



## Joseph John Donnan

April 26, 1967 - May 2, 2017

Joseph John Donnan, age 50, of Cary, NC passed away unexpectedly after a sudden illness at Duke University Hospital on May 2, 2017.

Joseph was born in Hawaii on April 26, 1967 and raised by his parents, Peter Hill and Rachel D'Acierno. He did his undergraduate studies at Stony Brook University in New York and went on to receive his Doctorate of Law from Hofstra University. He practiced Real Estate Law in New York before becoming a legal educator in North Carolina.

While Joseph was an admired professor among his students and peers, he was first and foremost a dedicated father and family man who loved to spend time with his children. Joseph was also an avid athlete who loved to run, play basketball, and golf. He was known as a very patient man and extremely positive in both his words and actions. He also enjoyed reading and a lively political debate.

He is survived by his daughters Madison and Rachel Donnan, his brother Anthony Donnan and wife Cathy of New York, and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at 10AM on Friday, May 5, 2017 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 804 High House Rd. Cary, NC, US,

27513 for one hour. A Funeral Mass will follow at 11AM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church  
804 High House Rd.  
Cary, NC 27513  
<http://www.stmichaelcary.org/>

## Funeral Mass

MAY 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church  
804 High House Rd.  
Cary, NC 27513  
<http://www.stmichaelcary.org/>

# Tribute Wall

VP

“ Joseph was a very kind guy. He always greeted me with warm words and great conversation. I remember our last conversation like it was yesterday...He was a great instructor and the students really loved him. He will be greatly missed. Rest in paradise Joe.

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**Valerie Pierce** - May 09, 2017 at 08:41 AM

BM

“ He was awesome teacher and giver of himself. We here in the faculty workroom at Miller-Mott College (Fayetteville) will miss him deeply. We will be praying for the family.

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**Barbara Feemster, Professor at MMC** - May 05, 2017 at 10:16 PM

PR

“ I was Joe's High School Guidance Counselor at West Babylon High School. I remember Joe as a serious student who was exceptionally well liked by his fellow students, the faculty, and administration. His winning-way personality served him well as an officer in the Student Association. It was quite evident back then that Joe would make his mark in life, simply because of who he was, and how he was. Those who knew Joe, knew he was a special human being. Condolences to his family and friends.

*Patrick Ross*

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**Patrick Ross** - May 04, 2017 at 08:44 PM

LS

“ Lee & Sandie Suson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joseph John Donnan.



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**Lee & Sandie Suson** - May 04, 2017 at 08:41 PM

SS

“ Joe was always fun. All the Family gatherings all the guys did Basketball & let me tell you..he played like he was 10ft tall. & that's how big his Heart was...Joe & Gail taught my son Rick..there nephew how to play Golf  
Hiswing girls MADDIE & RACHEL are his EVERYTHING. You will be Truly MISSED. gone too soon but NEVER FORGOTTEN. R.I.P.  
Fly High. Till we all meet again. Love you  
LOVE Lee & Sandie Suson  
Beaumont, Texas

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**Sandra Suson** - May 04, 2017 at 08:14 PM

LJ

“ Lorene, George and Aunt Jean purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph John Donnan.



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**Lorene, George and Aunt Jean** - May 04, 2017 at 03:35 PM

LO

“ All my love, deepest sympathies as well as cherished memories. You will be so missed JJ. May Madison, Rachel, Tony and Kathy find peace in this time and know how he touched everyone's heart. I remember the first time meeting that cute little guy, I have such fond memories and I am so glad I do. Lorene



Lorene - May 04, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph John Donnan.



May 04, 2017 at 02:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph John Donnan.



May 04, 2017 at 02:42 PM

TA

“ I met Joe while studying for the Bar Exam here in NC. In the brief time we studied and planned, Joe was constantly witty, generous with his heart and time, and completely devoted to his daughters, whom he cherished much more than life itself.

*I have not yet met a man with as solid a character as Joe. I will miss our studies, our plans and his humor. I will miss knowing a person as devoted to and thankful for his family as Joe was. I will miss a man whose faith was as strong as his love for his family.*

*Joe was a rarity in today's world; I am blessed to have known him for such a short time, and I have no doubt his family is richer beyond measure to have shared his life. My prayers for Joe's family will continue.*

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**Tanya** - May 04, 2017 at 12:45 PM

RM

“ Joe was one of the nicest people I've ever met and I will truly miss him. Joe had a larger than life personality and was always upbeat. He truly cared about people and social justice, but Joe's love for his family shined the brightest. He would always ask about my mom or how a sick relative was doing. Who really takes the time to do that ? Well Joe did and I think that says a lot about a person. Heaven has just recieved a very bright, very strong angel. I send my deepest sympathy and prayers to the Donnan family.



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**Rich Mathis** - May 04, 2017 at 01:21 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph John Donnan.*



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May 03, 2017 at 09:14 PM



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**Wake Funeral** - May 03, 2017 at 09:31 AM