



Joseph "Joe" Bruno

September 20, 1931 - December 10, 2024

Hampton- Joseph “Joe” Bruno, 93, passed away peacefully on December 10th, 2024, in Hampton, surrounded by his loving family. A man of remarkable dedication, love, and service, Joe left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Joe was born in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1931. He attended Boston University, where he began building the foundation for a life dedicated to leadership and service. Following his graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, rising to the rank of lieutenant. His military service instilled in him the values of honor, discipline, and perseverance, which guided him throughout his life.

After his military service, Joe devoted his career to education and sports. As a longtime educator and vice principal at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton, New Hampshire, Joe positively impacted generations of students and colleagues. His vision and leadership created an environment of growth and achievement for the entire school community.

Joe also made a lasting mark as a coach. He was the proud founder of Winnacunnet High School’s hockey program, inspiring countless athletes to strive for success on and off the ice. His lessons of teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship remain a cherished part of the program’s legacy.

While Joe's professional accomplishments were many, his greatest pride and joy was his family. Joe was predeceased by the love of his life, Loretta, a wonderful Irish woman who shared his passion for family, music, and community. Together, they raised six children: Maurette Hanson (Lloyd), Wayne Bruno (Dyan), Margaret Cosenza (Mark), Joseph Bruno (Amy), Paul Bruno, and Christopher Bruno.

Joe and Loretta's legacy includes seven grandchildren—Nathan, Arin, Shaun, Alana, Michele, Brittany, and Jessica—and six great-grandchildren: Melina, Emma, James, Theodore, Jameson, Juniper, with one more on the way, Booker Albert. His home was always filled with love, laughter, and Irish music.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 from 10 AM to 11 AM in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home- Crematory, Hampton with a celebration of life to follow at 11 AM in the funeral home, followed by a private graveside service in Hamden, Connecticut. After the service, please join us for a luncheon and a celebration of Life for Joe and Loretta Bruno at the Old Salt restaurant.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
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Celebration of Life

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Rip Principal Bruno- though I was sent to his office occasionally, he was always a nice and fair man. His sons were all time classics when I lived in Hamptons.

John Burton - April 06, 2025 at 03:03 AM

VF

“ Maurette, my prayers are with you and yours. Your Dad was quite something and very memorable. I smile when I think of your parents. Sending hugs and wishing you joyful memories. God Bless. Xxoo val

Valerie Forrest - April 02, 2025 at 09:47 PM

MH

“ Milan and Kathy Hanson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joseph "Joe" Bruno.



Milan and Kathy Hanson - April 01, 2025 at 08:04 AM

MH

“ Milan and Kathy Hanson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Joe" Bruno.

Milan and Kathy Hanson - April 01, 2025 at 08:04 AM



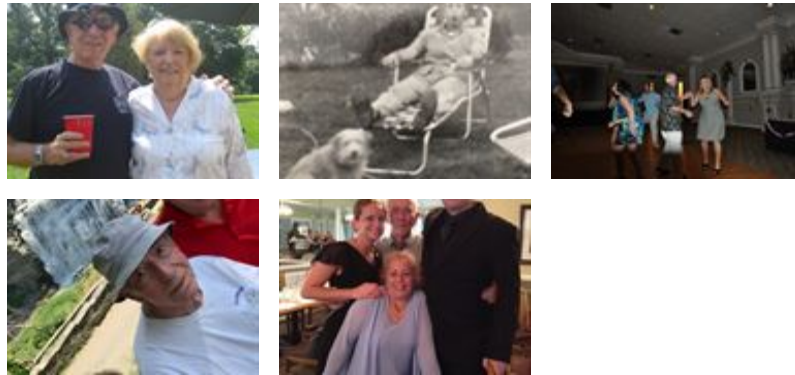
“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Bruno.*



March 31, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ *92 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - March 31, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ *Joe was a lovely man and a true gentleman. He is missed by his friends for his beautiful smile and kindness*❤️

Patricia Corso - December 25, 2024 at 09:50 PM

LB

“ *Maurette, Wayne, Margaret, Joey, Chris and Paul,
I am so very sorry to hear about your father. I have so many fond
memories of your parents - so many fun times over the years.
Particularly, those St Patrick's Day parties! I have put April 2 on my
calendar. Having it on your mother's birthday is perfect.
Keeping you all in my prayers.
love to you all,
Laurie*

laurie ball - December 17, 2024 at 10:12 AM



Thank you Laurie! Look forward to seeing you

Maurette Hanson - December 17, 2024 at 12:34 PM

JR

*A. Man of honor and love. With whom I got to share a few of his final
years*

jayne Rediger - March 31, 2025 at 11:05 AM

DM

“ *Donna M Meyer Miller lit a candle in memory
of Joseph "Joe" Bruno*



Donna M Meyer Miller - December 16, 2024 at 12:29 AM

DM

Wonderful Man!

Donna M Meyer Miller - December 16, 2024 at 12:29 AM

MC

“ One heck of a man sorely missed all of us kids are thinking of the Bruno family michael chandler 1978

Michael chandler - December 15, 2024 at 07:53 AM

GK

“ I attended WHS graduating in 1978. Joe Bruno was a great principle and as others have stated here, firm but fair. I remember vividly on more than one occasion a fist fight breaking out between some of the more (shall we say) feisty classmates. Typically, Joe Bruno would (in no short) time appear, roll up his sleeves and jump right into action. Some of those classmates were not small mind you but full of muscle, testosterone and on the verge of "manhood". Nuances aside they were never a match for Joe Bruno who would take care of business in a minute or two, roll down his sleeves and return to his office, never missing a beat. I was always in awe of this ability even though it had little to do with academics or serious school matters. Also, I was not surprised to learn Joe served in the Marine Corps. and thank him for his service. To Joe's family, so sorry for your loss, he was a great man!

Geordie King - December 13, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ A wonderful man! So sorry .



Terri Provencher - December 13, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ God Bless sir...spent many attempts days in your office..even remember when you gave me an ultimatum..either quit and go to work, or buckle down..and thanks to you, I stuck it out and eventually graduated in Florida!! You were an inspiration!!

Eric Schneider - December 13, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ So sad to learn of this. "Mr. Bruno" was an icon at WHS while I was there. Always a well respected gentleman. Our sincere condolences to the Bruno family.

Pete Martin - December 13, 2024 at 12:54 PM



“ Inky and Caroline purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joseph "Joe" Bruno.



Inky and Caroline - December 13, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ I spent some time in Mr. Bruno's office, he was always firm but fair and I always appreciated that. He was a great man and mentor, my condolences to his family.

Bob Fletcher - December 13, 2024 at 06:52 AM

MM

“ *Mark Mawson lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Bruno*



Mark Mawson - December 13, 2024 at 06:34 AM

VC

“ *Freshman year I had the honor of spending time with Mr. Bruno , for the lack of my desire to spend time in English always a refreshing interaction for both of us , as he would give the appropriate punishment and he once told me “ I find your honesty about cutting class refreshing , you don’t try to avoid punishment “ I recall “ my parents taught that my word is one of the only things that is truly yours “ Mr. Bruno and I found a mutual respect in each other. Mrs. Bruno I recall being a student that help as an aide in a kindergarten class for you. May all the year of love and memories help you through this heartbreak 💕💕*



Venus Chase - December 13, 2024 at 02:30 AM

EK

“ *I was Class of 1984. Always enjoyed exchanges with Mr. Bruno. A fine man !*

Ed Kutlowski - December 12, 2024 at 03:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the album tribute wall



Maggie Cosenza - December 12, 2024 at 09:44 AM



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Maggie Cosenza - December 12, 2024 at 09:41 AM



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Maggie Cosenza - December 12, 2024 at 08:38 AM



What a great picture Margret!! So very sorry for your loss. Your dad was an amazing man, loved and adored y so many. Sending you much love my friend.

Leslie Lafond - December 12, 2024 at 11:05 AM

TB

“ Rip Mr Bruno..



Tom Brown - December 11, 2024 at 09:39 PM

BP

“ My condolences to the family. I worked with his wife at Seabrook Elementary. There is a tree planted in her memory. Joe was my principal when I attended WHS

Barbara Preston - December 11, 2024 at 07:04 PM

TW

“ So sorry for this loss - Mr. Bruno was a fixture at WHS when I attended. Was glad I I never got called to his office.

Tracy Emerton Williams - December 11, 2024 at 06:57 PM



You have one up on me..and I'm his daughter.. 🥺

Maggie Cosenza - December 11, 2024 at 07:03 PM

TM

“ Condolences from the McGinley Family. Jack, Mary Lou, Brenda and Kevin.



The McGinleys - December 11, 2024 at 03:33 PM

AM

“ So sorry to hear sending love and prayers for his family. I have lots of great memories at WHS class of 85. He was the best !



Alice Moore - December 11, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JH

“ Joyce Hill lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Bruno



Joyce Hill - December 11, 2024 at 02:40 PM