



Joseph F. Legnard

June 3, 1947 - April 17, 2025

Ballston Lake- Joseph Francis Legnard, 77, passed away on April 17, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving wife and daughters. Born on June 3, 1947, at St. Mary's hospital in Troy, New York, Joseph led a distinguished life marked by dedication to the legal profession and service to the community. Some of Joseph's greatest memories were traveling through Europe during his Holy Cross Junior year abroad via the Orient Express. His passions were playing his tenor saxophone with the Swing Docs, target practice, fix-it projects, scuba diving and boating.

Joseph graduated from Vincentian Institute in 1965 before earning a degree from Holy Cross in 1970. His passion for law led him to Albany Law School, where he graduated in 1973. That same year, he began his career in labor law with Jackson & Lewis in New York City. In 1975, Joseph co-founded the firm Legnard & Miccio, ESQ. to be close to family. In 1977, he joined DiFabio, Tommaney & Legnard, ESQ, where he practiced Trust and Real Estate Law for almost three decades. His commitment to public service was evident when he was appointed Attorney for the IDA, GIPA and Heatly School in the Village of Green Island in 1978. He and his wife, Vera bought their home in Ballston Lake where they raised their family of four daughters and have cherished them ever since. In 2004, Joseph transitioned to working full-time for the Village of Green Island, where his contributions were deeply valued. Joseph was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of which he was a

dedicated member and past President of the Malta chapter.

Joseph is survived by the love of his life and wife of 55 years, Vera A. Legnard (VanOlinda), and their devoted daughters: Libby Detschelt (Alex) and children Remi and Luke of Irwin, PA; Kate Fiorilli (Joe) and children Ada and Lena of Massapequa, NY; Mary Legnard and daughter Charlie of Altamont, NY; and Theresa Legnard of Malta, NY. He is also survived by his sisters Maria Rancourt (René) and Francis Bernard (Andy Perez), as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Joseph was predeceased by his parents, Francis J. Legnard and Yolanda Legnard (DiFabio).

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joseph's family Wednesday April 23, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St., Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Joseph's Funeral service will be Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 10:00 am in the funeral home .

The Rite of Committal will follow the service in Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, NY.

Those wishing to make a donation in Joseph's memory are invited to contribute to St Jude Children's Research Hospital @ stjude.org, which was meaningful to Joseph. The family would like to extend their gratitude to all the nurses and providers at The Saratoga Community Hospice and St. Peter's Regional ALS Center for their compassionate care and support.

Joseph's legacy of dedication to family and fierce loyalty to his close friends will be remembered by all who knew him. May his memory bring comfort to those who mourn his passing.

To leave a message for the family or view other helpful services please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Albany Rural Cemetery

68 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY 12204

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

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Service

APR **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Legnard.*



April 24, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ *We knew him for many years since coming to Ballston Lake. I knew him as a father first, a lawyer second, a fellow Rotarian, and as a mentor. Joe was proud of his wife and four wonderful daughters. He ALWAYS spoke to me about them. I had the privilege as a school principal to appreciate his daughters. I had the high honor to hire his wife as a school nurse. She was one of my best hires and outstanding in her role to so many. He was a simple man of utmost integrity. Joe will be missed but not forgotten. Tom and Maryann Koscielniak.*

Tom Koscielniak - April 23, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ *With Love, Heather Farrell and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph F. Legnard.*



With Love, Heather Farrell and Family - April 23, 2025 at 08:11 AM

WF

“ With Love, Heather Farrell and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph F. Legnard.

With Love, Heather Farrell and Family - April 23, 2025 at 08:11 AM

TF

“ The Eicher Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joseph F. Legnard.



The Eicher Family - April 22, 2025 at 03:59 PM

NF

“ N90 Liberty Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Joseph F. Legnard.



N90 Liberty Family - April 22, 2025 at 03:52 PM

CJ

“ Cousin Ginny and Sons, Jimmy and Jeffrey purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joseph F. Legnard.



Cousin Ginny and Sons, Jimmy and Jeffrey - April 22, 2025 at 01:12 PM

LH

“ Love The Hunters purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joseph F. Legnard.



Love The Hunters - April 22, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Legnard.



April 20, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph F. Legnard.

April 20, 2025 at 02:20 PM

WI

“ Vera and family, So sorry to hear about Joe Phyllis and Bill.

william - April 20, 2025 at 10:30 AM

JL

“ *THINKING APART A FRIENDSHIP*

Joe is traveling from us on our river of tears.

We are but drops in this crying torrent.

Joe is beyond our presence.

*We are limited by our memory of him
while comforted that he is loved forever.*

*Joe is being carried by his faith to the event horizon
at which he perceives movement as warp speed
over infinite distance during eternal time.*

*Joe enjoys the certainty of Alleluia
while we endure the cruelty of grief.*

Joe is forever relieved of effort and confinement.

He suffers nothing. He is free at last.

Well done good and faithful friend.

God speed Joe Legnard.

Sent with our love,

John and Joan Lawrence

John Lawrence - April 20, 2025 at 10:27 AM

TC

“ *Vera and family,*

*Sue and I pass along our deepest condolences on the passing of
your beloved husband/father. Joe and I had a lifelong connection
through our years together in elementary and high school and in our
business lives as Joe and I worked together on many legal matters
confronting the company I worked for. So, so sorry for your loss.*

Tom and Sue Cunningham

Thomas Cunningham - April 20, 2025 at 07:29 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Legnard.



April 19, 2025 at 10:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph F. Legnard.

April 19, 2025 at 10:13 PM



“ Kathleen H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph F. Legnard.

Kathleen H. - April 19, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity* was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Legnard.



April 19, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph F. Legnard.

April 19, 2025 at 11:49 AM

EM

“ Mrs. Legnard, Libby, Kate, Mary and Theresa, I am heartbroken for the loss of your husband/Dad. What wonderful childhood memories I have from spaghetti dinners, playing dolls and Indian Princess (now Y Guides) trips and simply playing at your house. I am so sorry for your tremendous loss and know that memories of Joe will be cherished forever.

Erin Mitchell - April 19, 2025 at 09:05 AM

BM

“ Vera and family...our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. We have so many good memories over the past 40+ years between our families. RIP 🙏
Barbara and Jim Mitchell

Barbara & Jim Mitchell - April 19, 2025 at 08:13 AM

MF

“ Vera, Libby, Kate, Mary, Theresa, Maria, Frannie, and Family: I will forever be grateful to Joe for being my best friend and confidant. Nancy and our daughters join me in expressing our profound sorrow for your loss.

Mike and Nancy McNulty & Family - April 18, 2025 at 10:25 PM