



John G. Fedele

April 17, 2020

Devoted and loving father, John (Jack) Gaetano Fedele, 87, passed away on April 17, 2020.

John was born on June 13, 1932 at Margaret Hague Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey. The son of Italian immigrants, John grew up in West New York, NJ, where he attended school and played football for Memorial High School. He also resided in North Bergen, NJ after his high school graduation. On June 13, 1950 John enlisted and served as a US Army medic for two years.

John received a football scholarships and attended Adelphi University in Long Island, New York and Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where he graduated with a degree in History. He began his teaching career at Hasbrouck Heights High School, in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ where he taught, and coached the Aviators football team, leading the team to a state championship. In 1962, he was named the New Jersey Football Coach of the Year and has since been inducted into the Hall of Fame. In 1965, he became the Chairman of the History Department at Northern Highlands High school in Allendale, NJ, where he continued coaching football, and also coached field hockey, baseball, track and girls basketball for 25+ years. John also earned three master's degrees In History and Administration from Seton Hall University, Fairleigh Dickson University, and William Paterson University. He also was very involved in his hometown of Ringwood, NJ, where he held many roles including Borough Leader, Councilman, Chairman for recreation as well as a chief Council Negotiator.

John is preceded in death by his parents Gaetano and Lena; nephews Michael & Peter; sister, Rosetta; brothers, George and Ralph; and daughter-in-law Tracey Fedele (Nee Coates). His life is celebrated by his children daughter Cathleen; son Christopher; son John and wife Lisa (Buckley); son Joseph and wife Kristin; daughter Jennifer and husband Christopher Galiano; and son Marc; 14 grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and countless former students, football players and athletes that he inspired over the years.

John was a devoted and loving father, respected and admired teacher and a beloved coach who touched and inspired all whom had the pleasure of knowing him. Thanks Jack, Dad, Pop, Grandpa and friend, for being so loyal to your loved ones, bringing much laughter and inspiring all of us to work hard and never give up. We will miss and remember you every day.

A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *John G. Fedele*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *John G. Fedele*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *John G. Fedele*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

JW

“ *The Fedele folks....
So very sad to hear of dad's passing.
Loved him like a brother.
Great friend.....Best friend.
I miss him.
Rest In Peace, Jack
Jack Wanly. Paradise3043@yahoo.com*



Jack Wanly - March 28, 2021 at 06:25 AM

WE

“ *To the man we always called "Coach"...Great Teacher, wonderful person, and mentor. A life well lived. Bill Easter*

William Easter - May 02, 2020 at 11:39 AM

TM

“ Needless to say, all the girls at HHHS had a crush on our handsome history teacher! He had a unique way of teaching that made his class fun and you knew he truly cared.
When he came to our 50th reunion we had so much fun seeing him again. He leaves a true legacy.
To his family....you are truly blessed to have had him in your lives.
Sincerely, Toni Sodora McAlevey

Toni McAlevey - May 01, 2020 at 07:55 PM

AM

“ I did not play football for Mr. Fedele but was just a student in his history class. Mr. Fedele became to me the one teacher everyone has that is never forgotten. When I was a senior and was uncertain as to what I was going to do after graduation he approached me and encouraged me to go to college. Not only that but he helped me apply to Iowa Wesleyan and helped with the application, admission letter and a letter of recommendation. The end result is I received my degree in 1964. Thank you for this Mr Fedele. Anthony (Mutch) Marchitelli

Anthony (Mutch) Marchitelli - April 25, 2020 at 10:16 AM

JC

“ Coach, which i always called him was a true hero to me. He truly cared about us as if we were his own kids. He not only helped me to be a better football player, but a better person. He earned our respect because he respected us, something that is not taught anymore. He also earned our love because he first loved us. We were not the most talented team, but we would do above and beyond ,because of our love for him. He is in the Hasbrouck Heights hall of fame rightly so , i am there because he made me become a lineman instead of a running back my freshman year. Thanks Coach! I was blessed to have been able to know him beyond our high school years. Before it was too late ,coach Masucci, me and coach got together a few times for lunch, thank God. This i know, he loved his family, his country and his Savior. We will miss him, but i know i will see him again! Jim Ciccarella #62 1962 St Champs

james ciccarella - April 22, 2020 at 11:07 PM

 Bob
Wielk

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Bob Wielk - April 22, 2020 at 02:49 PM

JR

“Coach Fedele was an inspiration to me as a teen growing up in Hasbrouck Heights. He was not very much older than us, so it was very easy to relate to him. His humor brought all of the football players to his homeroom. If we needed guidance, we went to Coach Fedele's room, not the guidance office. I cannot say enough about this great man. Just a wonderful person and I will cherish his memory and feel so fortunate to have had him in my life. God bless Jack Fedele and may he rest in peace.
Dr. James F. Rocche

jim roche - April 22, 2020 at 01:19 PM

DD

“Coach Fedele was my coach and teacher and a man who was an influence in my life. He was a reason in my becoming a teacher and football coach. Coach Fedele will be remembered fondly. Rest in peace. Dennis DeAppolonio #65

Dennis DeAppolonio - April 22, 2020 at 12:14 PM

RK

“Coach Fedele was my Freshman, JV and Varsity coach 1960 to 1963. Simply put he was what every coach should aspire to be. Many life lessons can be attributed to his mentoring his caring for his students and athletes. I was not only his student but later in life a FRIEND that I will never forget. Rest in Peace COACH You are one of the BEST. Bob Kroncke #60

Robert Kroncke - April 22, 2020 at 09:49 AM

JF

“ Dear beloved father you will forever be that bright star that shines in my heart that will continue to guide me and give me unconditional love.
I will miss you every minute of the day but will celebrate you with all our memories of joy and laughter we shared. You were everything to me, my best friend, my mentor. my teacher, my hero, my joy and most of all my father. You were the most amazing man that never judged and had the best qualities you could ever find in a man.
You were pure Love and that love will live on with all the beautiful lives you have touched. Nothing brings me more joy then to think you are now with your family you so missed.
I'll be seeing you... I'll be looking at the moon, but I'll be seeing youLove your Daughter Jenny

Jennifer Fedele - April 21, 2020 at 12:14 PM

DM

Jack and I taught together at Hasbrouck Heights High School for I believe 7 years. I have many fond memories of Jack Fedele, He was a legend at Hasbrouck Heights and then became a legend at Northern Highlands. Even though we hadn't seen each other for many years, you always shared a special spot in my memory and always will. God bless you my friend and rest in peace.
Dennis Mamchur, HHHS teacher, 1958-1965.

Dennis Mamchur - April 22, 2020 at 04:04 PM

BS

He was an inspiration to me as a football player on the 1962 state championship team at Hasbrouck Heights High School. Bob Soel

Bob Soel - October 29, 2020 at 08:18 AM

JS

I am so sorry to hear of his passing! He was my husbands best friend and was a mentor to me when I was going through my husbands sickness and passing! R.I.P. Jackie! Hope you are in heaven breaking George's chops! My condolences to his family! He was truly a good man!

JoEllen Scalone - October 05, 2021 at 11:41 AM