



## Joseph Francis LeViness

June 10, 1947 - June 29, 2008

Mr. Joseph Francis LeViness, age 61, of Albany, NY, passed away on Sunday, June 29 at St. Peter's Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Seaford, NY on June 10, 1947, Joseph was the son of the late Joseph and Theresa (Wagner) Leviness. He was a graduate of Seaford High School, M.V.C.C., SUNY Utica-Rome where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Sociology, and the State University of New York at Oswego, Master of Arts in Education. A proud veteran, he served his country in the U.S. Air Force. At one time, he was married to the former Catherine Hendricksen.

Joseph was employed by the State of New York for 27 years, retiring in July 2007. He lastly served as Coordinator of Disaster Mental Health Services at the Office of Mental Health in Albany. Among his areas of expertise, he provided counseling and worked closely with FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Joseph had a welcoming manner and was selfless by nature. Through his work and commitment to helping others, he touched so many lives. He assisted with the 9/11 and TWA Flight 800 disasters and was actively involved with the AIDS Foundation. A caring, compassionate man, blessed with strength of mind and body, he was determined in fighting his disease. He was a loving father and a best friend to his children and was fond of spending time with his grandchildren. For recreation, he enjoyed bowling, darts, and dancing. He was of the Catholic faith and at one time was a local parishioner of St. Agnes Church.

Joseph is survived by his children and their families, Jo'ell Leviness of Patchaque, NY, Beth Leviness and companion Russell Tantillo of NY Mills, and Lauren Leviness Burrell and husband Ananda Burrell of Syracuse, and their mother, Catherine Leviness; his grandchildren, Edgardo "Eddie" Colon of NY Mills, and Alexius "Lexi" Perkins of Syracuse. He is also survived by 3 sisters, Alice, Mary, and Kathleen; and 1 brother, John, and their families; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and many in-laws who he kept near and dear to his heart. He was favored with many friends, especially Mark Galbraith, Michael Brannan, and David Fortuin.

The family is grateful to the staff of the N.Y. Oncology Hematology Professionals for their care and concern.

Visitation will be held Wednesday (today) from 5:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Joseph's honor to the American Cancer Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Joseph's funeral service will commence on Thursday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ 4 years today Dad that you left me.. I miss you so much the more the time goes by the more i miss you. I wish you were here by my side. God is very blessed to have you. I hold you in my heart everywhere i go and noone will ever be you. You will always be my heart! I love you forever and i hope when its my turn your waiting with open arms.. I love and miss you and so does lexi! Lauren

Lauren LeViness - June 29, 2012 at 09:38 AM



“ Happy Birthday Dad My Angel I love You Forever And Always watch over us and keep us safe I know your always right by my side to guide me you will always be my best friend and best father in the world!

Lauren LeViness - June 10, 2012 at 08:10 AM



“ Lauren LeViness sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Francis LeViness



Lauren LeViness - June 10, 2012 at 08:07 AM



“ Merry Christmas Dad!! I Love You and Miss you!!!  
Lauren###imported-begin###Lauren LeViness-Burrell###imported-end##

December 24, 2009 at 11:35 AM



“ Hi Dad,

*I just wanted to let you know I am thinking of you everyday.. I miss you more then words can say. I think of you on my lunch everyday missing our chats and your loving humor lol.. I miss griping to you about my life's drama and you calling me after a night at the bar lol.. You are irreplaceable I love you and miss you and pray everyday your beside all of us as you always were while you were here protecting us and guiding us. Thank You for being my father.. God is truely blessed to have you.. We love you ..!! You will always be our angel..Lexi misses you so much she never stops talking about you.. And she did a report on Esphogeal Cancer go figure yeah thats Lexi she will always hold you in her heart close.She still has that blue box you bought her for Christmas that she was thrilled over with all her memories of you in it.Wow 16 mos today already without you time flies.. Feels like a lifetime since we heard your voice..I tell ya what family gatherings are sure not as lively without you there. But after all you were the life of the party..lol.. I'm trying to continue your legacy by your right on observations and your smart straight forward humor.hahahaha !! As Nanda always said I am little "JOE" Lol ..Me and you always talked about how people hated that we told it like it was ..welp don't worry I still am and always will be..Keep an eye out on us up there we love you and wish you were here with us.*

*Love You Forever & Always Your Daughter,*

*Lauren##imported-begin##Lauren LeViness-Burrell##imported-end##*

---

October 29, 2009 at 11:03 AM



“ Well it is officially one year today that god took you from me. I can't believe it has been that long I know that you are out of pain and at peace and with knowing that it gives me peace. I don't think I could have beared to watch you suffer the way you did for one more day. I know you are still with me every day and still by my side guiding me and watching over me and us girls, as well as eddie and lexi who miss you dearly. I miss our late night talks and your drunken humor lol. God doesn't know how lucky he is for getting such a wonderful man who touched so many lives and is missed terribly by his friends and family. It is on these days of signifigance that make it that much harder to deal but I push through. Only because as you would say life goes on death is a part of life we all die, blah blah blah I always hated you when you said but you were the realist. Anyways I could carry on for hours (wonder where I got that from) I love you today and always until we meet again Love your daughter  
BEth##imported-begin##beth leviness##imported-end##

---

June 29, 2009 at 08:39 PM



“ My Friend,

*I can not believe it has been a year already. I mis you my friend. I will have a drink (probably more then one) in your memory tonight. Rest in peace.*

Love,

Tim##imported-begin##Tim Dingman##imported-end##

---

June 29, 2009 at 11:45 AM



“ Dad,

*Wow I can't believe its been a year since I spoke to you last and you left us it seems like a lifetime.. I love you so much and will miss you always. I will always hold you in my heart and take you with me every step of the way through my life and know your with me.. Watch over us all and protect us as you always have.. I love you! You will always be my dad and my best friend forever.. I Love You Dad!! Rest in Peace..*

*Love, Lauren##imported-begin##Lauren LeViness-Burrell##imported-end##*

---

June 29, 2009 at 08:49 AM



“ *Happy Father's Day Dad! Theres not a moment that goes by that I don't miss you.. They say it gets easier as time goes on I think it only gets harder.. Each day, each year is like a lifetime without you. I miss our talks, your jokes, your voice, your perfect advice most of all I miss my dad and best friend..I think of the years and occassions yet to come without you and I have an empty void without you here something is always missing. I know your in heaven out of pain and looking over mom and us girls protecting us as you always did..We wish everyday you could come back..Nothing is right without you here. I had so many more years with you that were taken from me I had alot more to learn from you.. But with that said I will remember everything you ever told me or taught me and remember that I have alot of you in me and I will find a way to be strong like you always were and take it day by day and think what would dad do? I Love You! You were and are the best dad in the world my angel.. I Love You Forever til we meet again!! Love Your Daughter, Lauren##imported-begin##Lauren LeViness-Burrell##imported-end##*

---

June 21, 2009 at 06:24 PM



“ Happy father's day to the best father anyone could ever ask for. I miss you you more than words could ever express. I love you always and forever your daughter Beth##imported-begin##beth leviness##imported-end##

---

June 21, 2009 at 01:31 PM



“ Happy birthday dad not a day goes by that I don't think about you and how i wish you weren't taken from me so soon. I don't think i could have asked for a better father and friend and the life experiences you taught me, for that I am eternally grateful. You were one of a kind and irreplaceable. I love you and keep you close in my heart always.

Love you always and forever  
your daughter Beth##imported-begin##Beth leviness##imported-end##

---

June 10, 2009 at 11:39 AM



“ Happy Birthday Dad! I love you and miss you everyday.. I wish you were here but i'm sure your partying in heaven drinking a white russian..

Love you forever your daughter,

Lauren##imported-begin##Lauren LeViness-Burrell##imported-end##

---

June 10, 2009 at 09:01 AM



“ Joe,  
*I can't believe it has been nine months already that you have left us. Brian & myself were at waterworks the other night & all i could do was picture you there smiling & busting on people. We had so much fun over the twenty years that i knew you. Rest in peace my friend. Love, Tim*###imported-begin##Tim Dingman###imported-end##

---

March 24, 2009 at 09:32 AM



“ Merry Christmas Joey, I miss you more as time goes by. Keep watching over us, and give mommy a kiss for me. Love Kathleen

###imported-begin##Kathleen ###imported-end##

---

December 16, 2008 at 01:58 AM



“ Hi!  
*My name is Jessika!*###imported-begin##Essesmums###imported-end##

---

December 15, 2008 at 02:26 AM



“ Dear Dad,

*This is my only way to feel like i am talking to you so here goes.. I miss you everyday theres not a minute that goes by that i don't think of you your voice, your laugh, your courage, your strength, your big heart, and not to forget those quick smart comments my heart hurts everyday! It has only been 3 months today that we lost you and it feels like a lifetime that i haven't talked to you or seen you. I love you with all my heart and soul i wish everyday you were here with me i feel alone in this world without you here you were more then a parent you were my best friend in the whole world. I know your not in pain anymore but a selfish part of me still wants you here everyday..The saying goes god takes the good ones NO he took the best..! You will always be my (heart), my dad, and my very best friend i will hold you forever in my heart no matter where life takes me.. The day you left a part of me went with you.. I love you and miss you dearly thank you for everything.. Its because of you i am the person i am today.. i'm so sorry i couldn't fix you and make you better .. i would give everything i had for one more day with you.. I know your an angel watching over us and still being our protective and selfless dad..!! I LOVE YOU FOREVER .. Love You Your Daughter, Lauren###imported-begin###Lauren LeViness-Burrell###imported-end###*

---

September 29, 2008 at 11:50 AM



“ Rest in peace Joe###imported-begin###Richard Leviness###imported-end###

---

July 09, 2008 at 10:05 PM



“ How can I ever forget Joe’s smiling face, sense-of-humor, and distinct laugh? As cousins we had great times in Seaford and Massapequa when we were kids. Although we have had little contact over the years he will be missed. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time. Jim, Susanne, Lars, Marcel and Joey-- Browns Mills, New Jersey##imported-begin##James LeViness##imported-end##

---

July 03, 2008 at 06:14 PM



“ Joe will be missed greatly by me personally and all his friends. Our entire community remains in shock in his passing and in admiration for all that he has done for us. There never will be anyone like him.##imported-begin##David Fenton##imported-end##

---

July 03, 2008 at 12:34 PM



“ Please accept my sincerest condolences on Joe's death. I am so very sorry to hear of his passing so soon after his retirement. Joe was my boss at OMH for a few years while we worked together in the Training Bureau. He was truly a joy to know and work with, and an inspiration to me in his courageous and open approach to life. I feel blessed to have known him and I will miss him.##imported-begin##Patricia Wenstrom##imported-end##

---

July 03, 2008 at 11:02 AM



“ Joe and I became friends while bowling together on a local team for many years. He was certainly fun to be with and could always be counted on for raising our spirits with a joke or his wonderful sense of humor. I remember him fondly, and write here my sadness in his passing and my sympathy to all his family and other friends.##imported-begin##Peter Keyoskey##imported-end##

---

July 03, 2008 at 10:05 AM



“ To the entire Leviness Family  
Our hearts and prayers are with you all in this time of need. May God be all in your strengths and spirits as his heart gave his to many.

All Our Sympathy,  
The Rodriguez Family  
POT Madeline Rodriguez  
Bronx Family Court##imported-begin##Madeline Rodriguez &  
Family##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2008 at 09:00 PM



“ Dear Leviness Family,

We are very sorry to hear about your loss.

Sincerely yours,  
Howard Fleischer & Family.##imported-begin##Howard Fleischer &  
Family##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2008 at 08:34 PM



“ I offer my deepest sympathy to Joe's family. He was a true friend and will be greatly missed by those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him.

*I worked with Joe for 10 years in the Office of Mental Health. He was for many of us the comic relief during many unsettled times. After I retired, I did not see Joe as much as I would have liked, but when we did get together it was as though no time had passed.*

*When I spoke to him after his diagnosis, he was still the same old Joe, making me laugh with his outrageous humor. He was so brave and a true inspiration.*

*I shall miss my friend.*

*Carolyn Plimley##imported-begin##Carolyn Plimley##imported-end##*

---

July 02, 2008 at 05:22 PM



“ Joe - you touched so, so many lives as you have helped us over the past years at the Albany Damien Center. From your tireless raising of funds, caring for many of our guests, to cooking in our kitchen to make sure people had lunches and dinners - your strength and love of life will live on in each of us and never be forgotten. I will so miss you, my friend! - - Perry##imported-begin##Perry Junjulas##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2008 at 02:57 PM



“ *To the Leviness Family*

*We have known Joe for nearly 25 years and will miss him and his spirit of life.*

*The world is a better place because of him and will never be the same without him.*

*Ron Gurney*

*Bobby Simkins*

*Utica NY##imported-begin##Ron Gurney & Bobby Simkins##imported-end##*

---

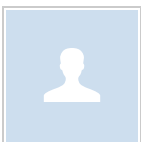
July 02, 2008 at 11:57 AM



“ *We had the distinct privilege of knowing Joe. He was a wonderful man; spontaneous, funny & caring. He will be deeply missed. Our thoughts, prayers & love to his family.##imported-begin##Jennifer & Nina Vincent##imported-end##*

---

July 02, 2008 at 10:57 AM



“ *Joe was a dear co-worker who had a kind word for everyone whose life he touched. His generous nature and spirit will always be remembered by us. His loss, is a loss to all of us.##imported-begin##Wanda Lubinski##imported-end##*

---

July 02, 2008 at 07:49 AM



“ Lauren & Family,  
I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. My thoughts and prayers and with you knowing the pain you are going through. I to lost my dad almost 4 years ago this month. Know that there is no more pain and suffering and he is in a better place. We have lost touch through the years but if you need anything or just to talk please email me.##imported-begin##Andrea (Robinson) Voorhees##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2008 at 07:31 AM



“ We're terribly saddened by the loss of such a wonderful man, but we're mos grateful to have had Joe touch our lives. From his gravely voice to his deep laugh to his right-on observations, Joe was one of a kind. We will miss him terribly, but we will always smile when we think of him. Joe, thank you for everything. Our condolences to his entire family and close friends.  
Joe Ricci and Marco Thompson##imported-begin##Joseph Ricci##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2008 at 12:51 AM



“ I know that he will be truely missed. Rest in Pease, Joe. -  
Danny##imported-begin##Danny Favreau##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 11:09 PM



“ Its been a long time and I hope you remeber me from AFSA. I am so sorry for your lost. But we all go to a better place and his suffering is over##imported-begin##ken peppeneli##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 09:59 PM



“ To josephs family may God Bless you all and my thoughts and prayers are with you all.Love Kathleen##imported-begin##kathleen topping##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 06:12 PM



“ Joe God Bless you and remember to watch over us all. You will forever be in my heart. Love you always and forever Kathleen##imported-begin##Kathleen Topping##imported-end##

---

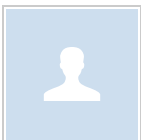
July 01, 2008 at 06:08 PM



“ Joe moved away from Long Island so long ago but whenever we were with him, it was like he never left...so many laughs. It saddens us so that such a good natured person had to leave us. God will truly bless his soul. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Joe's family. Love Frankie, Karin, Frank,Robbie and Vicki##imported-begin##Frank LeViness##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 05:52 PM



“ Though I did not know you very well, I know that you have made an impact on so many people and for that, I wish you well on your next journey.##imported-begin##Acacia Couture##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 05:06 PM



“ WHAT A GREAT GREAT GUY JOE WAS..... AND WHAT A GREAT PERSONALITY AND SENSE OF HUMOR HE HAD..... HE REALLY LIT UP A ROOM.....HE'LL BE GREATLY MISSED  
!!!!##imported-begin##MACK LYONS##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 04:57 PM



“ JOE WAS DEAR FRIENDS TO DAVID&STEVEN.THEY WERE BLESSED TO HAVE HIM IN THEIR LIVES.WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HIM ON A FEW OCCASIONS,WE LIKED HIM FROM THE START,KIND,WONDERFUL SOUL.YOU ALL OUR IN OUR THOUGHTS&PRAYERS. SINCERELY, BRIAN &JANE BARKLEY&FAMILY##imported-begin##BRIAN&JANE BARKLEY&FAMILY##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 04:49 PM



“ Joe became a good friend of mine and he was always there to lend an ear and give advice. He was fun, funny and always loved a good time. He was a friend to many many people here in Albany and will really be missed.##imported-begin##Ed Countermine##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 02:29 PM



“ To the Family of Joe, he was a great and fun friend and I as well as many in the Albany area will miss him. God Bless.##imported-begin##Don Burgess##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 01:32 PM



“ Rest in peace. Love John##imported-begin##John LeViness  
##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 11:59 AM



“ Dear Cathy, Jo'ell, Beth, Lauren & Eddie,

*I am so very sorry for your loss. I have many, many fond memories of Joe. He was such a wonderful man who always made us laugh and who left a lasting impression with everyone that he knew. May God give you all the strength that you need to deal with this. You will all be kept in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell##imported-end##*

---

July 01, 2008 at 11:26 AM



“ Joe was a wonderful person! He was spitfire type of guy that I will truly miss.##imported-begin##Michael McNair##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 09:45 AM



“ Joe's loss is heartbreaking.I'll never forget his kindness when my father- his Uncle Frank died and he was there to help and- Oh My God the humor.He cheered my Mom even with his "blue" vocabulary!!  
May God Bless Joe and his entire family and friends.  
With Our Love and Prayers Dolly, Roy Laura and John##imported-begin##Dorothy (Dolly Le Viness) Fink##imported-end##

---

July 01, 2008 at 08:45 AM



“ *I am just in shock over this.... I knew Joe had cancer, but I thought he was beating it.... He's a tough, stubborn but loving and compassionate man...*

*My thoughts are with you in this time of such loss....*

*John##imported-begin##John McEnerney##imported-end##*

---

July 01, 2008 at 07:43 AM