



## Joseph W. Cilento Jr.

May 4, 1952 - January 25, 2024

Joseph Cilento, 71, formerly of Jersey City entered into eternal rest on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at his home in Ocean, New Jersey. Joseph was born May 4, 1952, in New York, son of Joseph and Jennie Cilento. He was a high school teacher for 33 years in the Jersey City Public Schools before retiring in 2016. He was a loyal member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, being part of the Our Lady of Hope Parish choir. His love of music was exemplified as he led the band, The Jersey Four, as band leader and lead guitarist for many years. He was lovingly known as, "Babu" by his grandchildren and wore that title with immense pride. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Cheryl; daughters Camille and her husband Sean; Andréa and her husband Robert; his son, Joseph and wife Kristina. He was the loving and cherished grandfather of Sean, Olivia, Casey, Robert and Sophie. Joseph's greatest love was indeed his family, and he especially cherished spending time with his grandchildren. Joseph is also survived by his mother, Jennie, and his three sisters, Paulette, Elena, and Susan. Joseph was a cherished brother-in-law to Paul and his wife Gail, Elaine and her husband Vincent, and Diane and her partner Anthony as well as adored nieces and nephews. Visitation is Sunday, January 28, 2024, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at Bongarzone Funeral Home located at 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07712. Funeral Mass is Monday, January 29, 2024, at 10:30am at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church located at 46 Richmond Ave Deal NJ, 07723. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Joseph's honor to

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute where he was so graciously cared for throughout his cancer journey. <https://giving.mskcc.org>

# Cemetery Details

**All other services are private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JAN 28.** 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

### Funeral Mass

**JAN 29.** 10:30 AM (ET)

St Marys of the Assumption Church  
46 Richmond Avenue  
Deal, NJ

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ Joe was a wonderful person. A smile as wide as the sea. Always ready to help whenever there was a need. And a dynamic coach for the St. Mary School JV basketball teams. He totally energized his squads. Condolences and best wishes to his terrific family. RIP

Peter Hughes - January 29, 2024 at 01:29 PM

SU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Susan - January 27, 2024 at 10:02 PM

SU

We love you and will miss you dearly. Mom, Paulette, Elena and Susan

Susan - January 27, 2024 at 10:03 PM

LO

Mr. Cilento, aka Joe. What a guy. Always, I mean always warm, smiling and willingly giving support to those he genuinely cared about (countless folks). Joe would always be ready to help this newly appointed administrator. Things that I was unaware or unsure of, I could Always look for Joe for inspiration, insight and encouragement. He an I would love talking about family, Snyder and RU. Our daughters and their journeys on the Old Raritan of Rutgers. Seeing or talking to Joe was an event, like being around your brother. Laughing, embarrassing n high energy, old times in review. Family, know that Mr. Joe Celinto touch thousand upon thousand of folks . In a neighbor"Hood" that is and was most uncomfortable for so many for too long.... Rest in eternal Peace Joe, for what you have accomplished is/was the work of "Our Fathers" 🙏🙏🙏💕💕💕

Larry D. Odoms - January 28, 2024 at 03:06 PM

RP

*I a so sorry for the loss of my cousin Joseph. May he RIP. So sorry we lost contact after my father passed. Love Rosemary Billios' daughter*

**Rosemary Cilenti Pasqua** - January 28, 2024 at 08:32 PM

GD

“ *Camille & Family*

*My sincerest condolences on the loss of your beloved Dad. Fond memories of him and your family at softball weekends. Sending prayers and hugs.*

*Glenn DiLeo*

**Glenn DiLeo** - January 27, 2024 at 02:24 PM

LS

*The Larry Shepard family sends their deepest condolences to the Cilento Family*

**Larry Shepard** - February 02, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..*



January 27, 2024 at 10:57 AM

GR

“ *Guy J. Rando purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..*



**Guy J. Rando** - January 27, 2024 at 10:35 AM

TF

“ The McNelis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..

The McNelis Family - January 27, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..



January 27, 2024 at 10:10 AM

LB

“ Love--Kathy, Marty, Chris, Brandon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..

Love--Kathy, Marty, Chris, Brandon - January 27, 2024 at 10:08 AM

LB

“ Love--Kathy, Marty, Chris, Brandon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..



Love--Kathy, Marty, Chris, Brandon - January 27, 2024 at 10:08 AM

WS

“ William S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..

William S. - January 27, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..



January 27, 2024 at 09:42 AM

FF

“ From the Wagner Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..

From the Wagner Family - January 26, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..



January 26, 2024 at 10:56 PM

JM

“ Jenna and Jay Marcovitz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..



Jenna and Jay Marcovitz - January 26, 2024 at 09:18 PM

DW

“ Deborah and Greg Wilcom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..

Deborah and Greg Wilcom - January 26, 2024 at 08:04 PM

DW

“ Deborah and Greg Wilcom purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..



Deborah and Greg Wilcom - January 26, 2024 at 08:04 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..



January 26, 2024 at 06:17 PM



“ Sharbel J. Maalouf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..

Sharbel J. Maalouf - January 26, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..



January 26, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ Sleep in Peace my friend. You fought a good fight. Condolences to Cheryl and Family. Bob Maffia

Bob Maffia - January 26, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bongarzone Funeral Home - January 26, 2024 at 04:02 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..*



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January 26, 2024 at 03:00 PM



“ *Cheryl and family, Our sympathies.  
RIP Joe  
“Oh what a night!”  
Ernie & Denise Guaimano 🙏*



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**Ernie & Denise Guaimano** - January 26, 2024 at 01:10 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Rob Casale** - January 26, 2024 at 12:24 PM

SC

“ Sean, Sally & Matthew Cody purchased the Divine Light for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..



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**Sean, Sally & Matthew Cody** - January 26, 2024 at 10:37 AM

TK

“ The Candy Girls (Vicki, Alison, Karen) purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joseph W. Cilento Jr..



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**The Candy Girls (Vicki, Alison, Karen)** - January 26, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ Joey and I became very good friends when he was performing with Seaside Knights. I became there road manager and Joey and I became wonderful friends.. I'll miss him so very much . He was like the brother I always wanted . I'll miss you brother God now has the best lead guitarist for his band. Rest in peace I love you

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**Chris Danser** - January 25, 2024 at 08:35 PM