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**Joseph Thomas Osinski(1931 - 2016)**

WILLIAMSBURG - Joseph Thomas Osinski of Williamsburg, Virginia, formerly of Cape May Point, NJ, went to heaven on December 28, 2016 surrounded by his family. He was predeceased by his wife, the love of his life for 56 years, Elsie Gilbertson Osinski. Joseph was also predeceased by his kind and jolly mother, Mary Osinski and his hard-working father, Martin Osinski. Joseph Osinski leaves behind his daughters, Carol-Jo Osinski and Susan Morelli, his granddaughters Kaitlyn Morelli and Joanna Morelli, and his son-in-law Eugene Morelli. He leaves behind his brother John Osinski, his sister-in-law, Jenny Osinski and his sister Betty Manno and brother-in-law Vito Manno. Joe is also survived by Stanley Gilbertson, Jean Breslin-Gilbertson, Taffy Clark, John Clark, and 14 nieces and nephews. Joseph Osinski was born June 26, 1931 in Taylor, Pennsylvania. His father was

a coal miner. When he was a young boy, the family moved to Newark, New Jersey, and Joseph was raised in Down Neck Newark on Ferry Street. He often spoke of the wonderful camaraderie of the families living in Down Neck Newark. It was a childhood of shining shoes, standing up pins for the bowling leagues, raising homing pigeons on the roof of the apartment building, Polish family dinners, strong sibling ties, and most importantly, baseball. Joseph Osinski was All City as a catcher for East Side High School and then drafted to play catcher in the minor leagues. Joe was signed onto the Virginia League and played catcher for the Franklin Kildees, the Portsmouth Cubs, and the Wytheville Statesmen before he was drafted into the [army](#) in 1952. Baseball was always Joe's main love and when you watched baseball with him it came alive. Joe served in the Army from 1952-1954 and worked as a physical therapist at Percy General Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan. After serving in the Army, Joseph served in the New Jersey State Police for 31 years. He retired from the State Police as a Lieutenant at Bass River Station. Joseph Osinski was proud of working for the New Jersey State Police and loved the organization until the day he died. But most of all Joe was a family man who loved his wife, his girls, baseball, and apple pie. Each morning he would cook a hot breakfast for his family. Each morning he would pack 3 bag lunches for his wife and girls. Joe gave of himself each and every day of his life in small moments helping his family, and in large moments serving in the State Police. He was a strong and humble man who never complained, but filled his home with funny sayings and laughter. No one was a stranger to Joe. He talked to everyone and listened to their stories. His joy for life permeated a room with laughter. Joe often said, "I had a wonderful life." The lessons in life he taught were to support those in need, to take responsibility for one's actions, and to be dependable and giving of oneself. "Thank you God for putting this amazing man on this earth and in our lives. He touched this world and made it a better place. Joe will be greatly missed."

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