



Joseph P. Salerno

April 30, 1930 - July 15, 2022

BARRE-Joseph P. Salerno "Papa Joe" 92, of Barre VT, passed away after a brief illness on July 15th, 2022, at Central Vermont Medical Center. Born in 1930 in Port Henry in the Adirondack region of New York to parents Raphael and Anna (Esposito) Salerno.

As a teen excelled at many sports -baseball, football, basketball, golf, and graduated from Port Henry High School in 1947. Joe was a Veteran of the Korean War, attaining rank of Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army. After serving his country returned to Port Henry and married Patricia Ann Helms of Moriah, NY and started a family.

In 1954 Joe began his lifelong career in the insurance industry first as an agent with the Prudential Insurance Company eventually becoming a top CLU (Chartered Life Underwriter). In 1962 Joe and family relocated to Vermont, first to Burlington then to St. Albans where he was Manager of the Prudential Insurance Company offices. In 1973 Joe and family moved to Montpelier for his new position with the Brown Insurance Agency (later becoming Denis, Ricker, & Brown) heading the Life Insurance department. Joe retired in 1993, and in 1994 moved from Montpelier to Barre. In the winter months he enjoyed league bowling and ice fishing on Lake Champlain. He especially loved the game of golf, first becoming involved in the game as an 8-year-old caddy at Moriah Country Club in NY, then went on to play the game for the next 80 years. An excellent golfer, he won Club Championship titles 21 times over 5 decades and had a hole-in-one 5 times. He had many golfing friends as a longtime member of the Montpelier Elks Country Club and the B.P.O.E. (Elks).

He is survived by his younger brother Pat Salerno of Moriah, NY, and by his children Debra Dougherty of Eagle, Idaho, Joseph M. Salerno of Barre, VT, Steven Salerno of New York City, and Tony Salerno of Clarkston, WA, as well as his 9 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Joe was predeceased by his ex-wife, Patricia Ann Salerno (2020), daughter Christy Kulchawick (2015), and by his siblings Rose Capuano (2016), Paul Salerno Sr. (2014), Louise Wheelock (2021), Joan Taylor (2010), and Mary Ann Saunders (2007).

Arrangements are in the care of the Pruneau-Polli Funeral Home in Barre.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Joe as a golfer in many tournaments in the state. My Dad played in quiet a few, where I was his caddie. That is where I first met Joe, as a young boy and looked forward to seeing him again and again where they happened to be match together for the round. A real gentleman on the course and off. He made an impression on me. I'm in my 70's now and still think of him.

Jack Josinsky

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“ Wow--where to begin, I just want to say thank you PAPA JOE for some of my fondest golf memories. I so enjoyed playing golf with you throughout the years, but most of all -I had the privilege of managing the golf course for several years and you would stop in many-many-many times and tell me stories about great rounds /great shots /great people - Etc.. you had Stats from 60 years ago .. It was amazing !!! Most of all PAPA JOE - you never had a bad thing to say about anyone /// .. I could go on, but Truly - you were a Gentleman - I respected you very much .. I will miss you Papa Joe,,,, and I can honestly say I loved you like family.... RIP your buddy -- Johnnie Gay

john gay - July 25 at 02:02 PM

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“ Condolences to the Salerno family especially Joe Jr and Steven couldn't ask for a better man than Papa Joe. He will be surely missed by me Donald E Jarvis Sr. Many days we spent in California in Florida. I will miss him dearly.

Donald E Jarvis Sr. - July 20 at 08:34 PM