



## Joseph Anthony Sarnelli

February 9, 1938 - June 25, 2025

Joseph Anthony "Joe" Sarnelli, 87, of Jones Mills, passed away peacefully Wednesday June 25, 2025 in the Independence Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg, while surrounded and comforted by his loving family. He was born February 9, 1938 in Jeannette a son of the late Charles and Frances DeAugustine Sarnelli. Joe was a graduate of Jeannette High School with the class of 1956. He was the owner/operator of Sarnelli's Highway Superette in South Greensburg from 1967 to 1978 and then opened Sarnelli's Corner in Jones Mills and has been running it from 1978 until the present day. Joe was a Veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the American Legion in Jeannette. He was a member of St. Raymond of the Mountains R.C. Church in Donegal and was a former member of the Ascension R. C. Church in Jeannette. Joe was involved in various community organizations including the Donegal Community Center, the Good Times Couple Bowling League, and he was involved in the Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

Joe will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his loving family, his wife of 62 years Rose M. Daverso Sarnelli, his children Michael Sarnelli and wife Gloria of Jones Mills, Lisa Voke and husband Jerry of Stahlstown, and Jeff Sarnelli and wife Kelly of Acme, his grandchildren Michael Sarnelli of Jones Mills, Jeffrey Sarnelli and wife Mia of Connellsville, and Robbie Sarnelli of Acme, his great grandson Jack Sarnelli, and numerous nieces and nephews. Joe was the last surviving member of his immediate family. In addition to his parents Joe was predeceased by his brothers John and Charles Sarnelli, and

by his sisters Lucy Chiumento, Frances Cable, Shirley Williams, Georgette Carnera, Mary Grace Constantine, and Jeannette Redish.

Family and friends will be received in the Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home Inc., at the corner of Route 711 and 146 Municipal Building Rd. Melcroft, Monday from 9:00 AM to 12:20 PM, the time of a Prayer Service, in the funeral home. A Funeral Mass will follow at 1:00 PM in St. Raymond of the Mountains R.C. Church, 146 School House Ln., Donegal 15628, with Rev. Matthew Udoh as celebrant. A Committal Service and interment will follow in St. Raymond's Cemetery Champion. Military Rites will be conducted at the cemetery by the Donegal VFW and American Legion Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital, in memory of Joseph A. Sarnelli. To leave a message or send condolences please visit our website at [www.brooksfhmelcroft.com](http://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Raymond Cemetery

164 School House Lane  
Donegal, PA 15628

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Family and Friends

JUN 30. 9:00 AM - 12:20 PM (ET)

Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home, Inc.  
146 Municipal Building Rd  
Melcroft, PA 15462  
(724) 455-2310  
<https://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com>

## Prayer Service

JUN 30. 12:20 PM (ET)

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Melcroft, PA 15462  
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## Funeral Mass

JUN 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Raymond of the Mountain R.C. Church  
164 School House Lane  
Donegal, PA 15628

## Committal Service

JUN 30 (ET)

St. Raymond Cemetery  
164 School House Lane  
Donegal, PA 15628

*The Committal Service will follow directly after the Funeral Mass at the cemetery*

## Military Rites

JUN 30 (ET)

St. Raymond Cemetery  
164 School House Lane  
Donegal, PA 15628

*Military Rites will be conducted following the Committal Service at the Cemetery*

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Lisa, I apologize for the late condolences as I was only recently made aware of your families loss. Please know that myself and my parents over the several years of living at 'Seven Springs' appreciated your Father and his great personality. Please accept my deepest condolences. Mary Christine Mattei

Mary Christine Mattei - September 19, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Anthony Sarnelli.

July 05, 2025 at 08:09 PM

JS

“ Prayers and sympathies to Joe's family. He will be fondly remembered. The Jeff Shola Family.

Jeff Shola - June 30, 2025 at 08:41 AM

PR

“ Pam and I extend our deepest sympathies for your loss. We fondly remember our great times with the bowling league and our annual vacations together. We also remember the back of the bus becoming a rear-end delicatessen because of Joe's influence. A very dear soul with a great smile and infectious laugh. Joe has a place in our hearts and a place in heaven.

Pam and Rick - June 30, 2025 at 07:57 AM

GC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Joe’s passing and are holding your whole family in prayer. We remember the good times we had bowling together for many years and stopping to visit you at the new store once you moved from Jeannette. Joe will be sorely missed by so many. May God bless you all with peace during this difficult time. With love, the Christofano family; Anthony, Gloria, Gloria M. and Anthony Jr.

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**Gloria Christofano** - June 29, 2025 at 04:14 PM

SC

“ Our sincere sympathy to the entire Sarnelli family, cherish your memories 🙏 Suzanne & Jim Courtney

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**Suzanne & Jim Courtney** - June 28, 2025 at 08:58 PM

  
Daneen  
Mohar

“ Couldn't have met a nicer, kinder family man. Sorry for the family's loss. May you rest in peace Joe. 🙏💙

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**Daneen Mohar** - June 28, 2025 at 06:22 PM

TP

“ My deepest sympathy to the Family. I am so very sorry to hear about this. Always saw Joe and Rose at 4:30 Saturday Mass at St. Raymonds during our weekends at Hidden Valley. He will be greatly missed. Very kind words, thoughts, and prayers from everyone in Jeannette. May he rest in peace.

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**Tom Paulone** - June 28, 2025 at 05:33 PM

KG

“ Sympathy to family of Joe, who we have known for 27 years being customers from Mt. Pines Campground. 27 years of Loyalty, great food and a great personality - may you RIP

Kathie & Jim Geary - June 28, 2025 at 12:17 PM

GB

“ Goldie & Ed Bazzar purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joseph Anthony Sarnelli.



Goldie & Ed Bazzar - June 28, 2025 at 11:46 AM

JC

“ We knew Joe when he had a store in Greensburg. Friendly, funny and very nice. Our Sympathy. Bud and Jan Casale

jan casale - June 28, 2025 at 11:12 AM

RL

“ My deepest condolences to the Sarnelli family.  
I remember Mr. Joe from his So. Greensburg days.  
He was a kind, hard working gentleman!  
May he rest eternally; may his family find strength and comfort in his loving memory.  
God Bless You.



Romayne Kowalsky Levcik - June 28, 2025 at 06:42 AM

BG

“ Dear Joe. I sure will miss talking to you on the phone and at your visits. You have always been one of our favorite patients. I love ya buddy!

*Bette Goldberg*

*New Stanton Primary Care-Greensburg Office*

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**Bette R Goldberg** - June 28, 2025 at 05:53 AM

SS

“ Dear Sarnelli Family, Celebrating the life of a Good Man and mourning his passing. We lost one of the “Good Guys”. We will miss all his stories and words of wisdom. There was never anyone quite like him and never will be again. Joe was a special man and we were the lucky ones to call him our friend. Your father’s stories ,his values, his generosity and kindness, but mostly his love of family all live on in each of you. What a wonderful legacy! Our love and thoughts are with your family at this very difficult time. By the way.... ZIP.... Aka Rich.... As your dad called him always loved delivering their mail each day, but most of all enjoyed the friendship that was formed over the years. Sending our love, Rich and Sherry Siniawski

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**Sherry Siniawski** - June 27, 2025 at 10:14 PM

KW

“Mrs. Sarnelli, Mike, Lisa, Jeff and families.  
Wishing you all peace, comfort and prayers during this very sad  
time. We are already missing our favorite pizza and fried ice cream  
maker.

Much love now and forever,  
Kathie and Bob

“Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli,

sia santificato il tuo nome,

venga il tuo regno,

sia fatta la tua volontà,

come in cielo così in terra.

Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano,

e rimetti a noi i nostri debiti

come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori,

e non ci indurre in tentazione,

ma liberaci dal male.

Tuo è il regno, tua la potenza et la gloria nei secoli.

Amen.”

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**Kathie and Bob Wolfe** - June 27, 2025 at 05:45 PM

BZ

“ Bill, Irene & the entire Zajdel family extend our condolences to the Sarnelli family. I was fortunate to see Mr. Sarnelli recently and the outstanding memories from growing up three houses from the South Greensburg store came rushing back. A special man and family leader.

**Billy Zajdel** - June 27, 2025 at 04:55 PM

JG

“ Peace and Love to the entire Sarnelli family. I have many fond memories of Joe, mostly with the Good Times Couple Bowling League. Joe had a way of making me feel important no matter when or where I would see him. I can hear his voice and his laugh in my head even now. I pray it never leaves me. Rest in peace Joe! you were truly loved and will be missed.

**Jake Gilmartin** - June 27, 2025 at 02:44 PM

TF

“ The Blawas & Constantine Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Joseph Anthony Sarnelli.



**The Blawas & Constantine Family** - June 27, 2025 at 02:40 PM

IP

“ Inco Beverage Inc. / Tom Polcha purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph Anthony Sarnelli.



**Inco Beverage Inc. / Tom Polcha** - June 27, 2025 at 02:20 PM

LB

“ Rose, Mike, Jeff, Lisa & family,

*Our hearts are broken to hear this news! Heaven gained another angel for sure! Joe was an incredible man! Our families have been friends forever! Joe was in our parents's wedding and the Sarnelli family is like extended family to my sister and I. We have such fond memories of family trips and holiday parties over the years with your family! Joe was always the life of the party! He loved all people and was so very kind and generous to everyone all of his life! His faith in God was so strong, and he made that evident by his compassionate acts of kindness. He forever will hold a special place in our hearts!*

*💔 Our sincere sympathy is extended to Rose and the entire Sarnelli family in this time of sorrow. Sending much love to all of you*



*Love- The Kowalsky Girls and families) Tim, Leslie, Mason, Trevor & Kayla Brough*

*Ted, Toni, Keith, Chris & Lacy DeZorzi*

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**Leslie Brough** - June 27, 2025 at 11:00 AM

DW

*I delivered Deli meats, chipped ham, and various cheeses at the Greensburg store, then to the Jones Mill for Fort Pitt Brand Meats until they went out of business. I later moved out of state. When i went home to visit I would get off the Turnpikes to stop at say hello to Joe. He always remembered me. I'm saying prayers for Joe and his family and friends.*

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**Daniel Waldron** - June 28, 2025 at 06:06 PM

CK

“ *Joe was such a kind man. He loved being a part of Chestnut Ridge Fire Dept of which some family members are fireman. He donated and volunteered to the community He loved. Prayers to his family. RIP Joe!*

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**Connie Kropp** - June 27, 2025 at 09:55 AM

JS

“ I have always stopped at Joe's store to see him on Rt. 711 in Jones Mills. We used to live on the property that his store is on and was involved in building the building. I have always carried fond memories of him and he will be greatly missed. As a young man, I was given the name " Red Eye" as I rode a motorcycle in my youth and the wind irritated my eyes. May the Lord wrap his arms around him and his family in their time of grief as heaven has gained this angel. R.I.P. my friend.....until we meet again.

Joseph D Shaffer

Acme Pa.

Residing in Linden N.C.

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Joseph D Shaffer - June 27, 2025 at 08:52 AM

MB

“ Maria & David Bazzar purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph Anthony Sarnelli.



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Maria & David Bazzar - June 26, 2025 at 10:39 PM

MB

“ Maria & David Bazzar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Anthony Sarnelli.

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Maria & David Bazzar - June 26, 2025 at 10:39 PM

CR

“ Aunt Rose & Family,  
I will forever cherish all of the memories with Uncle Joe & the family. From a little girl visiting Uncle Joe & Aunt Roses store at Mountain Pines campground, to get togethers at their house. I always had such a wonderful time. Uncle Joe had a smile that lit up the room & a heart of gold. He will be missed by so many. Love to all of you during this very difficult time.



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**Channing Rager** - June 26, 2025 at 09:43 PM

CK

“ Remember Joe from years ago he went to Jeannette school and graduated with my sister Patty lots of good memories from Jeannette. Always enjoyed talking to Joe so kind and generous.

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**Cathy Korzen** - June 26, 2025 at 09:31 PM

CR

“ I have so many memories that make me smile that include Uncle Joe, Aunt Rose, and the rest of the family. You will be greatly missed Uncle Joe. We love you  
Chelsea, Mike, and kids

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**Chelsea Rager** - June 26, 2025 at 09:13 PM

LA

“ Rest in peace Joe. Will be in our prayers.

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**Lago** - June 26, 2025 at 09:07 PM

MA

*Joe was a amazing man .I meet go 40 years ago. Always a small ear to ear. He definitely was a people person. I seen Joe at RNC .and I made it a point to see Joe every time I was there. Love my you freind. Rest in peace 🙏*

Marie - June 29, 2025 at 03:43 PM

DM

*“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Joe. Love, prayers, and deepest sympathies to his family. Bob Breakiron Sr. and Family.*

Deanna Mowry - June 26, 2025 at 09:06 PM

LT

*“ Joe always treated me like family. He treated everyone like family. I cherish the times I shared with him and his wonderful family. With much love Rest in Peace.*

Linda Teets - June 26, 2025 at 08:08 PM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Sarnelli.*



June 26, 2025 at 06:53 PM

SR

*“ Uncle Joe, thank you for all the great memories that you shared with us. You will be greatly missed. Rest now with in Heaven with our Father God . Godbless Aunt Rose and your beautiful family. 🙏💙*

Sherry Rager - June 26, 2025 at 06:51 PM

CR

“ Rest in peace Uncle Joe ❤️

*So thankful for all the memories with you & the family .. love you*

Chana Rager - June 26, 2025 at 06:45 PM

DK

“ Uncle Joe- You will be so missed by your family and friends. Your life was a true gift to all that knew you. Love and condolences to my beautiful family. Darcy

Darcy Krapf - June 26, 2025 at 06:20 PM

KT

“ Prayers for Joe's family 🙏

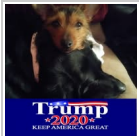
karen Temple - June 26, 2025 at 06:16 PM

CA

“ My Deepest Sympathy on the passing of Joe. He was one of the nicest people I have met. The Sarnelli family left a legacy in our town of Jeannette. I pray that the Good Lord brings comfort and holds the family close during this time of sadness.

*Curtis J Antoniak*

Curtis J Antoniak - June 26, 2025 at 06:02 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. He was a great guy and will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers for the whole family.

Kristine White - June 26, 2025 at 05:23 PM

SS

“ Joe and his family run a nice clean organized store very nice family and friendly. Gonna miss ya Joe hugs Rose . R.I.P. JOE.



Sharon Smith - June 26, 2025 at 05:16 PM

SP

“ So sorry for your loss sending prayers

Sherry Pirl - June 26, 2025 at 05:07 PM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss. Joe was a kind generous man. You are all in my prayers.



Sarah Burkholder - June 26, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Sarnelli.



June 26, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Anthony Sarnelli.

June 26, 2025 at 03:14 PM

TF

“ *The Catalano Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joseph Anthony Sarnelli.*



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**The Catalano Family** - June 26, 2025 at 02:44 PM

TF

“ *The Catalano Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Anthony Sarnelli.*

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**The Catalano Family** - June 26, 2025 at 02:44 PM

CP

“ *Joe was our friend and bowling partner. I worked for him and his family for 8 years. He was a good friend and boss. We had many good times on our bowling trips and vacations. Mo and I will miss him very much. Sending love and prayers to Rose and the family. Rest in Peace old buddy. Love Cheryl and Mo Pritts.*

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**Cheryl Pritts** - June 26, 2025 at 01:38 PM