



## Joseph J. Yanas

December 5, 1957 - April 26, 2023

Albany, NY-Joseph J. Yanas, age 65, passed away unexpectedly on April 26, 2023 at his home.

A lifelong resident of the City of Albany, he was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Class of 1976, and Manhattan College, Class of 1980.

In 2009, he retired from the Albany County Department of Mental Health after serving as a mental health aide for nearly 30 years. He also worked part time as a local marketing rep for Universal Studios, interviewing movie attendees in order to gauge interest in the latest movie releases.

Joe's interests in life centered around entertainment. He inherited his love of music from his dad. Blues and Rock n Roll were his passion. He loved movies and was never short of an opinion. Reading quality non-fiction books, especially autobiographies, brought him many hours of enjoyment. He had extensive knowledge about and admiration for talented musicians, singers, songwriters, actors and directors.

Sports were also a part of Joe's life. As a New Yorker, he was a fan of the Knicks, the Giants, and the Yankees. Joe played golf during his years at CBA, and while a member of Pinehaven Country Club, he had a memorable hole-in-one.

He was predeceased by his father, John J. Yanas, Sr., and his mother, Mary Faith Casey Yanas. He is survived by his brother, Rev. John J. Yanas, Jr., and his sisters, Kathleen (Bill Cunningham) and Mary Patricia Rowlands (Bruce). He is also survived by nieces and a nephew, and grand-nieces and a grand-nephew, and many cousins. In addition, he leaves behind a loyal group of lifelong friends, his "brothers" from CBA, as well as his concert loving friends who shared his passion for live music.

Joe would want to be remembered for the kind person that he truly was.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joe's family Monday, May 1, 2023 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street, Albany, NY 12208 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated by his beloved brother, Father John J. Yanas, Jr., Pastor of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Troy, NY. The Mass can be viewed on the parish home webpage <https://mcalbany.org/>

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Christian Brothers Academy, 12 Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12205 ([cbaalbany.org](http://cbaalbany.org)) or Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, 308 Spring Avenue, Troy, NY 12180 ([sacredhearttroy.com](http://sacredhearttroy.com)).

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

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# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell St  
Albany, NY 12208-1505  
(518) 489-3204

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph J. Yanas*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 01, 2023 at 11:56 AM

MC

*Great video Joe would have loved it .Has his New Jersey roommate in college I brainwashed him with Bruce Springsteen as he brainwashed me with J Giels and so many other bands. I will miss him He was a great chapter in my life. Rest in peace Joe Jude 🙏❤️ Mark Cricco*

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**Mark Cricco** - May 01, 2023 at 09:18 PM

DC

*So many great memories of a Truly great friend . Dan Crowther, CBA class of 1976 and Manhattan College ,class of 1980*

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**Dan Crowther** - May 02, 2023 at 10:11 PM

RU

*To the Yanas Family:*

*I lived with Joe or near him our entire four years at Manhattan College. And aside from the occasional wedding and later a few phone calls and Facebook messages, Joe and I lost touch over the years.*

*His premature passing hits hard. I remember so many of the good times we shared. Trips to his beloved Albany, where he introduced me to his friends and favorite spots.*

*Our deep conversations and late-night debates on movies and politics, and his schooling me on his beloved music. Whether it was listening to The J. Geils Band or Elton John, the music was preferably LOUD on the stereo in the dorm room. To this day, I can't hear the opening of Stevie Wonder's Sir Duke without thinking of Joe playing just the first 15 seconds, over and over. His passion for music was so deep. A Christian Brother who lived on our floor would knock on the door more than once, asking us to turn it down a bit.*

*Joe was always such a kind and genuine person, a true friend. His presence in our lives will be greatly missed. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Father John, your eulogy was beautiful and so touching. I cannot begin to imagine the sadness that you are feeling right now. Still, I hope you can find comfort in knowing that so many loved and appreciated Joe.*

*Russ Schriefer  
Manhattan '80*

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**Russ** - May 03, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ Joseph J. Yanas

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

JB

“ I was so very sad to hear of Joe's passing. We were all friends in high school/college and enjoyed many great parties at the Yanas house! My deepest sympathies to your family.

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**Jackie (Long) Brayden** - May 02, 2023 at 08:50 PM

AS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mary Faith and John and all the family.  
Annette Schreck*

Annette Schreck - May 02, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ *63 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - May 01, 2023 at 11:53 AM

MA

*John Kathy and Patty - I am so sad I couldn't be there today at joeys celebration, but I was able to be there thru technology. I am sorry we brothers didn't do more to help joe. John - I applaud you for getting through what had to be your most difficult funeral ever. To Kath and Patty - I'm so grateful that I knew everyone in the Yanas family, including dog Fritzie who drank beer at the wild parties. Joe will be in my thoughts every night when I pray. And God bless you all. RIP my brother*

mike Alvaro - May 02, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Yanas.*



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April 30, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Fr. John, Patti, Chelsea and family, my heartfelt sympathy and all my love to you. Mary Riegert*

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**Mary E Riegert** - April 30, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *Kathy, Patty & Fr. John, Joe was a fine man with outstanding kindness and a wonderful heart, and shared these qualities often and with many with his quick and sincere smile. Goodbye and rest in peace, good friend. Mike Rinella, Niskayuna, NY”*

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**Brian Rinella** - April 29, 2023 at 11:59 PM

SS

“ For the Yanas family, it is with a heavy heart that I bid farewell to my dear friend Joe...I will miss our many heartfelt conversations and your frequent messages on my home machine...yes, we both still had them..we chuckled about that ..I'm so glad I still have some unerased 😞 you were such a gentleman and always so kind ..a handsome man with a wonderful heart...I'll remember you loved your family, friends, music and barnes and noble 😊 cant forget our dinners with your dad and our last plan to enjoy an evening of music to honor your dads love of jazz..remember you were going to request a jazz song from the musicians thinking how great that would be? Jimmer, if your reading this, he spoke of you often . he **CHERISHED YOUR LIFELONG FRIENDSHIP** and was **SO PROUD** of all your accomplishments....I hope he called you recently..before we hung up he said he should...Kathy, your kindness has been so greatly touching...thank you .may I offer my condolences to fr.john and patty as well and my **GOD BLESS YOU ALL...** 🙏 Suzan

suzan spadaro - April 29, 2023 at 09:56 PM

CH

“ Kathy and family, our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. We love you and are walking with you in prayer. Christine & Michael Peters

Christine - April 29, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Yanas.



April 29, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Yanas.



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April 29, 2023 at 05:33 PM