



THEODORE R. CIESLA SR.

February 5, 1941 - January 1, 2016

Theodore R. Ciesla, Sr., 74, of Oak Ridge, NJ passed away on Friday, January 1, 2016.

Theodore was born on February 5, 1941 in Passaic, NJ to the late Adam and Anastasia (Kino) Ciesla.

Theodore proudly served his country from 1962 to 1965 in the US Army National Guard during the Vietnam Conflict.

He married Patricia L Contrata in 1968 and resided in Elmwood Park, NJ and later moving to Oak Ridge, NJ where they raised their two sons.

Theodore was a builder and was self employed for many years and later working at the Pro Contractors Desk at Home Depot in Totowa, NJ.

For over 40 years Theodore was a parishioner of St. John Vianney RC Church in Stockholm, NJ.

He coached baseball and basketball in Jefferson Township for 14 years, and was named an Honorary Coach for his many years of dedication.

He will best be remembered for his love of all sports, and especially enjoyed

watching his children and grandchildren play in various sports activities.

Theodore was predeceased by his dear brother Robert Ciesla.

He is survived by his beloved wife Patricia, his loving sons Theodore Ciesla, Jr. and his wife Lisa of North Carolina, and Shawn Ciesla and his wife Danielle of Oak Ridge, NJ; his cherished granddaughters Gabrielle, Emma, and Lindsay Ciesla; his dear brother Richard Ciesla and his wife Diana, as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

The family will receive visitors on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 from 4pm to 8pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (GPS use 1 Post Place).

The funeral mass will take place on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 10am at St. John Vianney RC Church, 2823 Route 23 South, Stockholm, NJ 07460 followed by the interment at St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery in Oak Ridge, NJ.

Memorial donations may be made in Theodore's name to: American Diabetes Association
P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as obtaining driving directions to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
187 La Rue Road
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-6700
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney RC Church
2823 Route 23 South
Stockholm, NJ 07460
(973) 697-6550

Interment

JAN 6. 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery
5635 Berkshire Valley Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
(973) 208-0090

Tribute Wall

RK

“*Mrs Ciesla, Ted and Shawn. So sorry for your loss. My memory of Mr Ciesla was when I was a teenager and my father was no longer living with us, Mr Ciesla would come home from a what I am sure was a hard days work and take the time occasionally to play basketball with me. It always meant so much to me. God bless your family but know he is in a special place.*

Rick Klepp - January 10, 2016 at 02:11 PM

CB

“*A true gentlemen and town legend. Words can't express my sorrow for the loss of a great man. Throughout our childhood, it was always a warm and welcoming site to see Mr. Ciesla on the sidelines. A smile, pat on the back or words of wisdom was all that was needed from him and we all felt special. Thoughts and prayers to the Ciesla family.*

Cheers in heaven!

Chad Busch - January 07, 2016 at 07:18 PM

JB

“ pat teddy and shawn so sorry for your loss, i'm sorry i didn't get to the funeral home but i just saw it in the papers today ted was a great giving man, he was the first person that i heard about when i moved to jefferson little did i know that he was also a customer of mine, i enjoyed many conversations with ted about jefferson sports, ted always knew what he was talking about, we shared some wonderful memories of our kids running up and down the football field and also on the baseball diamond, i will miss hime but i know that he is in paradise with my son dave probably talking about, yea you guessed it jefferson twsp sports, god bless him and his family.jim busch

jim busch - January 06, 2016 at 02:01 PM

TT

“ Tara T. purchased a sympathy card for the family of THEODORE R. CIESLA SR..



Tara T. - January 05, 2016 at 10:15 AM

TT

“ Shawn - so sorry for your loss. We are sending our prayers to you and your family.
- Tara & the reset teams in Marlton and Marmora.



Tara Trautman - January 05, 2016 at 09:04 AM

FB

“ Frank, Joe, Krista, Nick, Matt and Samantha Barile purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of THEODORE R. CIESLA SR..



Frank, Joe, Krista, Nick, Matt and Samantha Barile - January 04, 2016 at 08:16 PM

SF

“ StMS 6th Graders and their Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of THEODORE R. CIESLA SR..



StMS 6th Graders and their Families - January 04, 2016 at 03:31 PM

AL

“ Shawn my condolences to you and your family on the loss of your father.

Allan Lowenkron

Allan Lowenkron - January 04, 2016 at 07:57 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of THEODORE R. CIESLA SR..



January 04, 2016 at 12:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of THEODORE R. CIESLA SR..*



January 03, 2016 at 10:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of THEODORE R. CIESLA SR..*



January 03, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ *Pat, Teddy & Shawn, So very sorry to hear of the passing of Ted. He was a wonderful person & so many people have so many fond memories of him. I can't visualize Jefferson Athletics without him present, encouraging everyone to do their best. Keeping the entire family in my thoughts & prayers. JoAnn & Ronnie Veith & family*

JoAnn Veith - January 03, 2016 at 09:01 AM

TJ

“Dad: You were the foundation and support for everything I was able to accomplish in life. You were a pillar of strength when I was weak. I know you are at peace but will miss my moments with you forever! Lisa, Emma and I will always have you in our hearts. Rest in peace dad.

Teddy Jr

Ted Ciesla Jr - January 02, 2016 at 10:33 PM

LA

“Aunt Pat, Ted and Shawn,
Sending much love and sympathy. Uncle Ted always had a smile and big hug whenever we saw him. He was a special man. I will miss the jokes and laughs, especially between him and my dad.

*With love,
Lance, Laurie and family*



Laurie - January 02, 2016 at 07:03 PM

LS

“Aunt Pat, Ted and Shawn,
Sending much love and sympathy. Uncle Ted always had a smile and big hug for us whenever we saw him. I will miss the laughs and jokes, especially between him and my Dad. He was a special man and will be missed.

*With love,
Lance, Laurie and family*



Laurie Sedlak - January 02, 2016 at 06:34 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of THEODORE R. CIESLA SR..



January 02, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ Dear Pat, Teddy and Shawn,

So many fond memories of Ted on the ball field with all the kids...He was a special man and will be missed but never forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Ciesla family...

With Sympathy,

Sue Sofio



Sue Sofio - January 02, 2016 at 03:31 PM



Dear Pat, Teddy and Shawn. Art and I are sending prayers to your entire family Ted was one of the nicest person and such a devoted father and husband. Such a special person. May the love of God get you all through this great loss.

Pat Neff - January 02, 2016 at 10:05 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Uncle Ted



linda - January 02, 2016 at 01:07 PM

LI

“ Aunt Pat, Ted and Shawn, Our heartfelt condolences go out to all of you. Uncle Ted will be truly missed and never forgotten. We will always cherish our fond memories and laughs we had with him. Uncle Ted will always be alive in our hearts. Love to all.
Linda, Joe and family



linda - January 02, 2016 at 01:05 PM

LI

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Linda - January 02, 2016 at 12:43 PM

NE

Heartfelt condolences to you and your entire family . Our thoughts and prayers are with you Neville Evans and the entire Merchandising Team at Coca-Cola Refreshment , Maspeth NY.

NEVILLE EVANS - January 04, 2016 at 11:58 AM

WS

Remember Ted from Gantner Avenue School Route 46 in East Paterson back in the 1945-1954 days in elementary school when our paths in life took different routes. Ted was always a great in baseball where competition was the name of the game in our youth. East Rutherford High School sported Ted on.

Our heartfelt feelings go to the entire Ciesla family.....

Annie and William A Seely January 12, 2016
Ridgway, PA

William A Seely - January 12, 2016 at 09:17 AM

RC

Ted was my brother and best friend. We were constantly competing with one another. weather it would be golf racket ball he was just better. i miss him every day and still heading tears right now and when i look at his picture on my furniture. one day we will be together again. love you ted.

your brother rich

richard adam ciesla - October 29, 2017 at 09:57 AM