



Josef Franz Waclena

October 27, 1925 - February 3, 2012

Josef F. Waclena October 27, 1925 February 3, 2012 Josef Franz Waclena, 86, passed away on Friday, February 3, 2012 at Loretto, succumbing to pancreatic cancer.

Born in Vienna, Austria, Josef came to Syracuse, New York in 1951 as a surveyor and attended Syracuse University on a work study program where he met his wife, Joan C. Gates. She predeceased him in 1990. He became an American citizen in 1956 and worked at the New York State Department of Transportation retiring as Assistant Regional Materials Engineer in 1989. After his retirement, he traveled frequently and extensively in the USA and Europe with his longtime companion, Carolyn Kociuba. He was a member of the Valley Mens Club and a communicant of St. James Church. Josef was never without a book, loved movies and was a dedicated cruciverbalist in English and German. Josef is survived by his son, Keith of Chicago, Illinois; his brother, Gary and sister in-law, Jeanne of Syracuse, New York; his sister, Irene; brother, Fritz and sister in-law, Hilde of Austria; and nieces and nephews, Tricia Waclena, Erica Young, Helga Deutsch, Peter Foller, Evi Kuntscher, Gerhard Waclena and Michael Waclena. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13205 where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Calling hours will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13205.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Josef Franz Waclena*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - February 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked with Joe at the State Office Bldg back in the mid to late 1970's. He was a very enjoyable person to work with. Always made me laugh and left a smile on my face.*

February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joe came to our dental office for many years and I had the privilege of cleaning his teeth. He was a very sweet man and I have thought of him often over the past couple of years. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time. He will be truly missed. Rest in peace, Joe.*

February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I never met Josef, but he must have had some very fine qualities to have produced a son like Keith. I know how hard it is to lose a loved one. My sympathies to you all.*

Sincerely,

Dale

February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deep sympathies to Keith and the Waclena family. Keith, please know that we are thinking of you and we are here for you.*

John and Melba

February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

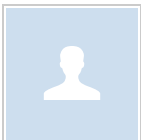


“ *to waclena family*

*Sorry to hear of Joe passing away.
Joe was a coworker and a bowler with us on the comets.*

bill halpin

February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Waclena Family,
We offer our condolences at this difficult time. I worked with Joe in years gone bye and he was a fine upstanding gentlemen. God Bless and Keep the Faith.*

February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your friends at the Library are thinking of you in this time of sorrow. My deep sympathies to Keith, Gary, Jeanne and all your family as you mourn the loss of Josef. I hope the presence of family and friends and the thoughts of those from afar will be a comfort to you.*

*Sincerely,
Elisabeth and all your Library friends*

February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Behind the thick eye glass lenses was the quiet presence of Joe. A presence that was familiar and comforting to me on Bradford Street or at the various family gatherings. Joe's low chuckles would jostle his shoulders as his expression formed a slight wry grin; this was sometimes followed by the short utterance of "right". I recall Joe chuckling often when he was around my Father.*

Our hearts are truly saddened by the loss of Joe's presence on earth. We pray that God will give strength and comfort to Keith, Gary, Jeanne and the family during this time.

Our love and deepest sympathy,

*Judy Quinn-Bliss and Bill Bliss
Seneca, SC*

February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Keith, and the Waclena family. It seems like yesterday that Jo was walking Sabre down Bradford Street. Many years have passed, but the memories of your family will never be forgotten. May God bless you all in your time of loss.*

Richie Robinson, Louisville, KY

February 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM