



## JOSEPH A. GRASSO

April 22, 1948 - November 25, 2020

THE FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THAT PLANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED BUT IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN JOSEPH'S NAME TO:

AMVETS

<https://support.amvets.org/default.aspx?tsid=9966/>

VISITATION:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

1PM TO 5PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

PRAYER SERVICE:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

4:30 PM DURING THE LAST HALF HOUR OF THE VISITATION

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

FINAL DISPOSITION WILL BE PRIVATE

On Wednesday, November 25, 2020, Joseph Grasso, loving and devoted husband of Susan Grasso, and also father of three children, through a previous marriage, passed away at the age of 72.

Joseph was born on April 22, 1948 in Brooklyn, New York to Blaise and Anna (Lietz) Grasso.

He was educated through the NYC public school system and immediately after graduation from high school obtained employment with Pepsi Cola. During his brief tenure with Pepsi Cola, Joseph enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Viet Nam conflict. After an honorary discharge from the Air Force, Joseph returned to Pepsi Cola where he had been employed for over 40 years.

After two previous marriages, Joseph married Susan Fralick on December 13, 2008.

Joseph had a passion for raising and flying pigeons, a hobby handed down to him from his father and from the neighborhood in which he had grown. He belonged to Clubs associated for the enjoyment of this hobby and could often be found hanging around and talking about pigeons in local pet shops.

He was also an avid music lover of the 1950s decade and would often times attend Rock and Roll revival shows. Joseph was dedicated to his earlier years growing up in a unique area of Brooklyn and would attend a neighborhood reunion annually celebrating over 60 years of friendship. He was known for his generosity, his willingness to always help people, his most beautiful smile, but mainly for his strong sense of love for his family.

Joseph was preceded in death by his father Blaise, his mother Anna, his brothers Louis (Gino) and Blaise Jr.

He is survived by his wife Susan, his three daughters, Annemarie, Melissa, Christine Matias, son-in-law Jason, also by his loving and precious grandchildren Kayla, Freddy, Dylan, Daniel, Jonathan and twins Elizabeth and

Jenna. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law Edward (Lianne), Ralph (Gina) and his devoted sister, Jeannette and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive visitors on Sunday, November 29, 2020 from 1pm to 5pm with a prayer service at 4:30pm during the last half hour of the visitation at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

Final disposition will be private.

The family has requested that plants will be accepted but in lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Joseph's name to: AMVETS <https://support.amvets.org/default.aspx?tsid=9966>

Log onto [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com) tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as driving directions to the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltész Funeral Home

187 La Rue Road

(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)

Newfoundland, NJ 07435

(973) 697-6700

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## Prayer Service During the Last Half Hour of the Visitation

NOV **29**. 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of JOSEPH A. GRASSO.*



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November 30, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *I cannot believe you are gone JoJo. I always remember you Gino and Butchie riding your bikes around Midwood Street. Your loving mother and sister were always in our life. How she loved her children! Actually she loved all children. Her infectious laugh and beautiful smile let you believe she didn't have a care in the world. I am sorry that I didn't get to know you that well, but your mother always talked about her children. The loves of her life. Give her a great big kiss from me and Rose in heaven. May you RIP in the arms of our Lord and your beloved family through eternity. Jeanette, what can I say to you, we send you our love and support to withstand yet another terrible blow. Our prayers are with you ,Butchie, Ralphie and their families. God bless you and stay strong.*

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**Laura , Rose D'Amato** - November 29, 2020 at 03:02 PM

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“*Joey was my lifeline. I am devastated by his passing. Out of all my siblings, Joe and I had twin personalities. My brother was such a strong & loving person. He loved his wife Susan very much and through her gained an instant family with beautiful grandchildren who loved my brother. Joe also loved and respected his mother-in-law, Mrs. Gloria Santacroce. And then of course were his three daughters and their children, all apples of his eye. If he were the richest man on the face of the earth, Joey would give everything he possessed for the love of his family and his Susan's family. My brother's passing is a shock to everyone, gone way too early from our perspective, but I guess God wanted him and it was His will. Out of selfishness, I am heartbroken, but if we are to believe in the faith in which we grew, Joseph is alive forever now. I only hope there was as little suffering as possible. Through the years, Joe and I always spoke on the phone, but recently the phone calls were so steady, on a daily basis, if not more than once a day, than sometimes even twice. We used every opportunity to say I love you. And I'm so happy that our customary goodbyes and simple words of love for each other became the final words forever. Joe, I thank you for assisting me as my illness has become more and more debilitating and for giving me some final moments at all of the reunions. You and Susan made a good team, working together to provide me these opportunities. I thank you for being my most loving brother and I want you to now give Mommy, Gino, Junior and Daddy hugs and kisses and tell them I look forward to being with all of you again. Thank you Joe, you will always be the center of my universe. Rest in glory with Our Most Heavenly Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Your one and only sister, Jeannette.*”

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**Jeannette Grasso** - November 28, 2020 at 10:12 PM

 Pat  
Volz

*Jeannette I am deeply sorry for your loss may your brother Joe Rest In Peace in the arms of the Heavenly Father love you pat Volz*

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**Pat Volz** - November 29, 2020 at 07:34 PM

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*A beautiful & heartfelt tribute to your brother. I feel for your loss & the loss to his family. My prayers & thoughts are with you at this terrible time.*

*Your friend with love, Carol Neos.*

**Carol Neos** - December 01, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of JOSEPH A. GRASSO.*



November 28, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JOSEPH A. GRASSO.*



November 28, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of JOSEPH A. GRASSO.*



November 28, 2020 at 05:35 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of **JOSEPH A. GRASSO**.



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November 27, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of **JOSEPH A. GRASSO**.



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November 27, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Edward, Jeannette, and Ralph* purchased the *Majestic Heart* for the family of **JOSEPH A. GRASSO**.



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**Edward, Jeannette, and Ralph** - November 27, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of **JOSEPH A. GRASSO**.



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November 27, 2020 at 02:15 PM

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“ *Tom Felice purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of JOSEPH A. GRASSO.*



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**Tom Felice** - November 27, 2020 at 08:38 AM