



Mr. Joseph M. Winnicki

May 30, 1943 - May 23, 2020

UTICA - Mr. Joseph M. Winnicki, age 76, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at the Sitrin Health Care Center with those he loved most in his heart. His passing healed his broken heart, for he joined his beloved wife, Elaine. Born in Utica on May 30, 1943, Joseph was the son of the late Stanley and Genevieve (Powroznik) Winnicki. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of New York Mills High School. On September 18, 1965 he married the former Elaine Marie Lawrence with whom he shared 40 loving years prior to her passing on October 2, 2005.

Joe and his wife owned and operated the Country Ski Shop before joining his father-in-law with assisting in the family business of Joseph Lawrence Inc. until his retirement in 2007. A world traveler, Joe loved to meet and interact with people. He had the ability to speak and connect with everyone he met. Joe loved all animals, especially his Old English Sheepdog Raisin. Most of all, he loved watching and bragging about his granddaughter Julia, who was the apple of his eye, and later on his twin grandchildren Emmett and Harper. Joe is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Joel L. and Kelly A. Winnicki; his grandchildren, Julia, Emmett, and Harper; his sister, Audrey; brothers and sister-in-law, Roger and Sharon Winnicki, and Eugene Winnicki; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws; extended family, Dr. Richard and Geri Larkin; and friends, Laura Misiaszek, and Carol LaFache. He was predeceased by his sister, Ceil Swan; in-laws, Joanna L. and Peter A. Cardamone; and his canine companion, Raisin.

The family is grateful to the nursing staff of the Sitrin Home for the compassionate care rendered to Joe during his stay.

Due to current health concerns and in keeping with federal and state regulations, the family will honor Joseph's life privately.

Please take a moment to connect with Joe's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary on our website. Our prayers continue to go out to all as a sign of our community support.

Tribute Wall

LF

“ I didn't know Joe well but did know his brother Roger. Sorry to belated read of his death. Knew him mostly from the ski shop but did see him around some. He was a very soft spoken and gentle person. I am sure he is missed much by his family. May he be resting in peace.

Larry Furgal - September 21, 2023 at 01:37 PM

AC

“ To Joe's Family, I'm thinking of you all at your loss of Joe. Such a great Dad, Husband, Grandfather, Brother and Friend. Know that he'll always be with you in spirit and in the hearts and thoughts of many who loved him. Sincerely,
Anne Norton Crane

ANNE NORTON CRANE - June 17, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JB

“ I had the opportunity of knowing Joe for over 40 years. I met Joe and his father-in-law in 1978 when they owned the wise potato chip franchise and I was store mgr with Price Chopper. They serviced our stores for over 30 years and were part of the Price Chopper Family. You could never find a better person than Joe. He was loyal, totally committed to his family, trustworthy, compassionate, genuine. He had a heart of gold. We love you and you will be missed by all.



The Brown & Aiello Families

James F Brown - June 01, 2020 at 10:53 AM

JH

“ We graduated from high school with Joe and went on to share many nights of skiing with he and Elaine at the ski center in Chadwicks. Joe was always a quiet, soft spoken gentleman and Elaine was a perfect match for him.
Please accept our condolences and take comfort in knowing that Joe is with Elaine again and forever.

*Jim and Cindy Williams Hockenberger
Marcy, NY*

Jim Hockenberger - June 01, 2020 at 08:47 AM

MC

“ Joel, Im very sorry to hear about your Dads passing, We did business with your Dad and Grandfather Joe Lawrence when they owned the local distributorship for many years. Their loyalty and generosity to our family during tough times will never be forgotten by our family. Please know your family is in our prayers. God Bless
Mark Chanatry

Mark Chanatry - May 31, 2020 at 12:04 PM

RV

“ So sorry to hear the passing of joe. We knew joe for a great many years when he and his dad ran wize potato chips. Great folks. Joel, we recall when you were just a toddler back then. Had some fun times back then with joe and elaine. Blessings to you and your family. Ron and lucille vincent.

Ron and lucille vincent - May 31, 2020 at 08:15 AM



“ Joe was truly a gentle and kind man. He loved his family and shared wonderful stories about them with friends. May those who loved him take comfort in the memories they share.
Eli & Grace Zogby



Grace Vento-Zogby - May 29, 2020 at 09:42 AM

SL

“ Joe was a great man. My family and I spent a lot of time with him over the years— sharing dinner and conversation. He always brought kind energy and a listening ear. Rest in peace. Love, Serae.

Serae LaFache-Brazier - May 28, 2020 at 08:50 PM

TL

“ Joe was a big part of our family for many years. I loved him very much. God Bless Him. Rest easy Joe. Love Trisha LaFache

Trisha LaFache - May 28, 2020 at 08:25 PM

MC

“ Joel and family
Sorry to hear about the passing of your dad . You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers

matthew Chmielewski - May 28, 2020 at 05:43 PM

LL

“ Thinking of you all and remembering Joe fondly. We love you all.
Love,
Aunt Laurie, Uncle Don and Cherie.



Lauren Lucas - May 28, 2020 at 03:26 PM

RW

He was my dear brother for my 74 years and will be miss immensely for his kind way and concern. Joe was a good person , RIP Joe , we love and will miss you.

Roger Winnicki - May 28, 2020 at 03:57 PM

MR

We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad Joel. You were the pride and joy of your mom and dad. We have known your family for many years. We enjoy the fond memories of how Joe and Joe would visit the different grocery stores over the years. Joe was a kind good soul who was so respected by all that knew him. Joe has given us some great advice over the years. We know that Joe and Elaine are smiling down on you Joel and family as you go through this tough time. I will always remember when visiting the Wise warehouse one day how I watched Joe and Joe sweeping the floor. Joe looked up and said to me, If you are looking to see who is in charge, it is usually the person pushing the broom. That is just one memory or lesson that I still share today. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you and your family.

Mike & Cheryl Rondenelli

Mike & Cheryl Rondenelli - May 31, 2020 at 11:30 AM

JD

My sincere condolences to you, and your family, Joel, on the passing of your Dad. He was a kind, gentle, and honest man, who picked me up when I was at a very low moment in my life, but then again, this was the kind of man he was.

My thoughts, and prayers are with you, and yours. God bless.

Jim Dinehart

James Dinehart - June 02, 2020 at 05:19 AM

DZ

Joel, So very sorry to hear of your dads passing. He was a great and decent man and I am blessed that I had the opportunity to know and work with him. With Joe it was always what you see is what you get, always upfront, honest and very sincere. We had many fun and heart felt memories with your dad that I will always treasure. He will be missed by many. My sincere condolences to you and your family. God Bless.

Don Zalatan - June 08, 2020 at 09:04 AM