



## Mr. Joseph B. Iraci

May 13, 1938 - February 2, 2017

Joseph B. Iraci, Ed.D., age 78, of Athens, passed away February 2, 2017. Joe was born in Buffalo, New York, and was the son of the late Samuel B. and Theresa Iraci.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Barbara Iraci of Athens, son Samuel J. (Kimberly) of Phelps, N.Y., daughter Laura (Jeffrey) of Mountain View, CA, daughter Bethany of Rochester N.Y., seven grandchildren, brother Samuel F. (Cecilia) Iraci of Alexandria Bay, N.Y., and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Joe was an educator for over 30 years, moving from the classroom to the State Education Department, to Superintendent of Minisink Valley Central Schools in Orange County N.Y., and District Superintendent of Hamilton, Fulton, Montgomery BOCES. He also taught and developed curriculum at the College of St. Rose in Albany.

After retirement, he continued his public service as Supervisor of the Town of Athens and through memberships on various boards including Catholic Charities, D.R.Evarts Library, Senior Housing of Athens, Catskill Kiwanis and Coxsackie-Athens Rotary Clubs.

Participating in the Eagle Scouts throughout his life, Joe was particularly proud of his eldest grandson's induction this fall.

He had a life-long love of music and played many instruments, including piano and bass. Joe supported himself in his youth by playing in local quartets.

Calling hours are Thursday, February 9, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Richards

Funeral Home, N. Vernon St., Athens. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, February 10, at St. Patrick Church, Athens, at 10:30 a.m. Private cremation will follow.

Donations may be made in Joe's memory to D.R.Evarts Library, 80 Second St. Athens, NY 12015, or to Catholic Charities of Columbia and Greene Counties, 66 William St., Catskill, NY 12414, or to the Memorial Fund of the Church of St. Patrick, 19 N. Franklin St., Athens, NY 12015.

Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Athens  
28 North Vernon Street  
Athens, NY 12015  
(518) 945-1065  
info@richardsbradysfh.com

## Mass

FEB **10**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Patrick's Church  
24 North Washington Street  
Athens, NY 12015

# Tribute Wall

HH

“ *Dear Barb and Family,  
We just learned of Joe's passing today and are deeply saddened.  
Joe was a wonderful person, Supt and friend. His mentoring left an  
indelible mark on our career as well as our memory. We hope your  
many fond memories sustain you in the days ahead.  
Love,  
Harvey and Marlene Hilburgh*

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**H. Hilburgh** - June 01, 2017 at 02:51 PM

DP

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was superintendent of HFM  
BOCES when I started working there in 1994 and a very  
encouraging guy. It's nice to see the appreciation for the good  
things he continued to do for his community even after he retired.*

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**David Patterson** - March 01, 2017 at 08:36 PM

CA

“ Dear Iraci Family,

*Our deepest sympathy to you all, at this very difficult time. On behalf of our family, we share our most sincere condolences.*

*We fondly recall Dr. Iraci's commitment to leadership at Minisink Valley Central School with his dedication and optimism, as a district professional. He reimagined local education with positive, modern changes.*

*Dr. Iraci's legacy of success and improvement for the greater good of all students, at our alma mater will always be remembered.*

*Elizabeth Demberg Leith  
Cathy Demberg Doney  
Steven & Simone (Macaluso) Demberg  
Ruth Demberg Johnson  
Ellie Demberg Rosenbloom*

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**Cathy** - February 18, 2017 at 11:55 AM

JD

“ *Barb and family, I was saddened to learn of your loss. I am very sorry. I recall many long, thoughtful and enjoyable conversations with Joe when he was at BOCES. He will surely be missed. I hope you may focus on the many fond memories of Joe and use them to help carry you at this time. May God bless and keep you strong.  
Sincerely, John DeMaria*

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**John DeMaria** - February 17, 2017 at 09:38 AM

KB

“ *To the Iraci Family,  
Joe always had time to ask about the family or give sage advice. He was a true public servant. I always appreciated his insights and keeping the Library Board on track during meetings, it was a pleasure to serve with him.  
Our deepest sympathies, Karen Boeri and family*

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**Karen Boeri** - February 09, 2017 at 02:52 PM

DT

“ *Debbie T. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph B. Iraci*



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**Debbie T.** - February 08, 2017 at 03:10 PM

DT

“ *Barb and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. More than you know I think of you all the time and can only hope that the precious memories that you both shared will help you through this time of sadness. It's never easy to say good-bye and watching a loved one suffer is worse. My prayers are with you, your family and Joe and if you need any support I am here for you.  
May God Bless You!  
All my love,  
Debbie T.*



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**Debbie T.** - February 08, 2017 at 03:08 PM

NB

“ *Nathan, Traci and Boden purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Joseph B. Iraci .*



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**Nathan, Traci and Boden** - February 08, 2017 at 02:15 PM

MS

“ *To the Iraci Family,  
Joe was a very good friend to me. He had tremendous personal skills which he shared by giving insight and guidance to me in the three years that I knew him. He adored all of you very much. God Bless you all.  
Mike Strenka*

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**Mike Strenka** - February 07, 2017 at 11:03 AM

PO

“ *To the Iraci Family....  
It was an honor to work with Dr. Iraci during his years as Superintendent of the Minisink Valley School District. May God grant you comfort for your tears and strength for the days ahead. Take care and keep the faith.  
Pete Ochsner*

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**Pete Ochsner** - February 07, 2017 at 08:47 AM

LF

“ Lane, Betsy and family purchased the Fruit Abou  
nds for the family of Mr. Joseph B. Iraci .



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**Lane, Betsy and family** - February 06, 2017 at 05:07 PM