



Joseph S. Papa

August 27, 2017

PAPA, Joseph S., passed away on August 27, 2017 peacefully at the age of 71 surrounded by his wife Annemarie Papa, daughter Christina Barkstedt and son-in-law Travis R. Barkstedt. The cause was Ampullary Cancer. His last words were "It's been a good ride. No regrets. Grateful for so many friends." After retiring he pursued his passion for gardening which was instilled by his great grandmother Rose. He became a master gardener and took the position of Horticultural Consultant at Rutgers University which he loved. He always had an inquisitive mind, added value, offered meaningful advice and positivity. He offered a lot to his wife, daughter, son-in-law and friends. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, tennis, paddle, and traveling to Germany. We will all miss his laugh and wonderful sense of humor.

Family and friends are welcome to visit on Wednesday 2-4&7-9pm at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck.

Private cremation will follow.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Garretson Forge and Farm, PO Box 1155 4-02 River Road Fairlawn, NJ 07410. www.garretsonfarm.org.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Lawn Crematory

Corner of Crooks Blvd & McClean Avenue
Paterson, NJ 07503

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

AUG 30. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph S. Papa*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Joseph S. Papa*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Joseph S. Papa*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Joe was an amazing mentor in the garden and in the greenhouse and I will miss him dearly. He did so much to change the way the Garden Club of Teaneck operated its greenhouse and he contributed endless hours to production for our annual plant sales.*

Joe was a perfectionist and appreciated same in others – that quality in him motivated me to strive to do exceptional work. When I was President of the GCT, Joe served two terms as Horticultural Director and then as Treasurer and he brought a more professional approach to our business and the way we conducted meetings.

Annmarie, Christina, and Travis, may your loving memories and love of each other bring some comfort and smiles –

Of my many blessing, I count knowing Joe as one of them.

Pat Fromm

Pat Fromm - September 04, 2017 at 07:02 PM

NS

“ *Annamarie and Christina....*

I'm so sorry to learn Joe has passed away. I have many good memories of playing tennis with all of you at Oratani. Please know my thoughts are with you during this sad time.

Nancy Stone

Nancy Stone - September 02, 2017 at 04:03 PM

EB

“ *Joe you are very special to us and we cannot find words to express our sadness. Its a blessing to have a family member so loving, wonderful and inspiring. We love you and will miss you terribly. I know you will always be with our family.*
xo Eileen & Dave

eileen barkstedt - September 01, 2017 at 10:44 AM

EB

“ *Eileen Barkstedt lit a candle in memory of Joseph S. Papa*



eileen barkstedt - September 01, 2017 at 10:33 AM

LT

“ *Bert and I went to this evening's visitation. We are sorry to learn of Joe's passing. We met him when he became a Master Gardener like us. May he rest in peace.*

leslie maltz and bert taylor - August 31, 2017 at 12:13 AM

TF

“*Ted Capriotti and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph S. Papa.*



Ted Capriotti and family - August 30, 2017 at 05:26 AM

LS

“*I am truly saddened to hear about Joe's death. When I sat on the Master Gardener's hotline as a MG student, I learned so much from Joe. Between calls, I would ask him about all my gardening challenges:*

"Joe, what do I do about the fungus problem in my garden?"

"Joe, why are my Rhodies all dropping their leaves?"

"Joe, why is there an expanding dead ring of grass?"

There wasn't anything he couldn't answer and I am a better gardener for the time I spent with him. My practices regarding soil amendment, transplanting, dealing with invasives, etc.... so many of my current approaches reflect his down-to-earth advice. And, last but not least, I will never think of garlic the same way after Joe educated me on the myriad types and flavors and joys of garlic! From now on, when I plant garlic I will be thinking of Joe.

*Lisa Summers
MG of BC 2016*

lisa summers - August 29, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ *The Lanava Family and the Englewood 4 Paddle Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph S. Papa.*



The Lanava Family and the Englewood 4 Paddle Team -
August 29, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Papa.*



August 28, 2017 at 11:19 AM