



## Joseph Bell

July 26, 1951 - September 8, 2016

Joseph Bell, age 65, of Newark, DE, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on September 8, 2016. Joe was an extraordinary person. The unconditional love he showed for his family, friends, and beloved Notre Dame Football team was unmatched. He had admiration for veterans and an open heart for those in need. Whether it was staying active with tennis or being immersed in conversation, Joe had the rare ability to live for the moment, he enjoyed life to the fullest. He was proud to raise two boys with his devoted wife, Sheri. Joe will truly be missed.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Sheri; their sons, Kyle and Nolan; his brothers: Kevin (Kim), John William, Timothy, and Brian (Kim); his sister, Margaret Mary; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph J. and Margaret Bell.

A visitation will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 345 Bear Christiana Rd, Bear, DE 19701 on Wednesday, September 14 from 10-11 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM. Interment with Military Honors will take place at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Rd, Bear, DE 19701 at 1 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Wilmington Veterans Medical Center, 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington, DE 19805. For directions or to send an online condolence visit [www.stranofeelley.com](http://www.stranofeelley.com)

Strano & Feeley

Family Funeral Home

302-731-5459

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
345 Bear-Christiana Road  
Bear, DE

## Visitation

SEP 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
345 Bear-Christiana Road  
Bear, DE

## Burial

SEP 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery - Bear  
2465 Chesapeake City Rd.  
Bear, DE 19701

# Tribute Wall

TE

“ I really enjoyed playing tennis with Joe for the past several years! He would even drive out of his way to meet closer to my home once I moved to Lancaster. He always remembered to say something complimentary when I hit a good shot. I will miss him a lot. Terri D'Amato

terri - September 20, 2016 at 12:20 PM

CP

“ Charissa Perkins lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell



Charissa Perkins - September 13, 2016 at 07:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Bell.



September 13, 2016 at 06:45 PM

RC

“ my sincere condolences to his family on your loss. Joe was so kind and it was a pleasure to know and work with him, Rosane

Rosane Corullon - September 13, 2016 at 04:54 PM

MM

“ *RIP my friend.*



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**Mike Marvel** - September 13, 2016 at 02:53 PM

RO

“ *to his family, so sorry for your loss I had the pleasure of working with Joe at the bank for many years, and he was always so kind and friendly. my sincere condolences, Rosane Corullon*

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**Rosane** - September 13, 2016 at 02:36 PM

AL

“ *Allyson Leonard lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell*



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**Allyson Leonard** - September 13, 2016 at 11:08 AM

PB

“ *I'm the sister of Joe's lifelong friend Dan. I had the pleasure of being in his company at my brother's wedding. He was well loved by all who new him and will be missed.*

*Pat Baker*

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**Pat Baker** - September 13, 2016 at 09:57 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Bell.*



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September 13, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ *I worked with Joe at Bank of America. He always took time out to explain things to me whenever I had a question or if he saw something he felt I should be aware of. He was a kind, patient & gentle person. He will be missed by so many whose lives he touched.*



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**Kathryn Politakis** - September 12, 2016 at 07:31 PM



“ *We've lost a kind and sweet man - a good friend to many - and Bruce's biggest fan. Miss you already Joe but will remember you always. Rest in peace. XX Brenda*

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**Brenda Zofrea** - September 12, 2016 at 07:06 PM



“ *Patty Roney lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell*



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**Patty Roney** - September 12, 2016 at 05:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Bell.*



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September 12, 2016 at 03:37 PM



“ *Joe truly was one of a kind. While words are only a small gesture of support, I want you to know that Joe touched many lives. His humility and love for his fellow man was unsurpassed. I will be forever grateful for having crossed paths with him. To paraphrase the Notre Dame Fight Song ... "While her loyal sons are marching onward to victory."  
We are all better for having known Joe.*

*~Erin Buchanan*

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**Erin Buchanan** - September 12, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ *Sheri, Kyle and Nolan - you have my deepest condolences. Joe was the most sincere, kind, and fun-loving guy I ever met and will probably ever know. I will always cherish our memories from MBNA and our shared love of Notre Dame football. The phrase "GO IRISH" will forever hold a different and much deeper meaning for me going forward. Love you Joe*

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**Mike Asplen** - September 12, 2016 at 02:40 PM

AP

“ *I only worked with Joe for a short time but he was a great mentor and friend.* ”



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**Alexis Piccirilli** - September 12, 2016 at 01:13 PM

DW

“ *Danique Wilson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell* ”



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**Danique Wilson** - September 12, 2016 at 10:36 AM

LA

“ *Lindsay Adami lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell* ”



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**Lindsay Adami** - September 12, 2016 at 09:25 AM

ND

“ *Joe was the greatest; so much fun to work with. He will be deeply missed by all that knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this difficult time.* ”



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**Nicole Deck** - September 12, 2016 at 08:14 AM

DR

“ Great guy. He made an effort to stay in touch even after I left BAC. Always would talk Notre Dame and had the best stories. He will be missed greatly.

Daniel Ricker - September 12, 2016 at 08:01 AM

EH

“ Joe was truly one of the most hard working, dedicated, kind people I have been blessed to meet along the way. He is the best coworker anyone could have and such a passionate man towards his family, kids and sports as well as all around him... My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.



elizabeth hope - September 11, 2016 at 09:05 PM

DP

“ Dottie Parker lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell



Dottie Parker - September 11, 2016 at 03:42 PM

Krista Hudson

“ Krista Hudson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell



Krista Hudson - September 11, 2016 at 11:48 AM

KV

“ *Kristyn Veid lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell*



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**Kristyn Veid** - September 11, 2016 at 11:25 AM

JH

“ *Joyce Hutton lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell*



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**Joyce Hutton** - September 11, 2016 at 11:02 AM

MJ

“ *Michelle Jones lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell*



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**michelle jones** - September 11, 2016 at 09:54 AM

JM

“ *Jay M lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell*



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**jay m** - September 10, 2016 at 10:02 PM

JS

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of this extraordinary man who was not only an incredible co-worker but also a very good friend. I have been truly blessed to work and party with such a great man. You will be missed, Joe. May you rest in peace knowing you brought joy to our hearts at Bank of America. Sheri, Kyle and Nolan are in my prayers. Love, Jeanne Sigman

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**Jeanne Sigman** - September 10, 2016 at 08:54 PM

JN

“ Jennifer Nelson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell



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**Jennifer Nelson** - September 10, 2016 at 06:30 PM

JE

“ Jennifer lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell



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**jennifer** - September 10, 2016 at 06:27 PM

DS

“ Dan & Lucy Searles lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell



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**Dan & Lucy Searles** - September 10, 2016 at 05:25 AM

DS

*Joe, my good friend. To say that I will miss you doesn't adequately describe the void that I feel in my heart at this time...but I will be eternally grateful for your friendship, and for all the joy that you have brought into my life through these many years.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Sheri, Kyle and Nolan, and with Joe's brothers and sister at this difficult time.*

*Dan & Lucy Searles*

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**Dan Searles** - September 15, 2016 at 07:49 AM

MS

“ *Mona Soliman lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell*



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**Mona Soliman** - September 09, 2016 at 09:42 PM

DL

“ *Dan Leonard lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bell*



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**Dan Leonard** - September 09, 2016 at 09:28 PM

DL

*Joe and I have been the best of friends for over 40 years. Although since he left New Jersey and we've been separated by some distance, we kept in communication regularly. Joe has been an integral part of my life, and has been my refuge during many trials, and always a joy to engage with. Joe had a balancing quality that few possess, and could use it to smooth out the roughest situations with a calm, steadiness. His kindness was immense. He'd do anything for you. It's incomprehensible that his buoyant presence must now be in my memories, but I assure you, they will never depart! I pray for God's healing and comfort for the Bell Family, and for His loving welcome of Joe into his warm embrace, in glory forever! Looking forward to seeing you on the other side, Buddy!!!!*

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**Dan Leonard** - September 12, 2016 at 10:38 PM

AL

*Joe was my father's (Dan Leonard's) best buddy and was like an uncle to me. Although I always prefer people to call me by my nickname, Ali, Joe was the one person who could call me by my full name, Allyson, and it always sounded nice to my ears. He had such a calming, soothing, yet fun sound to his voice and personality. I knew him from birth and am beyond saddened to see him go. Although we didn't see each other much, I loved him dearly and know how close he and my dad were as well. He was truly part of the family. My deepest condolences go out to Sheri, Kyle and Nolan, as I can only imagine how difficult this must be for them. I hope there will be some solace taken in that he at least lived long enough to see his boys grow up to become young men and he had great pride in them. My dad frequently gave me updates on how they were doing and the great ways they were developing in their lives. I can also say Joe was there for me in my times of need to offer wise counsel and advice without judgment. I had always hoped to get a game of tennis in with him again now that I've taken it up again and am sad that won't be possible. I'm glad though that he is no longer in any potential suffering and am sure he has gone to a place where he will be rewarded for all the lives he touched while he was here and will wait for us on the other side. Love you so much, Joe! Feelings are shared by my mother as well, Angelina Colabella, who knew and was friends with Joe for many years but doesn't have computer access to post here. Joe will remain close to our hearts forever.*

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**Allyson Leonard** - September 13, 2016 at 11:07 AM