



Dr. Joseph Vytėnis Bakanas DPM

July 24, 1958 - March 28, 2024

It is with great sadness to announce that Dr. Joseph “Joe” Vytėnis Bakanas left this world on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at the age of 65. Joe was a devoted and beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He was a dedicated follower of God, a hardworking and highly respected Podiatrist, a Proud Lithuanian, and a great friend to so many.

Joe was born in Chester, PA, on July 24, 1958, to the late Ludwig and Teresa Bakanas. He graduated from St. James High School in Chester, PA and attended St. Joseph’s University for college before being recruited into the Army where he served as a Medic. After completing a few years of military service, Joe was honorably discharged and continued to pursue a career in the medical field. While working full time to provide for his family, Joe continued his education. He worked as a surgical technologist for 10 years and a licensed Registered Nurse for 14 years, where he later supervised in the Operating Room at Christiana Care. His dream came true when he was accepted into Medical School and earned his “Doctor of Podiatric Medicine” degree at Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine in Philadelphia. He graduated top of his class and continued to practice as a Podiatrist for 18 years. During his free time, Joe loved to spend time with his family, watch his grandchildren play sports, and go to the beach.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Anna Marie; his daughter, JoAnna, & son-in-

law, Tony; grandchildren: Lynnea, Ariel, Leslie, Rocco, and Michelle; sister, Donna; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Angelique (Angel); and sister, Maria. His early departure is truly a loss. Joe leaves a lasting memory as always being humble and kind and helping everyone he could. He will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by so many.

A visitation will be held Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 10:30 AM-12 PM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12 PM at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 7 Sharpley Rd. Wilmington DE, 19803. Burial will be private. For directions or to send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
9 Sharpley Road
Wilmington, DE

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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9 Sharpley Road
Wilmington, DE

Tribute Wall

VI

“ He was always Vytenis to me. Grew up with him and sister Danute sharing many treasured and painful memories of Lithuanian Saturday school. Our friends were all playing sports on Saturdays, and we were sitting in small classrooms at St. Andrews parish hall. So painful!

Vytenis was always the good dude. Yes, he had his fun and wildness, but he was downright good. I'm saying this now, but I also felt it when I was a young kid - Vytenio goodness permeated to the rest of our little gang.

I believe that Vytenis is looking down at all of us, especially his sister Danute, and wishing and guiding us forward, to remember him, to be "good" in this earthly world.

Virgus - April 10, 2024 at 09:28 PM

SR

“ Sincerely, Brandywine Staff & Residents purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.



Sincerely, Brandywine Staff & Residents - April 10, 2024 at 02:44 PM

JO

“ We send love, prayers, and hugs to Donna and her family. Our hearts are with you. Hoping the 3 trees being planted in Joe's memory grow tall and strong
Cousins Barb, Pat, and Joanne with love

joanne - April 10, 2024 at 02:17 PM

JC

“ Joanne C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.

Joanne C. - April 10, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.



April 10, 2024 at 07:56 AM

PK

“ Phil, Julina & Kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.

Phil, Julina & Kids - April 10, 2024 at 07:56 AM

JD

“ Joseph D. purchased the Divine Light for the family of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.



Joseph D. - April 09, 2024 at 10:47 PM

JD

“ Joseph D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.

Joseph D. - April 09, 2024 at 10:47 PM

KS

“ Back in 1976-1977 while I was stationed at St. Michael's Church in Chester, Pennsylvania I shared happy times with Vytenis and recognized that he wanted to make a difference in his life and that he intended to move onward. I have been happy to know that Vytenis was a good man and reflected the goodness of his parents and our people. May God give him life and love forever.
Kazimieras-Kenneth Stewart

Kazimieras-Kenneth Stewart - April 09, 2024 at 10:25 PM

SD

“ Sagis Diagnostics purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.



Sagis Diagnostics - April 04, 2024 at 03:19 PM

SD

“ Sagis Diagnostics planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.

Sagis Diagnostics - April 04, 2024 at 03:19 PM

KW

“ *Katie Stoedter and Elena Wellens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.*

Katie Stoedter and Elena Wellens - April 04, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.*



April 04, 2024 at 01:58 PM

VG

“ *V.Colbert Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.*

V.Colbert Group - April 02, 2024 at 10:27 AM

VG

“ *V.Colbert Group purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.*



V.Colbert Group - April 02, 2024 at 10:27 AM

MT

“ My love, Sue Truitt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.



My love, Sue Truitt - April 02, 2024 at 09:12 AM

MT

“ My love, Sue Truitt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.

My love, Sue Truitt - April 02, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Joseph Vytenis Bakanas DPM.



April 01, 2024 at 08:24 PM

BM

“ My memory of my cousin Joe goes back to when we were about 5 years old. My family would visit his house in Chester and he and I would have the run of the neighborhood roaming alleys and going in corner stores. He and his sister Donna sometimes stayed over at our house and we would have a lot of fun. We attended St. James High School together although I believe he was in more advanced classes than I but we still found time to hang out together. Our lives went their separate ways as adults but we were texting over the last couple of years. I'm proud of him and honored to be his cousin, a true gentleman and hard working achiever. His family's loss is much too soon but I hope he is resting and enjoying his eternal reward.
Bob Mizas

Bob Mizas - April 01, 2024 at 08:08 PM

JS

“ Joe was a gentle and kind person with a great sense of humor and a very good friend who was always willing to give a helping hand. I shall remember him always. My thoughts and prayers go out to Anna Marie and to his children and grandchildren and to his sister Donna. May he rest in peace.

Joseph Stankus - April 01, 2024 at 04:19 PM

JM

“ On behalf of the St. James High School Alumni Association and his 1976 classmates, I extend our deepest sympathies and prayers on your loss. The Alumni Association will remember Joseph at their annual Memorial Mass in the spring of 2025. May he rest in peace!

John Mooney - April 01, 2024 at 03:18 PM

RS

“ I remember Joseph as a good hearted, kind and good humored young man. His family and ours were good neighbors and shared a common legacy of being refugees as a result of WW II. Despite the difficulties posed by being “Displaced Persons” and starting life all over again, Joe’s parents provided sufficient support and encouragement to their three children that enabled Joe-or Vytenis, as his family and friends called him-to achieve great personal and professional goals. I’m sure that his children and grandchildren will benefit from his legacy. “Iki pasymatimo”, Vytani. Rimas

Raymond Stankus - April 01, 2024 at 01:04 PM