



Joseph B. Ellis

June 16, 1950 - July 17, 2020

Obituary- Joseph (JB) Ellis

Joseph B. Ellis died July 17, 2020.

Joseph is survived by sisters Millie, Katy, and Leeny, brothers George (Gayle) and Peter, and sister-in law Jodi (Ed), as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was the son of the late Joseph W. Ellis and Dolores Hinkel Ellis, and was predeceased by his brother Ed. "Mr. Joe" will also be missed by Nathan Custard to whom JB was mentor and "Big Brother" for many years.

The second oldest of seven children, his family moved from Albany to Kings Road in Coxsackie when he was six months old. When in the 3rd grade, his parents purchased the home on the church corner on Mansion Street where he was raised. Jay graduated 8th grade in 1964 from Coxsackie-Athens, graduated 12th grade in 1968 from St. Patrick's HS in Catskill. He attended the Junior College of Albany (now Sage Albany) and graduated in 1970 with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts. In 1971, he started working for Atlantic Cement in Ravena as a Junior Clerk and started attending Russell Sage Evening Division. In 1977, he graduated from Sage with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Accounting. Like his father, he also graduated the Dale Carnegie Course in 1978.

While working at the Ravena Plant, Joe received several promotions to Acting Chief Accountant and Cost Control Supervisor. After nearly ten years at Ravena, and after a short period outside Atlantic Cement, JB was rehired as Construction Accountant for a new plant being built in Baltimore Md. Sixteen years later, as Plant Accountant, he returned to NY, buying a home in Scheller Park and transferring back to the Ravena plant, then owned by Blue Circle Cement, as Plant and Regional Controller. He left accounting after about five more years in Ravena and took an HR role at the plant as Teams Champion. From there, now under LaFarge Cement, JB worked several years on the road as a trainer and installer of purchasing and accounting software, and several Plant Controller fill in roles, before retiring in Delaware, where he lived for eleven years.

In 2012, Joe purchased a home on Van Dyck St. in the village of Coxsackie. Joe was Treasurer, 4th degree, and Past Grand Knight of the Coxsackie Knights of Columbus, having held several offices with councils in NY, MD, and DE. He recently served on the Finance and Cemetery Committees at St. Mary's Church, and retired from lecturing in

2018. For over four years Joe volunteered with medical transportation for the Greene County Dept. of Human Services, serving over 100 riders. In July of 2015 JB was asked to fill a vacancy as Village Trustee which included liaison for several departments, and was asked to represent the village board on the Greene County Mitigation Committee. Joe brought needed financial experience, worked hard on raising income, and later found fair water and sewer rates.

JB's other activities included putting his family first, golfing as a member of the Ravena Seniors League, travel, and walking throughout the village. He was a member of the Coxsackie Seniors, and past interests in Coxsackie included bowling, Coxsackie Little League BB, and American Legion Post # 166 BB. He helped build softball fields in Coxsackie and Athens and was a long time coach of various softball leagues. He was most proud to have managed in 1962 the first team from Coxsackie Little League to ever win not only our district, but the second level past out district. His team lost to the eventual state champion, and the opponent coach said we were one of the toughest they faced. In 2017, "Uncle Joe" chaired a very successful, 1st ever, Hoot of the Owl Committee, where a great team raised \$24 K for local charities. He stepped down as chair after the first year, but continued to assist with events in the following years. JB was also active in the ongoing restoration of the cemetery on Mansion Street.

Understanding that many people would want to pay their respects to Joe, his family regrettably had to keep his funeral Mass and burial private due to the ongoing threat of COVID 19. If desired, contributions may be made in Joe's name to St Mary's (Coxsackie) Memorial Society or the Village of Coxsackie "Adopt a Grave" Fund.

Comments



“ Sincere condolences from your cousins in the Gara Family.

Gara Family - August 04, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Elaine Barbato-Turon - July 26, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Chris Poling - July 24, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ He was just good people. Learned a lot from him, shared a lot of laughs and enjoy the time we worked together.

Chris Poling - July 24, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ Joe Boehlke lit a candle in memory of Joseph B. Ellis



Joe Boehlke - July 24, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ Im in shock. There are no words to describe this great man. My heartfelt sympathies goes out to the family, and numerous friends. Heaven gained an amazing, giving , caring man who was involved in alot in our community. He always had a smile on his face. He will greatly be missed at our St. Marys coffee hr. JB fly high my friend, you will be greatly missed but remembered often. I will miss beeping to you as you would walk .

Missy Fitzpatrick - July 23, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ JB was one of the good guys. The world is a lesser place, Great family. Rest in Peace JB. We'll play spots at the Athletic Field with Brady and the boys.

Thomas McGuigan - July 22, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ May all your brothers and sisters find comfort in all the happy and fun times you all shared through the years. Your sense of humor, warmth & kindness will never be forgotten. The Ellis family will always be part of my heart .. as will you JB. Reunited with Ed, Nan & Pop Ellis forevermore You are missed by many.

Denise Ingui Revette - July 21, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ Denise Ingui Revette lit a candle in memory of Joseph B. Ellis



Denise Ingui Revette - July 21, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ So sorry for the death of Joe, although with his faith, God received him into his Holy arms. I enjoyed lecturing with him. His death will leave a bigger hole in he family, following his brother Ed. But the Ellis family is strong in faith and have been throughout their lives. Rest In Peace Joe. You fought a good battle.

Jeannene Albright - July 21, 2020 at 06:29 AM



“ On behalf of Chief Sam Mento and all the members of the Cocksackie Police Department, we mourn the loss of Trustee Joseph “JB” Ellis. Joe was a huge supporter of the police department, and a valued member of the Cocksackie community. His absence will be felt immensely and we send his family our deepest condolences. Rest In Peace JB!

Sergeant William Arp
Cocksackie Police Department

William Arp - July 20, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ To all of my good friends the Ellis family
So sorry for the loss of your brother JB. He was a wonderful person and a gentleman, and my friend. He was the best Grand Knight that I worked with. I will truly miss him
Sincerely, Judee (Daoust) Synakowski.

Judee(Daoust) Synakowski - July 20, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ To Millie, Katie, Eileen & Pete:

Our deepest sympathies in the passing of JB. May you find some comfort in knowing that your brother exemplified the good in human nature and those of us who knew him we're blessed.

Gritty & Debbie

Warren Gritmon - July 20, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Ellis family. We were all saddened to hear of his passing. Joe was such a caring and thoughtful guy, and was very active in our community. I'll miss him both as a Village Trustee and as a friend. May he rest in peace.

Nikki Berezna - July 20, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ Nikki Berezna sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph B. Ellis



Nikki Berezna - July 20, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ Nikki Berezna lit a candle in memory of Joseph B. Ellis



Nikki Berezna - July 20, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ I have known JB since we were children . I have great memories of punch ball on a summers night on Sunset . He grew into a remarkable man giving of his time and wisdom to others . I will remember him most for his enduring faith , love of family and community . We are all better because of him .

JoAnne Adamo Conway - July 19, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to joes siblings. I am very sad to hear of joes passing. He was a good guy. Whenever you seen him he always gave you a big smile & hello how are you. He was very active in our church & community . Thank you joe for all you did for both. May you now Rest In Peace and fly high as a angel.

Tammy Hathaway - July 19, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ I remember Joe from our days at St. Pats. He was a quiet guy and was well liked by all. We spent a summer together at Cocksackie high school redoing the Algebra class that we needed to make up. RIP Joe you are missed.

Charles Schumacher - July 18, 2020 at 12:53 PM