



Joseph E. Fischer

November 18, 1929 - January 30, 2022

Albany-Joseph E. Fischer, 92, died peacefully at home Sunday, January 30, 2022 surrounded by his loving children after a long illness. Joseph was born on November 18, 1929 to the late Florence Maikowski Fischer and former Albany County Sheriff Edward M. Fischer.

He was raised in Albany's south end and graduated from his beloved St. John's High School where he was a 3 sport standout in baseball, football and basketball. In 1991 he was inducted into the Bishop Maginn Sports Hall of Fame. He had a career batting average of .400 in baseball and he was a quarterback and team captain in football. In 1946 Joe was selected to play on the Albany All-Star Basketball team. After graduation Joe played baseball and basketball in the city leagues and went on to Fordham University. Joe married his high school sweetheart, Veronica Smolinski on September 17, 1950 and together they had a wonderful life until Veronica's passing in 2012. Joe was employed by the former Tobin Packing Company as the Night Plant Superintendent for many years and also the Albany City School District. Together with his wife he later owned and operated the very successful Fischer's Convenient Food Market in Loudon Plaza and later worked part time for SEFCU before fully retiring. Joe and his wife volunteered their time at the former St. Casimir's Church and the American Red Cross. Joe was a long time communicant of St. Casimir's Parish and a member of the Third Order of St. Francis. He was presently a parishioner and communicant of Blessed

Sacrament Church.

Joe's greatest joy in life was his family and 5 children, especially the annual Cape Cod vacations, family picnics at Lake George and fun times in the backyard swimming pool. He loved the music at Tanglewood, Broadway musicals, Saratoga Race Track, casinos and the Boston Red Sox's. Joe and Veronica had a wonderful time celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Europe including the Vatican. Joe was especially close to his late sister, Helen Fischer who passed away in January 2020. He is survived by his five children, John (Lisa) Fischer, Patricia (Michael) Abel, James (Barbara) Fischer, Mary Beth (Daniel) Cook and Thomas Fischer. Survivors also include his grandchildren Mary Beth Fischer, Kelly (Dave) DeGonza, Joseph Fischer, Elliot (Amanda) Cook, Jeremy (Ariel) Abel, Jessica Abel, Aubrey Cook, Michelle Bosma and Catherine (Sean) Roberts. He is also survived by 5 great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joe's family Friday, February 4, 2022 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway. Masks are required for everyone.

His Funeral Mass will follow at 10:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave. (Father John Bradley Way) Albany, NY 12206. Masks are required for everyone. The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

Those wishing to remember Joseph E. Fischer in a special way may send a contribution to the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry, 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206. To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph E. Fischer*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *A beautiful written tribute. May you find comfort in each other. Sending so much love and light to you all.*

I wish I could remember what year it was, I walked from my parents' house to your parents' store. It was so great to see them in their element, they were surprised to see me and as always so welcoming. - Linda Lienhard

Linda Lienhard - February 04, 2022 at 01:59 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Joe passing, my prayers are with you. He certainly made a lasting influence to all that knew him. He was no doubt "Mr ST JOHN'S", especially for me. My thoughts are with John and family. You are a "chip off the old block" and I am glad I had the opportunity to know you.*

Rocco J. Fragomeni - February 03, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ *Dear Patty and family, I was recently thinking about your Dad and Bill just saw the Obit in the paper. We are so sorry, he lived a good life and now his quest is over. We are currently in MA for PT for Bill and will not be back to make it to the funeral home. Please know that we would have been there, but we are saying prayers for him and all his family.*

Sincere Condolences, Donna & Bill Shanahan

Donna Shanahan - February 03, 2022 at 11:25 AM

DH

“ *John & Family,
My sincere condolences on the passing of
your father. May he rest in peace.*

Donald Holdridge



Donald Holdridge - February 03, 2022 at 07:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Joseph E. Fischer.*



February 02, 2022 at 09:02 PM

RE

“ *Mary Beth,
I remember you calling your Dad EVERY day at exactly 3 pm PST
and him waiting for your calls. I thought it was the sweetest! What a
fortunate man to have had his California daughter move in and
assist. TLC at its finest.
Sending you hugs as you mourn his passing. May his memory be a
blessing and may you always feel his spirit. Peace.*

Regina - February 01, 2022 at 01:27 PM

AL

“ *Al sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph E. Fischer*



Al - January 31, 2022 at 11:11 PM

SH

“ *To my dearest friend MaryBeth,
I am so sorry for the passing of your father
yesterday morning. Just know that he is at
peace and is reunited with your mom. They
are both angels now watching over you
together in heaven. I feel like I know him from all the wonderful talks
we have had all these years I have known you. Like I have told you
before, you were a godsend to him all the months you spent taking
excellent care of him these last months you were in New York. I am
happy I got to celebrate his last birthday with the cookies I sent and
he enjoyed. I will always cherish our friendship.
RIP Joe Fischer!
Sharon*



Sharon - January 31, 2022 at 08:43 PM

KA

“ *Dear Mary Beth,
I am so very sorry about your dear fathers
passing. I admire the fact that you stopped
everything and went to NY to care for him,
Sept-Jan. You are the best daughter and I
enjoyed every update and photo of your time spent with him. One
lucky man! RIP Mr Fischer and safe travels back to NY.*



Kathleen - January 31, 2022 at 05:58 PM