



Joseph J. Czernicki

March 21, 1926 - March 6, 2011

Joseph J. Czernicki age 84 of Toledo, passed away Sunday March 6, 2011 in Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg.

He was born March 21, 1926 in Cleveland, Ohio to Joseph and Victoria Czernicki. He graduated in 1944 from Cleveland St. Ignatius High School and served in the Navy for 18 months beginning in June 1944. He then entered John Carroll University and graduated in 1950. Following graduation, he was drafted into the Army and was stationed in Colorado from 1950-1952.

His teaching career began at Cleveland St. Joseph High School from 1955-1960 and continued at St. Ignatius High School from 1960 -1965. Joe arrived at Toledo St. John's Jesuit High School when asked to by Father Nick Gelin, then SJJ President and Father Robert McAuley, then SJJ Principal to help launch the new Jesuit boy's school, St. John's High School in 1965. He taught English and was the assistant principal from 1969 thru 1973. He also served as Athletic Director from 1971-1978.

Mr. Czernicki coached for many years basketball, track, cross country and golf and was Faculty Moderator for hockey. Joe was one of four founding members of the Northwest Hockey Conference. His teams won many awards over his coaching career. He received numerous awards in coaching including induction into the City League Hall of Fame and St. John's Jesuit Hall of

Fame. Joe officially retired from SJJ in 1991, but volunteered his talents for many seasons after his retirement in football, golf, and track and as a tutor.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Robert and Leonard, as well as a nephew. He is survived by sisters-in-law, Yolanda of Cleveland and Patricia of Kansas City and nine nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. John's Jesuit High School, 5901 Airport Highway, Toledo, Ohio, on April 2nd. Memorials may take the form of contributions to the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) 1933 Spielbusch Ave. Toledo, Oh 43604, or to the St. John's Jesuit Athletic Fund. We wish to thank the Toledo Hospital ICU, Hospice of NW Ohio and The Glendale Assisted Living for their loving care of Joe.

Tribute Wall



“ My prayers are with Joe. St. John's truly became his family after he lost his immediate family. His good example and kindness were truly an insiration. May God bless Joe and may those who depended on him be consoled by the Lord.##imported-begin##Fr. Michael A. Vincent##imported-end##

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“ Thanks for your all you did for me as an S.J. student, and for your friendship as a fellow teacher at St. John's. You certainly embodied our old cheer "S.J. All the Way!"##imported-begin##Mark P. Miller '76 patmueller@rocketmail.com##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family and Friends of Mr. Czernicki,
I am deeply sorry to have read of your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences. Something that I have found to be a great source of comfort is the thoughts expressed in the Bible at John 5:28,29 where we see that there is going to be a Resurrection of those whom have died. Also at Revelation 21:4 we see that God is going to eliminate all of the causes for why we deal with sorrow, pain and even death itself. It is my sincere hope that these thoughts bring your family comfort at this time. Once again I am so sorry for your loss.,##imported-begin##Rebekah##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to the family of Mr. Joe Czernicki. He was one of my teachers at Saint Joseph High school in Cleveland. A very good teacher and more than that a very good man and example to us while we were growing up in our teenage years.##imported-begin##Joe Stupica##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Czernicki was my English teacher at St. Ignatius High School in the '60's. He was a great teacher and a wonderful man. I will keep him in my prayers. Please post the time of the Memorial Mass when it is known.##imported-begin##Wally Martens wemmail@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ I will miss Joe. We go back a long time. We were close neighbors, went to grammar school and High School together. Further, he taught my son at St. Ignatius. I will remember him forever. My condolences to his family.
Jim White##imported-begin##Jim White##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Czernicki was one of my main influences while I attended St. Ignatius and beyond. I was very saddened to hear of his passing. My sincerest condolences to all his family and friends.##imported-begin##Gordon J. Bosa "65 gordwa@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ Joe will be truly missed. One of the many "Pillars" in the proud St. John Jesuit athletic family. I feel privileged to have met and worked with him! God Bless

Gary Kreft

Football and Basketball official##imported-begin##Gary Kreft
(Official)##imported-end##

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“ I have fond memories of Mr. Czernicki as a teacher, friend and fellow Man of Ignatius. I am proud to have shared the same hallways, traditions and faith with him. I will remember him in my prayers.##imported-begin##Andrew Eric Szucs##imported-end##

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“ My Prayers are with Mr. Czernicki and his Family. Mr. Czernicki was my English teacher and track coach and I remember him well. He strived to help us be the best we could be. He was truly an asset to St. John's. May God Bless Him.##imported-begin##Greg Zeller '71
gzell500@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ We grew up next door to each other on Earlwood Road in Cleveland, and shared many good times together. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Your Cousin Jack Kaminski##imported-end##

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“ *Since SJ's earliest days, your dedication and commitment helped build a lasting foundation. Thank you for the support you provided to me.*

Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Jim Peters '72##imported-end##

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