
Joseph Francis Janiak(1933 - 2015)

Joseph Francis Janiak of West Hartford and Stafford Springs, CT, died at home on May 17, 2015, in peace and surrounded by love. Born in 1933 in Stafford Springs, CT, Joe was the son of the late Frances and Joseph Janiak, and is survived by the love of his life and best friend, his wife, Susan; his children, Susan Lane (Paul), Donna Simlick, Joseph Janiak (Cheryl), and Rachel Short (Bryan); his grandchildren, Matthew, Timothy, Kelsey and Jaime; and great-granddaughter, Clarissa Jo. He is also survived by his brother, William Janiak (Polly), and sister, Linda Mitchell (Ed), and many nieces and nephews. Joe lived a full and happy life. He served in the US Army, pitched for the Boston Braves farm team, and worked in the manufacturing field for decades. A sports enthusiast, he enjoyed golf, hockey, the Boston Red Sox, UConn Women's Basketball, and the NY Giants. One of his greatest thrills was pitching on the All New England baseball team at Fenway Park while in high school, and he was proud to have coached the Stafford Springs Little League and Midget Football teams for many years. Above all else, Joe's family and friends (and his dogs) came first, and they were all a beautiful part of a life well-lived. In honor of Joe's wishes, there will be no calling hours or services; however, a celebration of Joe's life will be held this Saturday, May 23, at 4:00 pm at Olympic Field, Olympic Avenue, Stafford Springs, CT (rain or shine) followed by a reception at the American Legion Hall, Monson Road, Stafford Springs, CT. Donations in Joe's memory can be sent to Stafford Springs Little League, c/o Town of Stafford Springs, Attn: Recreation Department, 1 Main Street, Stafford Springs, CT, 06076. During one of his many difficult health battles, Joe said, smiling as always, "I've had such a great life!" May these words, and his smile, bring comfort to all those who have loved him. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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