

## Joseph E. Cronin Sr

January 20, 1939 - December 12, 2020

Albany-It is with great sadness, that we announce the passing of our beloved father Joe, on December 12, 2020. He passed peacefully in his home with his loving family surrounding him. We believe our mother, his beloved wife of 52 years, held him close as he passed, and then, hand in hand walked through the gates of heaven to be together again for eternity. Joe was born January 20, 1939 to John J. Cronin and Marie L. Jaundreau.

He married his high school sweetheart, Laurie (Lorena E. Ehrhardt), at age 19 in 1958. He attended C.B.A. class of 1956 and then enlisted in the Marines. He received his electrical engineering degree in 1962 from H.V.C.C, while working a full time job to support his growing family. He graduated top in his class. He was then recruited on campus by IBM where he began a lifelong career.

He was a proud Marine, a gifted musician beautifully playing both piano and accordion all by ear. When his kids were raised, he fulfilled his dream of becoming a pilot and bought himself a Piper Cherokee airplane. He was a “Jack of all Trades” and master of many, if not all. There was nothing Joe could not do, build, fix or invent when he set his mind to it.

Joe was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son,

brother, uncle, cousin and friend to many. He and our mom provided us a loving home and many memorable summers on Sacandaga Lake. We will forever miss our campfires at the camp, listening to our Dad play his accordion in the evenings for everyone to enjoy. Our biggest request was always "Puff The Magic Dragon".

Those were the best of times. He was a role model and mentor to many, providing a strong shoulder to lean on as he possessed an innate wisdom about life and possessed a devotion to helping so many who sought his counsel. He had a way of helping you see things clearly, never judged or made one feel inept and he was a confidence builder.

He will always be remembered as the most amazing man to us. He set the bar very high for how to live one's life. We all endeavored to emulate him. The mold was broken the day our Dad was born.

We all will miss him dearly and are grateful for all of the incredible loving times with him and we will cherish these memories forever.

He is survived by his children: Joey Cronin Jr. (Elizabeth Verno), Kathleen Cronin-Carr (Tom Carr), Sean Cronin (Jewell Reichert), Tina (Cronin) Barach, Laurie (Cronin) Lichorat (Steve Lichorat); his grandchildren: Megan Cronin, James Cronin (Jenn), Kaitlyn(Cronin) Matteo (Michael Matteo Jr.), Patrick Quinn, Kelly Quinn, Aidan Quinn, Nora Quinn, Alexandra (Cronin) White (Matthew White), Dylan Cronin, Zachary Barach, Jordan Barach, Eliza Barach, Garrett Duffy (Auna), Connor Duffy, Dahne Duffy, Reilly Duffy, Lance Lichorat (Claire), Spencer Lichorat; great-grandchildren: Gabriel Cronin, Emily

Cronin, Michael Matteo III, Lauren Matteo, Anthony Duffy and Theodore Lichorat. He was predeceased by his brother John J. Cronin, Jr. and is survived by his brother Charles Cronin (Mickey) and many extended family members and friends. And lastly, Honey, Dad's Dog and loving companion.

We wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt gratitude to his personal health caregivers lovingly referred to as "Joe's Team". With their care in place, Dad, whom they lovingly referred to as "Joey" or "JoeJoe", was able to live in his home, on his own terms, with dignity, respect and surrounded by those who loved him. To Marci, Lystra, Jessica, Towana, Melissa, Nysherra, Susan, Lynne, Sherrie and Ruby, who with skill and love, supported Dad through his final journey. They became part of our family and we were blessed to have had them. Thank you to you all.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joseph's family Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; and 40 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home.

Funeral services Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 9:30 am at The Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Please only enter the church from the parking lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; church ambassadors will be available to help with seating and questions; and please attempt to arrive before 9:15 am.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Calvary Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome](http://www.McveighFuneralHome).

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

481 Route 9W  
Glenmont, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph E. Cronin Sr*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *JOHN CARDAZZI lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Cronin Sr*



**JOHN CARDAZZI** - December 16, 2020 at 01:57 PM



*Thank you John.*

**Joey Cronin** - December 16, 2020 at 04:20 PM

JC

“ Dear Joe and family.  
My sympathy to you. I met your father in the 1980s while working at IBM. I did not see him often but he was always a friendly man. I remember his cheerful disposition, and he he liked to tell stories with a moral to the story.

I have not seen your father for over 30 years, his personality still leaves me with good memories after 30 years. I read the obituary, he lived an interesting life outside of work, which I did not know.

You and your family are a great legacy of his life. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,  
John Cardazzi

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**JOHN CARDAZZI** - December 16, 2020 at 01:56 PM

JC

Thank You John

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**Joey Cronin** - December 16, 2020 at 04:22 PM

JK

“ Joe, - I just found out about your Dad's passing this morning. I am so sorry for your loss, my condolences to you and your entire family.  
John Karwowski



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**John Karwowski** - December 16, 2020 at 10:07 AM

JC

Thanks John

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**Joey Cronin** - December 16, 2020 at 04:23 PM

LS

“ Tina & Family

*When I learned in May your dad took ill I've thought about him often.*

*My trips from Boston or the Cape to Fordham 35+ years ago were long, but it gave me some time to prepare for some double entendre mental gymnastics with your dad.. He waited for his opening and then he pounced and scored a blow. When I tried to combat his zinger I failed most of the time, when I did score, however, he'd turn towards me in that lounge chair, with that grin and smile as if to say "game on" ( I think he let me win). When he got me good, your mom would chime in with a "good one Joe". All in good fun!*

*He was a mans man and he knew lots about little things and boatloads about big things.*

*I offer you and your entire clan my heartfelt condolences, as does my family.*

*Larry Saklad  
Marlboro, Massachusetts*

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**Larry Saklad** - December 15, 2020 at 04:53 PM

SC

“ Dear Cousins:

*Laurie and I wanted to let you know how sorry we are to hear that your father has passed. We will not be attending the wake this evening because of COVID.*

*As I age, I have a greater appreciation for some of the people that I have spent time with over the years. Our grandmother is one... So many times, the thought of her comes to my head - I can visualize her clear as day, and I smile.*

*Your father is another. I have so many fond memories of him. One time up at Sacandaga, he was cooking oatmeal for all us kids before we were going to go out fishing. He tried to put some in my bowl, and it would not come off the spoon for a couple of tries. It will stick to your ribs, he said with that great smirky smile... Funny the things you remember. So many others... With great respect and admiration, I will miss him... and we are so sorry for your loss.*

*Steve and Laurie*

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**Steve Cronin** - December 15, 2020 at 03:47 PM

JC

*Thank you Steve and Laurie*

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**Joey Cronin** - December 16, 2020 at 04:23 PM

LK

“ Hi This is Lori Keegan-Brady. So sorry for your loss.

*I remember being in your home off Whitehall rd and playing with Kathy. You had a busy household, compared to mine (just Mom and me - my father died when I was 13). I can still see the kitchen, living room and dining room.*

*I hope the wonderful memories, bring you some comfort. I wish you peace.*

*Lori*

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**Lori Keegan-Brady** - December 15, 2020 at 03:45 PM

JN

*My heart goes out to each and every family member. What an incredible loss!  
Joe was the Mayor of the neighborhood, could fix anything, build stairs, play music, talk with anyone regarding a struggle. I referred to him as "Cronin.com!"  
May all of his family find peace in the many lives Joe touched. Peace*

*🕊️ Janet*

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**Janet Nally** - December 15, 2020 at 08:04 PM

JC

*Thank you Janet.*

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**Joey Cronin** - December 16, 2020 at 04:24 PM

PP

“ *Kathleen and Family,  
My deepest condolences to you and your family. I knew your Dad for a little time and what a time that was. I truly admired him for raising up such a wonderful woman. We had good times at the old bowling alley and at the banquets. He will be greatly missed by you I know for sure, but he is with your mom and they are together again as it was always meant to be.*

*If there is anything I can do for you or for your children please dont hesitate to call upon me.*

*Paul Peters*

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**Paul Peters** - December 15, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Cronin Sr.*



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December 14, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Cronin Sr.*



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December 14, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ *To Kathleen & Family ,  
Your dad had the ability to befriend everyone he came into contact with. I'm sure I speak for many when I say we'll miss his enormous talent and ability to do just about anything he set his mind to.*

*We will miss your humor and most of all your friendship. He always spoke with pride when the subject of his family came up . What a wonderful man and a even better husband and father.*

*Kevin Decker & Family*

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**Kevin Decker** - December 14, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of your father's passing. I always loved his warm and welcoming smile and I'm sure he is very happy to be reunited with your Mom. Sincerely, Jean Marie Cole (crouch)*

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**Jean Marie Cole** - December 14, 2020 at 05:28 PM



*Thank Jean*

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**Joey Cronin** - December 15, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Cronin Sr.



December 14, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a wonderful man and will be missed! Another angel to be watching over us! Lots of love to you all.



**Kim Cronin** - December 14, 2020 at 01:09 PM



Thanks Kim

**Joey Cronin** - December 15, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Cronin Sr.



December 14, 2020 at 11:45 AM

JR

“ *Joseph Roberts lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Cronin Sr*



**Joseph Roberts** - December 14, 2020 at 11:23 AM

JR

*So sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.*

**Joseph Roberts** - December 14, 2020 at 11:25 AM

JC

*Thanks Joe*

**Joey Cronin** - December 14, 2020 at 03:41 PM

RD

*Joey< sorry for your loss of your dad. Here is a funny story, My 1st job out of high school was working for State Bank of Albany up on Western Ave. Your father was the IBM rep who fixed all the equipment.. I used to have breakfast with your dad back in 1978. What a great guy. Moving ahead, 13 years, I had the pleasure of working with you Joey at CSC in Menands. Wow,,, where did 40+ years go. Anyway, life will never be the same, so cherish the memories. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

*Rich Duncan*

**Rich Duncan** - December 15, 2020 at 06:30 AM

JC

*Thank Rich & LOL I work for IBM now also.*

**Joey Cronin** - December 15, 2020 at 11:21 AM

FV

“ *Felix Valdes lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Cronin Sr*



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**Felix Valdes** - December 14, 2020 at 10:48 AM

JC

*Thanks Felix*

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**Joey Cronin** - December 14, 2020 at 03:41 PM

TS

“ *To the entire Cronin family -*

*Please accept my sincere condolences. Your dad/grandfather was a wonderful, kind man. I know what he meant to the entire family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.*

*Tracy Stadler*

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**Tracy Stadler** - December 14, 2020 at 08:47 AM

JC

*Thank you Tracy*

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**Joey Cronin** - December 14, 2020 at 03:44 PM

JE

*Thanks very much Tracy ❤️  
Jewell*

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**jewell** - December 16, 2020 at 06:04 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Laurie (Cronin) Lichorat Daughter - December 14, 2020 at 07:14 AM

SH

What a cute picture

susan hungershafer - December 14, 2020 at 10:28 PM

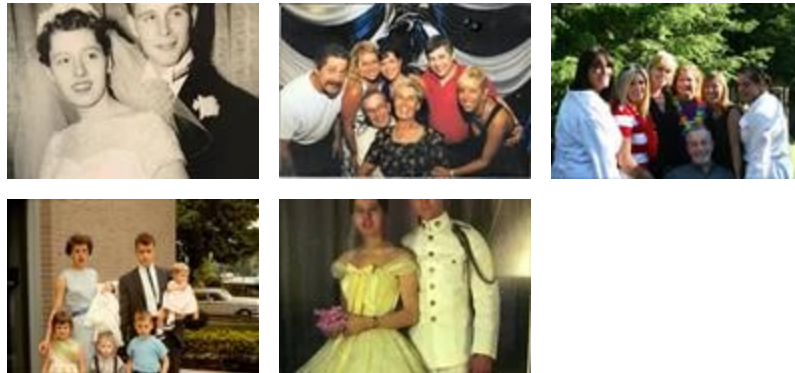
JC

That was 100% Dad

Joey Cronin - December 16, 2020 at 04:26 PM

LD

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Laurie (Cronin) Lichorat Daughter - December 14, 2020 at 07:07 AM

LD

I wanted to share some photos that others may not have seen. My Dad was our hero and we will forever be in his debt for all that he gave to us in his sacrifice, wisdom, discipline and unconditional love.

Laurie (Cronin) Lichorat Daughter - December 14, 2020 at 07:11 AM

SH

*Great pics*

susan hungershafer - December 14, 2020 at 10:25 PM

JH

“ *Tina and the whole Cronin family, please accept my heartfelt condolences. The loss of your dad is very sad. I'm sure he is with your mom in heaven.*

joann hoose - December 13, 2020 at 10:14 AM

JC

*Thank you Joann*

Joey Cronin - December 20, 2020 at 10:49 PM

MB

“ *I am so deeply sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I am among the many who loved your father dearly. He and your mom always welcomed me and treated me like family since I was 7 years old. Both of them were truly a blessing in my life, and I can't imagine my growing up years without them. I will love them forever, and remember them always. My deepest sympathy to the entire family.*  
*Mary Rose Urschel Bates*

Mary Rose Urschel Bates - December 12, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Cronin Sr.*



December 12, 2020 at 06:53 PM

SH

“ Hello to all the Cronin Family It was an absolute pleasure and privilege to care for Joe. I wish I had met you all sooner. Joe is now celebrating Heavens banquet with his beautiful wife. Eternal rest the faithfully departed by the Mercy of God Rest In Peace XO Susan

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**susan hungershafer** - December 12, 2020 at 06:22 PM

JC

Thanks Sue

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**Joey Cronin** - December 14, 2020 at 03:43 PM

MH

Joe and Mike Munyan worked for IBM for many years. Mike was my husband and I'm sure we met as couples at the IBM dinners throughout their careers. Mike always, and often, spoke of Joe as a wonderful man and co- worker as well. I send my heartfelt sympathy to the whole family with my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Munyan- Hoefgen

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**Mary Hoefgen** - December 19, 2020 at 12:16 PM

JC

Mary, lol, I work for IBM also now. Dad laughed about that. I remember Mike when to lunch with him and dad when I first got into data processing. Now I will be retiring from IBM. thanks for me know. A very very small world. All the Best Joey.

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**Joey Cronin** - December 19, 2020 at 04:07 PM