



Joseph M. Keeney

January 2, 2023

“Poppa” Joe Keeney

Joseph M. Keeney, 85, of Bergenfield passed away peacefully on January 2, 2023. Devoted husband of the late Eileen Keeney. Beloved father of Joseph, Kathleen Wnorowski, Edward and Thomas. Caring father-in-law to Cate, Brian Wnorowski, Tracy and Shannon. Loving grandfather of Miles, Alexa Wnorowski, Annie, Grace Wnorowski, Collin Donoghue, Clare, Emily, Eric Wnorowski, Kevin Donoghue, Will, Charlie and Thomas Jr. Dear brother to Marge Pronovost and the late Sue Fell. Tortured Devoted Jets fan and season ticket holder.

Joe Keeney’s life was remarkable in its simplicity. He married a girl he met at the age of 14 and buried her 51 years later. He did not graduate from high school, but his four children have multiple degrees and his granddaughter a PhD. He never lived more than five miles from the house in which he was born, yet he traveled the world and had a wide perspective. He never made much money, but he died comfortably. He faced some adversity, but he never said a negative word or had a bad day -- which made him an exceptional father, grandfather, friend, coach and mentor. If you said all this to him, he would probably just smile, wink and say it was not really that remarkable. “Fathers hold their children’s hands for just a little while and their hearts forever.”

Visiting will be held at Barrett Funeral Home, 148 Dean Dr, Tenafly on Sunday 2-4pm. All will gather for the Funeral Mass at St. John the Evangelist R.C.

Church, Bergenfield on Monday 10am. Entombment following at Madonna Mausoleum, Ft. Lee. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark at ccannj.org

Cemetery Details

Madonna Mausoleum

2070 Hoefleys Lane
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist RC Church
29 N Washington St.
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest condolences. What a great man and role model. Wonderful memories of Mr. Keeney taking us to baseball games when we were kids.*

- Dwayne and Ann Fisher

Dwayne Fisher - January 06, 2023 at 12:47 PM

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Thanks so much Dwayne and Ann - loved going to those (mostly Mets) games!

Joe Keeney - January 09, 2023 at 12:34 AM

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The Keeney family, my condolences on your dad's passing. He was a genuinely nice person and friend.

Frank Addicks - January 09, 2023 at 04:56 PM