immediately following at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus.

Memorial contributions in Cosmo's name can be made to Rutgers University or Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
(201) 836-0202
info@volkleber.com
<https://www.volkleber.com>

Visitation

JUN 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
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Funeral Mass

JUN 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anastasia RCC
1095 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cosmo L. Palmisano*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - June 14, 2019 at 05:10 PM

FG

Beautiful tribute to your brother Esther. He's at peace now.

Florence Grazide - June 17, 2019 at 01:55 PM

NK

Very Beautiful Tribute to your Brother Esther. Prayers for all of you.

Nancy Knieriemen - June 18, 2019 at 10:52 PM



“ *Cosmo L. Palmisano*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Cosmo L. Palmisano*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Cosmo L. Palmisano*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

IB

“ I went to grammar school (Anna L. Klein) with Cosmo and was in his class. I don't know where he got his courage, but he had a lot of it. I knew he would become a leader of some kind.
Irene Cacciaguida

Irene Cacciaguida Baroni - October 10, 2019 at 01:00 AM

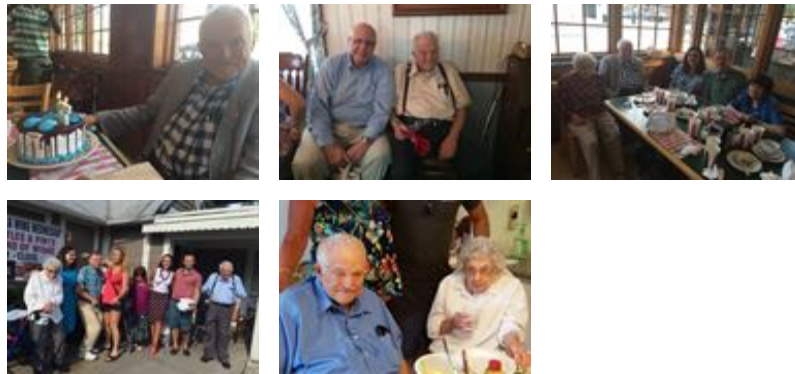
TR

“ Cosmo was such a kind, sweet man. My mother and I always enjoyed our Italian breakfast conversations at the diner on Sundays . Rest In Peace.

Teresa Raimo - July 22, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Life Tributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - June 16, 2019 at 12:06 PM

LP

“ To Anna and Family
Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this most difficult time.
Our Deepest Sympathy,
Linda and John Pepe

linda pepe - June 15, 2019 at 10:36 PM

JA

“ Sorry to hear of Cosmo’s passing. I served with Zico’s o on many NJEA Committees and became his friend. My wife was his high school teacher and we both thought very highly of him. May he Rest In Peace. Jim and Claudia Allocco

jim allocco - June 13, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ 83 files added to the album Life Tributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - June 13, 2019 at 03:23 PM

MW

“ I will always cherish our family memories, you were a kind and special person and will be truly missed. Love Always Margaret Anne



Margaret Workmon - June 13, 2019 at 12:51 PM

SG

Margaret Anne so sorry for your loss! May Cosmo Rest In Peace. Shirley,Bob,Jonathan,Robert an your entire State Farm Family.

Shirley Gibbs - June 14, 2019 at 01:58 PM

BR

“ *Cosmo was a dear friend to my husband, Michael Rubin. I will always remember his kindness! What a wonderful man!*

Bonnie Rubin

Bonnie Rubin - June 13, 2019 at 10:20 AM

JD

“ *My condolences to Casmo Palmisano's family & friends. May God Bless you Rest In Peace.*



Judith Ann DomPieri - June 13, 2019 at 08:08 AM

JO

“ *Joe purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance S pray for the family of Cosmo L. Palmisano.*



Joe - June 12, 2019 at 10:22 PM

LB

“ *Dear Uncle Cosmo, literally you were the replacement of a father to me. As my Godfather; I was fortunate to be blessed with you in my life! Thank you for making such a wonderful impact. I will always keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace, I will miss you.*



Leonard Brinkers - June 12, 2019 at 04:36 PM

MA

Cosmo was a genuinely caring individual who cared for all people - especially the less fortunate. He was a man of great wisdom and provided wonderful advice. He was very learned and I enjoyed various discussions with him about politics and education. We both shared the same teaching profession. May God Rest your soul. A dutiful servant has returned home to his Blessed Lord. May your soul rest in peace. Almost a year since your death. Still very much missed.

Michael Aiton

Michael Aiton - June 06, 2020 at 03:46 PM

RF

“*Thank you Cosmo. For everything you did for your cousin Bob when we where young. I will never forget you.*”



robert fisher - June 12, 2019 at 12:12 PM

MW

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Margaret Workmon - June 12, 2019 at 08:53 PM

JF

We knew Cosmo from family events. He was an articulate speaker and made every occasion feel special. We will miss him.

Janet & Cliff Fleck

Janet & Cliff Fleck - June 13, 2019 at 01:49 PM