

JOSEPH A. DENTICI



Joseph A. Dentici, of Franklin Park, PA, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at the age of 80, surrounded by family and friends. Joe was the beloved husband of 51 years to the late Janet L. Dentici. Surviving Joe are his children, Petrice (John) Sekuta, Frank (Jodie) Dentici, Jodi (Jason) Zema, and Joseph G. Dentici; eight grandchildren, Jennifer, Adriana, Briana, Katherine, Joseph, Lucia, Jonathan and

Michael; and sisters, Petrina Sparacino and Josephine Dentici. In addition to his wife, Joe was preceded in death by his daughter, Giannine Dentici; sister, Catherine Kurtz; brother, Tom Dentici; and parents, Frank and Giovanna Dentici.

Joe attended Sunnyside School in Stanton Heights and spent his freshman high school year at Peabody High School. The family then moved to Green Tree, and Joe graduated from Dormont High School. He graduated with an Associate Accounting degree from Point Park College in 1962.

Joe served six months of active duty in the Army and 5 ½ years in the Army Reserve. Joe's father, together with Joe's brother Tom, operated a grocery store, Frank's Market, in Beechview. When Joe was discharged from active duty, Frank turned the store over to his sons. The brothers sold the store in 1965 and bought Kuhn's Market on Perrysville Avenue in 1967 from the Kuhn's Family. Kuhn's had a fine reputation on the Northside of Pittsburgh, so the decision was made not to change the name. Under Joe's leadership, that 2,400-square-foot store on Perrysville Avenue has grown to an eight-store supermarket chain.

For the past 20 years, Joe, along with his son Frank and his dear friend Rob Pratte, hosted the Kuhn's Cooking Hour every Sunday morning on KDKA radio. Joe also hosted a Feast of the Seven Fishes celebration every Christmas Eve at Kuhn's on McKnight Road, where he enjoyed sharing his Italian family heritage and traditions with his customers and radio listeners and welcomed many prominent members of the Pittsburgh community to do the same.

Both Kuhn's Market and Joe personally have been recognized with awards both locally and nationally by grocer's organizations and national suppliers as one of the top independent grocery retailers in the country. For over 20 years, Joe partnered with the Autism Society of Pittsburgh to host the annual Myron Cope-Foge Fazio Golf Outing, raising funds in support of Autism-Pittsburgh, a cause close to his heart. In 2020, Joe received an Achieva Award of Excellence for his dedication to providing work opportunities to those with special needs. Joe stepped away from the business in November 2022 to focus on his health, and all four of Joe's children remain committed to carrying on their father's legacy.

Above all, Joe found his greatest joy with his family and friends. He enjoyed listening to doo-wop music, playing bocce, and spending time at his home in Marco Island, FL.

Joe was a trusted friend, mentor, and father figure to many. He will be remembered for his wit, his brilliant mind, and his strong devotion to his faith and his family.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, August 31 at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME INC.**, 7720 Perry Highway. <http://www.simonsfuneralhome.com> A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 AM, Friday at St. John Neumann-Regina Coeli Parish, 2230 Rochester Road. Contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to Little Sisters of the Poor, <https://littlesistersofthepoor.org> and Special Olympics of PA, <https://specialolympicspa.org>.

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