



Mr. Joseph P. Urbanik

January 1, 1950 - May 10, 2018

Joseph P. Urbanik, age 68, passed away Thursday, May 10, 2018 in Elmhurst, IL. Loving son of the late Joseph J. Urbanik and the late Pauline D. Urbanik, nee Gris; dear brother of Christina and Mary Ellen; fond nephew and cousin to many. Joseph was a longtime employee of the U.S. Postal Service, a local writer and playwright, and a member of the Chicago Dramatists Workshop for over 20 years. Several of his plays were produced, notably; "The Fan Club," "God Shed His Grace," and "American as Cherry Pie." Joseph tutored English as a second language at Elmhurst Library. He was a proud Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bulls fan. Joseph will be remembered as generous, as well as a confidant, and a protector to those in need. He will be missed by many. Memorial Visitation Thursday at Muzyka & Son Funeral Home, 5776 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with memorial service 7:00 p.m. Inurnment St. Adalbert Cemetery. For more info, please call (773) 545-3800 or visit www.muzykafuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Events

St. Adalbert Cemetery
6800 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Niles, IL,

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Memorial Visitation

03:00PM - 09:00PM

Muzyka & Son Funeral Home

5776 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL, US, 60630

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Memorial Service

07:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Muzyka & Son Funeral Home - May 16, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ Thank you.

Mary Ellen - May 16, 2018 at 09:49 PM



“ Deepest sympathy

To the Urbanik family

john vlachos - June 04, 2018 at 05:18 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about this. I found it while doing some family tree research. He cracked me up at Ted and Helen's anniversary shindig. Love to Chris and Mary Ellen.

Barbara Breiter

Barbara Breiter - June 19, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ Ghirardelli Galore was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph P. Urbanik.



May 29, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ Joe's gift to us was the magic of his hearty laugh, the delightful way he smiled at the ironic, his warm, fun-loving wit! He relished his years with Russ Tutterow at Chicago Dramatists, and we, his FAN CLUB, will forever smile greater because of him. Love to Mary Ellen Debra, and you whose lives were enriched by Joe. His writer friend, Robin Seidman Pullen

Robin Seidman Pullen - May 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ I played trivia with Joe at a bar in Elmhurst and I'm very saddened to hear of his passing. He was a great guy, he will truly be missed.

Karen Maca - May 22, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ Joe was my lifelong friend from the age of twenty two. I'm a better person for having the gift of his friendship. He'll be greatly missed. Wink Crawford

Wink Crawford - May 17, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ 30 files added to the album LifeTributes



Muzyka & Son Funeral Home - May 16, 2018 at 04:34 PM



“ Aunt Doris, Donna, Jane, Shirley & Sandy purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Joseph P. Urbanik.



Aunt Doris, Donna, Jane, Shirley & Sandy - May 15, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. Although I never worked directly with Joe, I had occasion to talk with him from time to time. He was the nicest - and I must say- sweetest guy. He seemed very quiet and reserved and always had a smile when we greeted each other. I'm glad to see that he was involved with helping others; it just seems to fit who I always thought him to be. I'm sure he will be greatly missed. Much love Joe!

Karen Sampson

Karen Sampson - May 15, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ Love, Kathy & Peter Kettenbeil purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Joseph P. Urbanik.



Love, Kathy & Peter Kettenbeil - May 15, 2018 at 09:03 AM



“ I remember going to see one of Joe's first readings of a play at the Chicago Dramatist's Workshop. He was eager for feedback and actively sought out my opinion. It was a real treat to be included in his creative process. I'm sorry I didn't get more involved myself, but I'll be forever grateful for his including me in such a personal project. RIP Joe.

Steve Gibson - May 14, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ I loved Joe for his wisdom and heart. When together, we had several conversations regarding social justice and always felt his heart was in the right place supporting those that needed it. My heart breaks that Joe passed away so suddenly and will miss him. Though we only saw each other for family gatherings, he was a cousin that I felt close to given our similar views. On a side note, when my daughter was nominated for an award, Joe took the time to give me a call to pass on his congratulations to her. His call and words were most appreciated.

Jane Callahan, cousin - May 14, 2018 at 03:14 PM