
JOSEPH ROSANIA

Joseph A. Rosania Retired Middlesex phys ed teacher and guidance counselor, also worked for Catholic Community Services, standout athlete in his youth and Bloomfield Athletic Hall of Famer Joseph A. Rosania of Scotch Plains, N.J., passed away on Oct. 2, 2015, at the home of his daughter. Mr. Rosania was the beloved father of Julie Vannucci, son-in-law Louis James; John Rosania, daughter-in-law, Shawn, and the late Steven Luke Rosania. He was the devoted grandfather of Louis Joseph, Danielle Marie, Alexandria and John; the brother of Dolores Buerkle and companion of Phyllis Mele. He was inducted to the Bloomfield Athletic Hall of Fame for playing many sports, making All-State and County and MVP. In 1953 he was awarded a scholarship to George Washington University, where he played football and made All Southern Conference in baseball and in his junior year he signed a professional contract with bonus for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He received his master's in education at NYU. From 1965 to 1967, Joseph was assistant director of recreation in Bloomfield and in 1968 became director of the Scotch Plains Recreation Department. He retired in 1985, working as a physical education teacher and guidance counselor for the Middlesex public schools. He continued to work, joining the staff at Catholic Community Services in Newark, N.J., as a guidance counselor and substance awareness coordinator. In 1993 he was appointed to the executive committee of the NJ Professional Counselors Association and was a recognized state official for 40 years. With all his amazing accomplishments in life, he felt his greatest one was becoming a grandfather, best known as "Grampi"! Relatives and friends are invited to attend a graveside service on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery, Westfield, N.J. Arrangements were entrusted to the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., Staten Island, N.Y. Send on-line condolences to www.scaliahome.com.

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