



Joseph M. Orsini

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Joseph “Joe” Orsini, beloved husband, writer, editor, volunteer, and musician, passed away on December 18, 2025, after a courageous battle with illness. He was 68.

Joe earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature from Harpur College of Arts and Sciences, SUNY Binghamton, where he studied from 1979 to 1983. A lifelong lover of language, ideas, and music, he spent more than 25 years in publishing as a freelance writer and editor. He specialized in healthcare communications, including promotional materials and continuing medical education, and was respected for his meticulous editorial standards, integrity, and professionalism.

Joe was deeply committed to service. From 1989 to 1991, he volunteered at The Open Door, a homeless shelter near New York City’s Port Authority Bus Terminal, where he helped prepare and serve meals and later created a reading and discussion program for residents. He also volunteered with the Tarrytown Volunteer Ambulance Corps from 2015 to 2021, serving as a First

Aid and CPR volunteer.

One of Joe's proudest achievements was bicycling across the United States, traveling approximately 3,200 miles from Garden City, New York, to Eugene, Oregon, and the Oregon coast in six weeks during the summer of his college years. The journey reflected his love of exploration, perseverance, and the belief that the journey itself matters as much as the destination.

A lifelong music lover, Joe was an accomplished guitarist and a devoted fan of The Beatles and Bob Dylan. He collected Beatles vinyl records and composed his own songs, including *Tori Macree*, *Ten Past Two*, *Cold Night*, *Cold Room*, *Big Bow on Her Heart*, and *Another Sleepless Night*. He also had a lifelong passion for baseball and was a dedicated New York Mets fan.

Above all, Joe was a devoted and loving husband to his wife, Angine, who stood faithfully by his side. He will be remembered for his quiet strength, generosity of spirit, love of books and music, and thoughtful presence.

Joe is survived by his wife, Angine; and his siblings, Louis, Theresa, Thomas (Tommy), Paul, and James (Jimmy). He was preceded in death by his sister, Laura. He is also survived by family, friends, and colleagues who will miss him deeply.

Previous Events

Cremation Private

DEC **26** (ET)

Ferncliff Cemetery
280 Secor Rd.
Hartsdale, NY 10530

Tribute Wall

RF

“ Joe was a great friend to me and had a profound impact on my life. It was during my first job out of college that I met Joe at a company called Science & Medicine in Manhattan. Joe took me under his wing and became my mentor. He taught me a lot about medical writing and I would not have had the career I had if not for Joe. We became close friends and had a lot good times together at baseball games and nights out in the city with co-workers. I am a Yankee fan so we constantly razzed each other about our teams. In 1992, we trained for and ran the NYC marathon together — an experience I will always cherish. I’ll never forget when we entered Brooklyn during that race and heard the cheers of the spectators, , Joe was right next to me and yelled, “Alright Brooklyn!” Later in 1994, Joe had a party at his upper west side apartment where he introduced me to a friend of his who would later become my wife of 20-plus years with whom I had 2 children. Joe had a unique spirit and I will never forget him. Rest in peace Joe.
Rich Friel

Rich Friel - December 28, 2025 at 08:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Orsini.



December 26, 2025 at 10:36 AM

HM

“ Joe was a truly great friend. Growing up together in Garden City, we shared so many laughs and adventures. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was simply a joy to be around.

One of my favorite memories is looking forward to Sunday nights at his parents' house, where we'd gather to watch that new show on PBS, Monty Python's Flying Circus. Those moments of shared laughter are things I will never forget.

I will miss you, Joe, and I will always cherish our friendship and the memories we made. My heartfelt condolences go out to his wife and his entire family.

Hank and Dee Mann



Hank Mann - December 24, 2025 at 10:51 PM

RS

My family moved to garden city in 1962. Shortly thereafter I met Joe through little league baseball and a few people that were in my second grade class. I also have some great memories of us going to Joe's parents house to watch Monty Python Flying Circus among other things. Joe you left us too soon and I hope you get to see Paul in heaven

Richsrd Squillante - December 28, 2025 at 04:43 PM

AO

Hank & Jayoson Thank you for the flowers for Joe. I really appreciate it.

Angine

Angine Orsini - December 29, 2025 at 09:24 PM



“ There is a GoFund me for Joe

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Steven Mitchel - December 24, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ Joe was a cool colleague; fun, reliable, thorough. He is missed and thought of very fondly!

Stephanie Wild - December 23, 2025 at 05:22 PM

SM

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Steven Mitchel - December 24, 2025 at 10:20 PM

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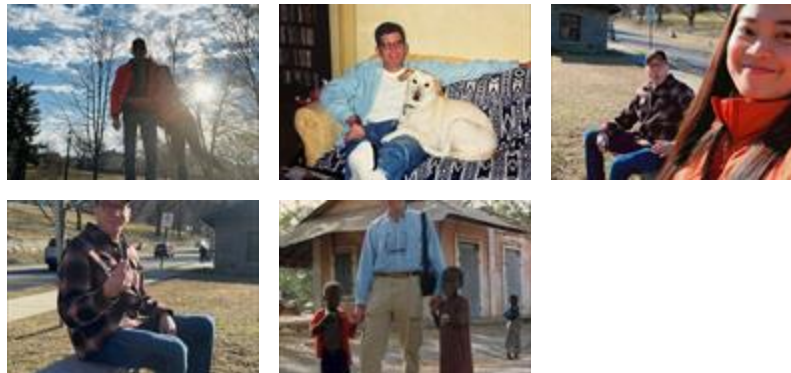
“ *Donnagirl Aiken purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph M. Orsini.*



Donnagirl Aiken - December 23, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ *15 files added to the album More photos*



J - December 23, 2025 at 02:53 PM

MA

“ I have been of friend of Joe's for over twenty years since meeting at the YMCA in Tarrytown and bonding over a a mutual love of rock music. I shared many a concert with Joe, including Dave Mason, Jeff Beck, Santana, Jon Anderson, Andy Summers and the Zombies. In recent years, most of our time together has been spent eating Italian dinners in the West Village, where he used to live. Mostly, we would meet up at his friend, Erik's and head to our favorite spot, Monte's.

Joe was not only a smart and funny guy but he had a heart of gold. Early on in our friendship, I suffered a personal loss and he was there for me to talk or grab a meal together. I will never forget that.

Condolences to Angine and his family. I will always consider Joe a brother and a friend who's love and spirit will continue forever.

Mike Acquilano
Forest Hills, NY

Mike Acquilano - December 22, 2025 at 02:48 PM

RR

“ Joe was a good man with many stories to tell. I will miss him. Rest in peace my friend.

Robert Reid - December 21, 2025 at 12:10 PM

TS

“ More Joe pics



Terri Henderson Joe's sister. - December 20, 2025 at 01:34 PM

TS

“ Joe through the years



Terri Henderson Joe's sister. - December 20, 2025 at 01:22 PM

TS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Terri Henderson Joe's Sister - December 20, 2025 at 12:38 PM

BL

“ Joe visiting for Christmas 2019.



Bobby Henderson Joe' brother in law. - December 20, 2025 at 12:25 PM

RB

“ Richard and Robert Squillante, Jerry Logan and Ricky Bedeian purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph M. Orsini.



Richard and Robert Squillante, Jerry Logan and Ricky Bedeian - December 20, 2025 at 11:40 AM

GS

“ Joe and I became good friends when we co-edited the feature section of the college newspaper. Fortunately - - or perhaps, unfortunately - - there was a a pub in the same building as our newspaper office. On deadline nights, we would always take a break at the pub. These breaks would get rather extensive. At some point, I would say, "Joe, it's getting really late and deadline is tomorrow morning. Don't you think we should get our butts back to the editing booth?" He would always poo poo my concerns. We would eventually get back to our editing chores and spend a long night working on our section. In a few cases, Joe would fall asleep on a couch in the women's room. (The whole building was shut down so there was no chance of breaching anybody's privacy.)

When I visited him at his Long Island home a few years after college, we had a rather wild night, which included doing something that we invented: shrub jumping. We would do headlong charges at innocent shrubs and then launch ourselves into the air to land on a pillow of greenery. That earned us an escort from the Garden City Police. The police officer very politely dropped us off at Joe's home, suggesting that it was time to retire for the night.

I also visited Joe in his Greenwich Village apartment, which was shaped somewhat like the nose cone of a submarine. At the time, he was creating music, occasionally performing it, and working at an editorial position. We always shared a love of music, causing us to occasionally cover musical acts together. A favorite act of ours was JB Hutto and the Night Hawks, which we wrote about together.

I'm so happy that I stayed with Joe for a number of days several summers ago. During my visit, we took in a Lou Reed retrospective show at Lincoln Center. I always enjoyed talking to him about that period of music and mayhem.

I'm so sorry that Joe is gone.

My best to his wife and family.

Love,

Gabe

Gabriel Shapiro

Gabriel Shapiro - December 20, 2025 at 12:01 AM

TB

“*Joe and I have been lifelong close friends from our much younger days in Junior High school. He was a wonderful, remarkable and thoughtful person, with a keen intellect, a writer's wit, a great sense of humor, a love of music and a generous spirit.*

We offer our deepest condolences to Angine, who in recent years made him so very happy, and to Joe's brothers and sister, Louis, Paul, Tommy, Jimmy and Teresa.

Genuinely, we will very much miss him.

Tim & Ivette Brennan

Tim Brennan - December 18, 2025 at 06:33 PM

DC

I am so sad to be writing this. I met Joe back in '79 or '80, when he and his friends generously welcomed me—a South Shore transplant— into their Garden City rat pack. He was a big spirit, a generous friend, smart, and tenaciously disciplined in every endeavor that caught his fancy. When he decided to bike across the continental US, he literally did that, proceeding despite encountering difficult weathering and more than a couple of sketchy characters along the way. When he talked about the Beatles, he knew their history and musicology cold. When he began his career in medical advertising, he became an encyclopedia in his knowledge of medicine. He embraced life in all its complexity and he is a soul who will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences 🌸 to his wife, Angine, his family, and all his friends.

May he rest in peace and may his memory be a blessing.

David Cantor and Elizabeth Cantor.

David Cantor - December 29, 2025 at 05:40 PM