



Joseph V. Regis Jr.

June 19, 1931 - March 14, 2019

Hampton – Joseph (Joe) Victor Regis Jr., 87, of Hampton, passed away peacefully at Portsmouth Hospital on Thursday, March 14, 2019, following a period of declining health.

He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Laura (Witwicki) Regis, their children, John Regis of New York, NY, Susan Regis of Somerville, MA, James Regis of Marblehead, MA and Lori Regis and her spouse Amaryl Schwertner of San Francisco, CA; sister Angela Krauchuk and her husband Leo, and several nieces and nephews.

Joseph was born in Peabody, MA on June 19, 1931 the first of two children to Joseph V. Regis Sr. and Margaret (Cotti) Regis. He attended Peabody High School, where he played baseball and was a star halfback of the Tanners football team. In 1947 he played a major role in one of the biggest upset in Massachusetts high school football history, when Peabody defeated the legendary Harry Agganis and his previously undefeated Lynn Classical. Graduating in 1948, Joe went on to prep school at Worcester Academy, and then attended the University of New Hampshire, where he co-captained the football team in 1953. While attending UNH, he began dating the love of his life, Laura Witwicki, also of Peabody, MA.

Joe graduated college in 1954 and proudly served in the United States Army,

where he also played hockey while stationed in Alaska. On leave from basic training he married his fiancée Laura, and after his time in the service, they began a family. Joe worked for his father in the family business, Regis Tanning, both in Peabody, and later as the general manager of the Raymond, NH plant. The Regis relocated to Hampton, NH in 1961, where Joe and Laura have happily lived ever since. Joe finished his career working for Sylvania in Danvers, MA, retiring in 1996.

Joseph volunteered for the Raymond Fire Department and was also a youth baseball and hockey coach. He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal church as well as a member of the Holly Name Society. He was a life-long Red Sox fan, an overall sports enthusiast, a jack-of-all-trades, and a carpenter, who liked working around his Moulton Road and North Shore Road homes. In retirement, Joe became passionate about tennis, and played this sport well into his eighties, when illness slowed him down. In 2017, he was honored at halftime at a UNH football game for his accomplishments on the gridiron. Joe Regis was a devout Catholic whose actions spoke louder than his words. Indicative of his quiet humility, in 2002, Joe was elected to the Peabody High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He respectfully declined; deflecting the honor to others he thought deserved it more than he. Joe will be missed for his honor, his self-deprecating humor, and his general decency.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 – 7 PM on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Friday, March 22, 2019 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Hampton. Burial will follow at the High Street Cemetery, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the OLMM Church OutReach Program, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842.

Cemetery Details

High Street Cemetery

150 High Street
Hampton, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
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Funeral Mass

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph V. Regis Jr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regis Jr..*



March 20, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ *Maureen Shea lit a candle in memory of Joseph V. Regis Jr.*



Maureen Shea - March 20, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regis Jr..*



March 20, 2019 at 02:51 PM



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - March 20, 2019 at 09:59 AM

CM

“ *Mr. Regis was such a wonderful, kind person and I will always treasure my memories of us playing tennis. My condolences to the entire Regis family. Much love, Caitlin McEachern*

Caitlin McEachern-Wroblewski - March 20, 2019 at 09:00 AM

VE

“ *I remember Joe's prominence as UNH's 1954 co-captain of football. He was a natural athlete, who played hockey for the U.S. Army while stationed in Alaska, during the 1950's and in the following years as a Hampton citizen tennis player. I and my class have great memories if Joe.*

*Val England
UNH, class of 1954*

Val England - March 19, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regis Jr..



March 19, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ *Maloney Properties* purchased the *Guiding Light Bouquet* for the family of Joseph V. Regis Jr..



Maloney Properties - March 19, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ *To my Aunt Angela, all the family and friends of Joseph, my sincere condolences.*
Mike Kravchuk, Peabody/Malaysia

Michael Kravchuk - March 19, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regis Jr..



March 19, 2019 at 12:31 PM

MM

“ John and I and our daughters had the great privilege of being Joe’s neighbor for many decades. We have had so many good times and so many laughs with him and Laura. He was the most giving of men, always ready to give a helping hand to anyone without being asked. We have no doubt there’s a special place in heaven reserved just for you, Joe. We will miss you so much. Our deepest sympathy to our wonderful friend, Laura, and his children, John, Susan, Jim and Lori.
All our love,
Eileen and John

ME McEachern - March 19, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regis Jr..



March 18, 2019 at 09:59 PM

ED

“ Ellen Wilbur DeCosta lit a candle in memory of Joseph V. Regis Jr.



Ellen Wilbur DeCosta - March 18, 2019 at 04:24 PM

LS

“ So very sad to hear of "Joey's" passing . Wonderful MAN .. great great Dad and what a fun fun couple Laura & Joey were together . Just to watch them .. lots of laughs , there was always something special going on between them .. many many smiles & hoots .

My love to Laura , John , SUZIE Q , Jimmy & Lori .. I will see you all on Thursday the 21st . I do have the best memories of this amazing family . Love , Lydia Shire

lydia B Shire - March 18, 2019 at 01:37 PM

AF

joe was my running mate at worcester academy and a long time pal. my prayers are with him. sincerely, art fox

arthur fox - March 20, 2019 at 09:02 AM