



Gasper Joseph Giarmo

March 26, 1960 - January 3, 2020

Gasper Joseph Giarmo, age 59, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 3, 2020. He was preceded in death by his in-laws Sam Gelardi and Anne Yaeger. He is survived by his wife of 36 years Pamela Giarmo; sons Joseph Giarmo and Matthew Giarmo; parents Joseph and Catherine Giarmo; siblings Jack (Tracie) Giarmo, Sandy (Todd) Sobieralski, Maria (Pete) Noble; brother-in-law David (Stacy Boyles); and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Born March 26, 1960 in Monroe, Michigan, Gasper was a counselor and taught Physical Education for over 30 years, with 24 years in Byron Center Public Schools. He enjoyed fishing, cooking, classic rock, and spending time with family. He was able to combine all four of these things with an annual family trip up north for trout fishing opening weekend. He was most passionate about coaching. He coached for 39 years, most recently at Zeeland West High School. He was part of two Football State Championships and one Boys Track State Championship. Along with being passionate about the "X's and O's", he especially loved building relationships with student-athletes and other coaches. He was a Hall of Fame member in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, and also a Board Member. Gasper impacted many lives inside and outside of the classroom. Visitation will be held from 3-8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at Cook Funeral Home, 2067 84th Street, Byron Center, Michigan. On Thursday, January 9, 2019 he will lie in state at St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church, Monroe, MI, from 9:00 a.m. until Mass of the Resurrection celebrating his life at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Monroe. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may made to the Bite Cancer Foundation. The family welcomes memories and messages in their guest book online at <http://www.cookcares.com>. The Bacarella Funeral Home, 1201 S. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, Michigan is assisting the family with arrangements in Monroe. Online condolences and special memories may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary page at <http://www.bacarellafuneralhome.com>

Cemetery

St. Joseph Cemetery

909 N. Monroe Street
Monroe, MI, 48162

Events

JAN **Instate** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church
502 W. Front Street, Monroe, MI, US, 48161

JAN **Mass of the Resurrection** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Mr. and Mrs. Giarmo, Pam, Joe, Matt, Jack, Tracie, Sandy, Maria, and all family members. This is Joe Frey from Riverside, California. Gasper was one of my best friends, greatest friends, and most loyal friends I ever had and we had some incredible times in high school. He and I had lockers next to each other, we were on the track team together, and best of all, we played on a Monroe Rec basketball team called the Italian Stallions, yeah, right at the time the first Rocky movie came out! Gasper was so warm-hearted, kind, and loyal as a friend. We were like brothers back then in high school. We went to Gold Glove boxing competitions in Toledo, we blasted rock and roll music, and we truly enjoyed those moments of our youth! He had a great sense of humor. He had a maturity and wisdom beyond his years even back then. He was truly an old soul! I remember him hitting a big basket in a big game on the Italian Stallions and Gasper was slapping us all five and telling us to start playing better defense. He had coaching in his blood! He did so much and touched so many people, including me. Gasper, your spirit lives on in all of us, see you on the other side brother!

Joe Frey - January 07, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ Jack, Tracie and entire Giarmo Family,
Deepest sympathy to you all...A very strong and respected family across the many communities and organizations that you have touched. The service you have done and continue to do for others has and will always be so much appreciated. May the work Gasper did and all you continue to do in coaching, teaching, mentoring, instilling values and life skills to the youth keep you in God's grace and help get you through this difficult time..
God Bless you..
SMCC Touchdown Club

Paul Blanchett - January 07, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ I too was fortunate to have coached with Gasper at DHS. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Giarmo family during this difficult time. Love Rob Salenbien and family...

Rob Salenbien - January 06, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ Mr. & Mrs. Giarmo, Jack & Tracie & Family,
You all have my deepest sympathy. Gasper & I played on the 1976 Catholic Central Football team together. What I remember most about Gasper was not only was he a good football player but he had a big heart, and he knew how to make us all laugh. I will always cherish those memories and I will never forget him.
God Bless you all.

Dan Didario - January 06, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ Gasper hired me as a coach with the Dundee Football Program while I was attending Eastern Michigan. It was a short tenure as he moved onto Byron Center, where he helped me with a job opportunity in that school district too. In a very short period of time I learned so much about coaching, teaching and developing relationships. He had a true gift and I feel blessed that I had a chance to call him a friend. Rest in heaven big guy.

Bill Ryan - January 05, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gasper Joseph Giarmo.



January 05, 2020 at 01:39 PM