



## Joseph P. Terraccino

January 7, 1948 - February 22, 2020

Wantage - Joseph P. Terraccino, age 72, passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at his residence. Born in New York, New York to the late Vincent and Theresa (Oddo) Terraccino, Joe lived in Bergenfield before moving to Sussex County in 1981. He had been employed at Picatinny Arsenal for 35 years before his retirement. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his infant son, James in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Diane (Lenz); his son, Thomas and his wife Jennessa of Mansfield, MA; his daughter, Carrie of Los Angeles, CA; his sisters, Judy Gale of Colorado and Rose Burke of New Hampshire; his grandsons, Clement, Fulton, and Benedict; and is expecting his fourth grandson within the month. Joe's greatest joy in life was his family. He shined in his role as "Appa" to his 3 beautiful grandsons. He was happiest surrounded by his loved ones, and liked to talk about his "master plan" to have the entire family live together in one big loving neighborhood. His smile, laughter, boundless love and kindness will be held dearly in our hearts. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at St. Monica R.C. Church, 33 Unionville Avenue, Sussex. Interment to follow at Newton Cemetery. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Monday, February 24, 2020 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Newton Cemetery

Newton, NJ 07860

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
(973) 875-3272  
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<https://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Monica R.C. Church  
33 Unionville Avenue  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
stmonica@ptd.net  
<http://www.stmonicasussex.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Joe’s passing. We have wonderful memories of his trips to NH. Our thoughts , prayers and love go out to the entire family!* ”

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**Terri and Bob Freed** - February 26, 2020 at 01:00 PM

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“ Joe -- dear sweet Joe:

*You broke our hearts when you left us. We weep with sadness. This world has lost a great man so full of life, love and compassion.*

*I remember my first day at Picatinny. I was so nervous. You welcomed me to the organization with kind words, and patiently answered all my questions. To this day I am deeply grateful.*

*Unfortunately we never got together for a chess match. I guess I was reluctant to play against you, the Master Chessman!*

*I will never forget you Joe -- so fun, funny, easy going, and just plain nice. You were a treasure to the universe.*

*May you rest peacefully in the arms of God my friend.*

*DIANE and FAMILY*

*You have lost a great husband, father and grandfather. Such a wonderful family man. He talked about all of you with great pride especially his delightful 3 grandsons.*

*Through your tears of sadness be still with God and find solace in remembering the years filled with smiles and laughter.*

*With love and compassion,  
Helen Kovach*

**Helen Kovach** - February 25, 2020 at 03:46 PM

JB

“ *I'm glad Joe got to see my baseball room. Always smiling, always happy, always in good spirits. I'm really going to miss talking to him from time to time. Jim Bottomley*

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**james bottomley** - February 24, 2020 at 06:07 PM

ML

“ *Sadly, we only got to know Joe recently since we moved here a little over a year ago. Joe's personality was pure sweetness - the love for his wife and family always shined through!*

*We will miss his friendship and playing cards, chess and nice walks around the neighborhood. His beautiful footprint is embeded in our hearts forever!*

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**Marlene Leitman** - February 24, 2020 at 12:28 PM