



Joseph Francis Regan

January 11, 1936 - May 7, 2021

Joseph Francis Regan, 85, of North Branford and The Villages, FL, passed away peacefully on May 7. He leaves his high school sweetheart and beloved wife of 57 years, MaryLou (Spillane) Regan.

Joe was born Jan. 11, 1936 to Irish immigrants Joseph Patrick and Julia (Dillon) Regan. He was raised in Fair Haven with his younger brother, Richard, and attended St. Francis Grammar School and graduated from Wilbur Cross High School.

Joe attended Connecticut State Teachers College (now CCSU), graduating in 1958 and began teaching in West Haven Public Schools. After two years he moved to Morgan High School (Clinton), where he spent 34 years teaching business skills and accounting until his retirement in 1994. He made many lifelong friends among the other teachers and reveled in the affectionate nickname, "Rotten Regan," given to him by his students.

During that time, Joe and Lou made their home in North Branford, he earned two master's degrees, and he worked multiple jobs to support his growing family. He joined the Army Reserve and served weekends and summer tours as a chief warrant officer. His wanderlust led him to ask for summer assignments at Fort Huachuca in Arizona so that he could take his family on cross-country camping adventures. There were years of road-trips around New England and, particularly, his beloved Cape Cod.

For decades, Joe ran an accounting and tax practice in his home and as the practice grew by word-of-mouth it became a whole-family endeavor. In the early 2000s, he attempted to retire by merging his practice with a pair of younger accountants, Woodbridge & Cusano, but he outlasted their retirement and continued with his clients even into the start of the 2021 tax season. Inspired by his immigrant parents and his humble upbringing, it was his passion to help his clients, who became friends, to pursue financial security.

In addition to his wife, Joe leaves his four children and their significant others, Joe and Betsy, Larry and JoAnn, Tara and Scott (Simler), and Tricia and Stefan (Richman); a wide circle of in-laws with whom he enjoyed spending birthdays and holidays; and his pride and joy, 11 grandchildren - Ryan (and his new wife Emily), Olivia, Will, Paige, Emma, Brenna, Abby, Kyle, David, Megan and Kelsey. He also leaves his two sisters-in-law, Helen Regan and Kathy Abate and her husband Art. He was predeceased by his brother, Rich (Dick) Regan.

The family wishes to thank the staff of nurses at Connecticut Hospice, as well as the dedicated accounting staff at Murphy & Company in Branford who have shouldered an unexpected burden this tax season. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405.

Friends are asked to go directly to St. Ambrose Parish Church of St. Augustine, 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford for a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated Saturday morning at 10:00 Burial will be private. Calling hours at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden will be Friday from 4:00-7:00pm. Mask and social distancing will be required at both funeral home and church. www.siskbrothers.com

Previous Events

Calling hours

MAY **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

MAY **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Church
30 Caputo Rd.
North Branford, CT

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Sending my condolences to his family ...friends...and co-workers...he was a great teacher... sorry for all the trouble I may have caused in class at Morgan! May you forever Rest in Peace 🙏
❤️

Mary Darrow Butler - May 19, 2021 at 10:31 AM

SH

“ Barrymoore Loop in The Villages will not be the same without one of our founding fathers. RIP, Joe. Your golf buddies and neighbors will miss you. It will always be the Regan house
Bob and Sandy Higgins

sandy higgins - May 16, 2021 at 05:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Francis Regan.



May 14, 2021 at 07:32 AM

JP

“ I extend my deepest sympathy to you Lou and your beautiful Family. Your Joe was loved by all who had the good fortune to know him. May he rest in peace.

Joe was a friend and my Accountant for over twenty years. He was always so patient with me as I struggled to prepare my taxes. He liked to greet me with the Polish words he knew - whether in person or on the phone -he always made me laugh - he was such a special gentleman .He will be missed.

With love and Prayers,
Judy Postemsky.

Judy Postemsky - May 14, 2021 at 12:13 AM

RI

“ This was devastating news to us. We are so grateful for having known Joe and MaryLou and for all he did for us. He will be missed! We will pray for his soul and for your family. May God Bless You!

Rich and Laura Scanlon and family

Rich - May 13, 2021 at 02:21 PM

DB

“ I remember him as my business teacher. I am so sorry that he is gone. He was a wonderful teacher. I will pray for him and family. If anything I can do please call me. Dawn Blake 216 Winthrop Ave 1 Floor rear Apt New Haven Ct 06511 Telephone number is 203 776 1934

Dawn Blake - May 12, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph Francis Regan.*



May 11, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ *One of Morgans most beloved teachers! Rest in peace sir!*

Jane Scully Welch - May 11, 2021 at 11:51 AM



He was a great teacher. I loved his class. My sympathies to his family. Suzanne Mclsaac Imbruglia Class of 1984 .

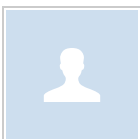
Suzanne Imbruglia - May 11, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - May 11, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Francis Regan.*



May 11, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ 102 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - May 11, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of *Joseph Francis Regan*.



May 10, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of *Joseph Francis Regan*.



May 10, 2021 at 06:00 PM

SD

“ *Deepest sympathies to Mary Lou, Joe, Larry, Tara and Tricia and extended family on the passing of Joe. I will always remember the day we visited Joe and all the family in 2017 and the great time we spent together.*

Stephen Dillon, Kerry Ireland

Stephen Dillon - May 10, 2021 at 03:33 PM

WR

“ *With Love, Julie and Robert Reimann purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Joseph Francis Regan.*



With Love, Julie and Robert Reimann - May 10, 2021 at 02:26 PM

JR

“ *Dear Uncle Joe,
I have fond memories of spending holidays together with you, Aunt Lou and my cousins as a child, hearing your warm laugh, and charming jokes. You will be missed.*

*Dear Aunt Lou, Joe, Larry, Tara, and Tricia,
You are all in our thoughts during this difficult time.*

*Much Love,
Julie (and Robert, Max and Alex)*



Julie Reimann - May 10, 2021 at 02:17 PM

MD

“ Deepest sympathy to Mary Lou ,Joe,Larry Tricia.Tara and all your extended.on the passing of Joe.May he rest in peace.Regards Jack &Mary Dillon

Mary Dillon - May 10, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ It was with a heavy heart to hear of the passing of our cousin Joe. Deepest condolences to Mary Loe, Joe, Larry, Tara and Tricia. I have fond memories of my visit to see you in 2017. It was the highlight of my trip and I really enjoyed meeting Joe and all the family. My sister Niamh and her husband Ger and brother Stephen all agreed it was such a special visit. Memories we will cherish. Thinking of you all at this time.
Sarah Dillon, Ireland

Sarah Dillon - May 10, 2021 at 01:05 PM

NL

Very sad to hear that Joe has passed away. We all have great memories of his 2 visits to Ballinskelligs. Joe and Mary Lou came down to Hyannis to see me in the summer of 2003 and I will always remember the kindness and generosity he showed me that day. Sincere sympathy to all the family, Mary Lou, Joe, Trish, Tara, Larry and extended family. Thinking of you all at this sad time. May Joe rest in peace.
Nuala Dillon, Ballinskelligs

Nuala Lynch - May 10, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Francis Regan.*



May 10, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ *Tom & Susan Gates purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph Francis Regan.*



Tom & Susan Gates - May 10, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *Nancy Carbone lit a candle in memory of Joseph Francis Regan*



Nancy Carbone - May 10, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *Dear Mary Lou and children, Joe was such a great guy and much more than my tax preparer. Each year we would reunite for taxes and it was like meeting up with an old friend. It is hard to make paying your taxes fun , but somehow he did. We always had good laughs and Joe always gave such valuable advice. There will never be another like him. I send you my sincerest sympathies. Rest In Peace, dear Joe.*

Nancy Carbone - May 10, 2021 at 11:29 AM

RT

“ Joe was a great asset for our family. He did our taxes for close to thirty years. He was always able to share advise and stories about how to mange our finances and tax situation. When i would call and talk to Lou, she has always been very friendly and helpful. Joe will be missed by the Taylor family.

Rick (Derek) Taylor - May 10, 2021 at 10:01 AM

SC

“ It is with great sorrow that we have learned of the loss of our long-time friend, Joe Regan. For five decades he guided us and our children with his skills at tax preparation, college planning, investment and retirement advice. His kind demeanor and caring sense of humor as well as his pride in providing us with his Professional experience will be sorely missed. We send our deepest condolences to his wife and family who served as his inspiration for a lifetime of love and dedication in both work and recreation. May he rest in Eternal Peace.

Sincerely,

Louis and Sharon Cassone, Branford, CT.

Sharon Cassone - May 10, 2021 at 09:45 AM

LB

Joe was one of my favorite all-time teachers. I have used him as my accountant for over 50 years! Great guy. Great sense of humor. Will be missed. RIP Condolences to the family Lance Bennett Class of '65.

Lance Bennett - May 14, 2021 at 01:14 PM