



Joseph R. Pigato

December 13, 1937 - April 21, 2020

Joseph R. Pigato, age 82, a long-time resident of Olympia Fields, Illinois died on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. He was born December 13, 1937 in the Pullman neighborhood in Chicago. Beloved husband of Mary (nee Benedict) Pigato, loving father of Joseph (Monica), Lisanne (Kevin) Pugliese and Maria (Patrick) Long, devoted son of the late Bruno and Emma Pigato, adored "Papa" of Sofia Pigato; Brendan, Daniel and Maddy Pugliese; and Caitlin, Charlie and Bennett Long, dear brother of Edie Adduci and caring uncle of a niece and nephews.

Joe attended Mendel Catholic High School, where he played basketball and baseball. During high school, he took the train to his job caddying at Olympia Fields Country Club and aspired to be a member someday. He fulfilled that dream and greatly enjoyed family events and golfing with his buddies at OFCC for many years. Joe loved competing in club tournaments and was proud to have won the Chuck Tanis Sweepstakes in 1984 and 2006. He was a member and avid contributor to the Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Foundation.

Joe graduated from Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois, in 1960, where he majored in Liberal Arts and played basketball. He graduated from the DePaul University College of Law in 1963. Joe practiced law for forty-nine years, and thoroughly enjoyed interacting with and helping his clients in his general practice firm in Chicago Heights. He was a proud member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and Association of Trial Lawyers of

America.

Joe and Mary were married in Chicago in June, 1965. They enjoyed travelling and spending winters with their many dear friends in Florida. As a father, Joe was very involved, kind and supportive of his children, and later their spouses. He would liven any gathering and was the source of frequent laughter with his wit and humor. Joe took great joy in surprising his children (and Mary) with kind gestures such as showing up to a little league game with a new puppy, their beloved Pepper. He adored his grandchildren and took them on Disney cruises, enjoyed spending time with them in Florida, being together for holidays and most of all celebrating their accomplishments.

Joe's family is very thankful for the wonderful care he received during his illness from COVID-19. Contributions to those caring for victims of the virus, the Evans Scholars Foundation, or performing an act of kindness to someone in need in Joe's memory would be appreciated.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph R. Pigato*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Mary, Joe and I are sending our condolences to you and the family on Joe's passing.*

We remember so well going to your wedding reception with Fran and Rick soon after we returned from Loyola in Rome. Take care and stay safe.

Sincerely, Nancy and Joe Ebner

Nancy Ebner - April 26, 2020 at 04:30 PM

LG

“ We have so many happy memories of our friend and neighbor Joe Pigato. We loved his unique laugh and it could start a bout of hysterical laughter amongst me and Ed and his wife Mary. We went to concerts, plays, zoos, Eldorado events, restaurants, etc. and always had a fabulous time together. Some of the best times were just hanging out together and joking around. Joe was a loving friend and had a sweet smile and a great sense of humor and wit. He was an avid reader and could start great discussions about any subject.

Joe loved his sweets and when we went to church events he and Ed would help themselves to double and triple servings of the cookies! Of course that always led to more laughter and smiles among us! He had a great head of hair and when we went to the aviary at Safari Land a few birds landed on him and attempted to take a few of his hairs for a nest.

We will always remember Joe with fondness and love! Our hearts are heavy with sadness for our dear friend Mary Pigato and the rest of the family. Mary and Joe were such a close and loving couple and Joe was so very proud of his children and grandchildren. We love the whole family and they always made us feel like we were part of the family when they came to visit at the EDC.

Respectfully,

Ed and Lin Gaudio

Linda Gaudio - April 24, 2020 at 01:37 PM

RN

“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I lived near him many years ago in Pullman and we had many goo times together. Rest in peace, Joe. My condolences to Mary and the whole family.
Romeo Nanto

Romeo Nanto - April 24, 2020 at 11:57 AM

MM

“ *MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph R. Pigato*



MR MRS - April 24, 2020 at 10:51 AM

MA

“ *You were always a Great Uncle to Patty and me, and an awesome Brother to Mom. We will miss you. Aunt Mary, Joseph, Lisanne, and Maria we send our Love and may God comfort you all during this time. Take comfort knowing Uncle Joe had a life full of Love and accomplishments.*

Mark Adduci - April 23, 2020 at 09:17 PM

CY

The Pigato and De Nardi families were very close in Pullman. Joe was very well liked and will be missed by our family our family. Cyd DeNardi Maravolo

cyd - April 23, 2020 at 11:30 PM

LR

“ Our daughter, Julie and Lisanne have been friends since junior high school. We knew Joe and Mary through all the milestone events our daughters shared. We connected with Mary and Joe during high school graduation, our individual daughters weddings , and finally at grandparent’s day at the school our grandchildren shared. Joe was always such a genuine person-he always left you smiling and was just fun to be around.

We send our condolences to the entire Pigato family and especially to Lisanne and Kevin and their family.

Len and Mary Ellen Rauch

Len and Mary Rauch - April 23, 2020 at 07:46 PM

CN

“ Our love, thoughts and prayers are with Mary and your family Joe was an truly an amazing. He spent many hours making us laugh. Rest in peace, Joe.

Chris & Mike

Christine Novak - April 23, 2020 at 07:01 PM

MM

“ So sorry for the loss of the Patriarch of your family. I will keep your family in my prayers.



Mellody Mcdonald - April 23, 2020 at 06:34 PM

CS

“ A great guy and coworker at Piacenti & Cifelli

Conrad Sanders - April 23, 2020 at 05:22 PM

FB

“ I'll always remember Joe as a guy with a great sense of humor, an avid WSJ reader, a pretty good amateur golfer and a good family man. He had a fondness for a good Scotch and an even bigger fondness for a few bites of candy. Life was never dull when Joe was around! Rick Blake

Fran Blake - April 23, 2020 at 03:19 PM

FB

“ One of the many memories of your Uncle was when Lisanne, Maria and Joseph conspired to sneak in our whole family for Thanksgiving one year. I don't remember where we all ended up sleeping, Dad and I were in the very back bedroom, but the following morning, I was in the kitchen wearing the same nightgown as my sister and your uncle walked in. The look on his face as he did a double take, confusion, shock and surprise was priceless! We laughed through the whole weekend at the double take on his face!

Fran Blake - April 23, 2020 at 03:08 PM

JB

“ My favorite memories of Uncle Joe are when we always watched *The Blues Brothers* every Thanksgiving. He and I walked through downtown Chicago once and he pointed out several locations from that movie and from the last scene of *Running Scared*. The other favorite memory is when he asked if we wanted orange juice and gave us orange soda instead. Mom finally realized what was happening and said we couldn't have anymore. He then asked if anyone wanted grape juice (which was grape soda, of course). He was loved and will be greatly missed. Jonathan Blake

Jonathan Blake - April 23, 2020 at 02:37 PM

 Maria Long

“ 2 files added to the album *MEMORIES*



Maria Long - April 23, 2020 at 12:37 PM

PV

“ He always had a smile on his face and kindness in his eyes. He is going to be missed. Patty. An RN from Miller

Patty Visinaiz - April 23, 2020 at 11:18 AM