



## Joseph A. Greene

June 29, 1952 - January 25, 2026

Hi Honey,

Now that you are gone, we'd like to tell everyone about you. Hope that's okay.

Elizabeth and Edward Greene welcomed Joseph on a beautiful Sunday in late June in 1952. Joe was the third child of six and was born and raised in Erie, PA. A handsome lad with big green eyes and dark curls, he was smart, athletic, mischievous and yes, a little hardheaded too. He loved to tell us how he read his family's encyclopedia set from cover to cover. That was when he wasn't playing baseball or basketball.

He graduated from Cathedral Prep in 1970 and attended Edinboro College where he studied education. Summers off sounded great! His education did stop for a while due to the tragic death of his younger brother, Larry. He took his time and graduated in 1976. With his degree, he headed to South Korea for almost two years and taught American children.

Joe's longest employment was at Regina High School where he taught for almost 29 years. Many a young lady were instructed by him in Government, History and his favorite, Economics. He was a deeply dedicated teacher and, as in all things, was a perfectionist. Joe's philosophy was to not let his views cloud his teaching. He said that if his students could guess his political views,

he had failed. We will keep you guessing!

After RHS closed, Joe embarked on a new adventure as an ESL teacher at Andrews Osborne Academy. He taught many international students and maintained ties with some until he passed away.

Post teaching, Joe worked as the Meals-on-Wheels site director in Wickliffe. He loved the staff, the volunteers and the clients. It opened a new world to him after being in the classroom.

In his personal life, 1987 was a big year. He received his Master's Degree in Education from John Carroll University and he married Theresa (nee: Gecewicz) on Aug. 1st at St. Robert's Church in Euclid, Ohio. Between 1989 and 1997, we welcomed Matthew, Kathryn and Gillian. He would always say that he had no idea how much he would love his children.

Unfortunately, Joe was diagnosed in the winter of 2025 with acute myeloid leukemia. He stopped working and his life became a series of endless tests and appointments. Through it all he was not a complainer and remained positive. He leaned on his faith, his family and friends. As always, he began and ended his day with prayers, especially for his children. He looked to St. Joseph and St. John Neuman for inspiration.

Joe loved landscaping, doing challenging crossword puzzles, reading and watching police detective shows (usually British). He was a fan of Penn State football and of the Phillies and Flyers. He enjoyed spending time with his dogs, past and present, especially his "wee Jock", Hugo Bear and Laila.

Joe left us peacefully on Sunday, January 25th, 2026, at home with family at his side. Born and died on the Sabbath Day. He was a good man, a tireless worker, a loving husband and father. He will be missed by family and friends.

I know Joe would have liked to extend his appreciation and gratitude to Dr. A. Advani, her nurse, Jada and all the nurses and aides at the Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center. He was treated with compassion, kindness and skill. This long journey was difficult, but the staff made it easier to deal with. All the employees were patient and helpful. Gratitude is also extended to members of the Regina High School community, the Wickliffe Senior Center, former AOA students, family and friends who lifted his spirits and showed concern.

Besides his wife and children, Joe is survived by his siblings, Edward Greene, Stephen Greene, Jolie McDonald, and M. Douglas (Mary Ann) Greene and his sisters-in-law, Barbara Beaumont and Sr. Linda Marie SND. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, S. "Larry" Greene.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that Masses be said for him or a charitable donation to: Joseph and Mary's Home, 2302 Community College Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

Okay, honey. I know I could write a few more pages, but I best stop now. Rest in eternal peace. I love and miss you. Tess.

Family and friends will be received from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 2, 2026, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. A Funeral Mass will be held 12noon., Monday, February 2, 2026, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. A private family burial will take place in Mentor Cemetery at a later time.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church  
8560 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3404  
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ I am so very sorry to hear the sad news about my old friend and long-time schoolmate Joe. I first met him at Washington School, where we were in kindergarten together. That was the beginning of fifteen years as classmates: St. Joe’s, Prep, and Edinboro State College. The third member of our little trio was our buddy, Marty DePalma.

Joe was part of the Sassafras Street gang - the boys who lived between St. Joe’s and my house on W. 18th Street. It always took us forever to get home after school because we were constantly up to something: mostly sports, and eventually pretending we were The Beatles. His parents had a wonderful Boston accent, and I loved spending time at their home, which was full of character. Mrs. Greene was our Cub Scout leader, and I always felt welcome in the Greene household.

That same crew walked home from high school. This time the route was up Sassafras from Prep.

In our second year at Edinboro, Joe and I lived in the same townhouse complex, just across the parking lot from each other. After I left ESC, we lost touch, and I never knew the remarkable story of his life until now, reading his obituary. I’m fascinated (though not surprised) to see how deeply a heart of service shaped his journey.

I extend my condolences to Theresa and their children. May the Lord comfort you all, and may Joe rejoice forever in God’s awesome presence.

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**Angelo Natalie** - April 19 at 09:31 PM

JA

“ We would like to extend our deepest condolences to Joe’s family. We met Joe as Meals on Wheels drivers at Wickliffe Senior Center. We looked forward to seeing him every Wednesday and truly appreciated his humanity. He will be missed. Jack and Rose Ambrose

Jack and Rose Ambrose - February 03 at 06:35 AM

CB

“ Joe, Only you could be Mr. Civility Man. Just one of the good examples from you for the Regina Community. Peace, Carol and Jay Braden

Carol Braden - February 01 at 10:44 PM

SC

“ Sofia Chen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph A. Greene.



Sofia Chen - February 01 at 09:26 PM

SC

“ Sofia Chen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

Sofia Chen - February 01 at 09:26 PM

RL

“ Rong Liu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

Rong Liu - February 01 at 09:14 PM

SZ

“ Sue Zhang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

Sue Zhang - February 01 at 09:10 PM



“ Mr. Greene represented a lost art in his profession of what it means to care for students, hold them to the highest standards, and lean in with empathy.

*He stood out to me for his deep curiosity about the lives of his students. Particularly, his connection with international and domestic students alike, modeling what it means to be a global citizen right in Lake County, Ohio.*

*The Andrews Osborne community is better off for Mr. Greene's service, and he represented to those that come after him the gold standard of care we need in our schools.*

*May God cover his family during this time and may the Lord's peace draw near*

*Sincerely, Bishop M. Walton*

Bishop Walton - February 01 at 09:07 PM

LP

“ Lisa P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

Lisa P. - February 01 at 08:26 PM

AS

“ Dear Joe, I don't know why I thought I would be the only former student who's life was made better for knowing you. But of course it is because you treated everyone you met with respect and kindness. I think we started Regina together and you somehow made government and sociology exciting. And then you were foolish enough to coach our sad and somewhat disinterested softball team. You took it all in stride, even getting stuck over the Cuyahoga River on the way to an away game in the short bus that decided that was a great place to drop its transmission. Thank you for being a wonderful teacher and friend. God bless you and your family.

Anne STIBICH - February 01 at 07:13 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Greene.



February 01 at 09:38 AM

AY

“ Alan Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

Alan Y. - February 01 at 01:48 AM

EE

“ I met Joe years ago as I was his barber for quite a while. He was a very friendly guy and I always enjoyed our conversations. I had no idea he had fallen ill recently. Condolences to his family.... -Evan Elberfeld

Evan Elberfeld - January 31 at 07:41 PM

ZL

“ Zihao L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

Zihao L. - January 31 at 04:18 PM

JC

“ I had the pleasure of taking Mr. Greene's Economics class at AOA in 2014. Although it was only a semester long class, he certainly made a lasting impact on my life. The words that come to mind when I reflect on Mr. Green are: Kind, Wholesome, Genuine, and Passionate. He brought a warm energy into the classroom that made his lessons both engaging and memorable. People like Mr. Greene are the people who give us hope in a world that can often seem discouraging and unfeeling. However he led by example, he had a knack for diffusing class clowns and rabblers without getting angry, he handled these situations with love and it was always more effective than teachers who would react with anger. Reading the comments here, I hope to have the opportunity to touch the lives of even half of the people he did. God bless you Mr. Greene. You were everything a teacher should be.

Jacob Cooper - January 31 at 04:05 PM

YC

“ Yutao C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

Yutao C. - January 31 at 11:41 AM

CD

“ Chelsea D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

Chelsea D. - January 30 at 06:55 PM

AS

“ Alice S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

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Alice S. - January 30 at 06:18 PM

BO

“ In loving memory of Joseph Andrew Greene.

*You were more than a teacher. You were a mentor, a friend, and a guiding light who felt like family—like a father. Your wisdom, kindness, and unwavering support shaped not only my mind but also my heart.*

*Though leukemia has taken you from us, your lessons, your laughter, and the quiet strength you showed until the end will remain with me always. You taught me about history present future, about life, and about enduring with grace.*

*Thank you, Mr Greene, for everything. I will carry you with me always.*

*Rest in peace, dear teacher and friend.*

*Ned*

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Bohao - January 30 at 09:57 AM

WZ

“Mr. Greene was my history teacher at AOA in 2017. I was only 14 then—new to the U.S., shy, and far from home. He was the first teacher who made me feel that sharing my thoughts in class could be fun, that questions didn’t always have right or wrong answers, and that history could be something truly alive.

*I still remember him saying, “After this year I’ll retire—I’m getting old, kids.” We all begged him to stay, and he stayed year after year, simply because he loved teaching and loved his students. I’m forever grateful that the younger me met someone as warm and father-like as him. He helped me grow more open, confident, and brave enough to try things I once thought I couldn’t do.*

*He always carried a gentle smile and spoke with warmth—something that made me feel grateful and lucky to have been one of his students. I’m thankful that I had the chance to express my gratitude to him near the end of his journey.*

*Thank you, Mr. Greene. May you rest in peace.  
Wishing comfort and strength to his family.*

— Wai Ting (Angel) Zhao

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**Wai Ting Zhao** - January 30 at 01:32 AM

SY

“ Dear Mr. Greene,

*Thank you for being our teacher, our mentor, and the father figure during our years at AOA.*

*We are forever grateful that you walked beside us as Angel and Amy. Your wisdom and belief in us resonated far beyond our years at AOA, inspiring us to grow into WaiTing and Ylva.*

*May you rest in eternal peace.*

*With deepest love and remembrance,  
Angel (WaiTing) & Amy (Ylva)*

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**Shuyi Yao** - January 30 at 01:06 AM

TC

“ Tiffany Chen purchased the *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* for the family of Joseph A. Greene.



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**Tiffany Chen** - January 30 at 12:25 AM

TC

“ Tiffany Chen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

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**Tiffany Chen** - January 30 at 12:25 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Greene.



January 30 at 12:21 AM



“ Angel (WaiTing) & Amy (Ylva) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

Angel (WaiTing) & Amy (Ylva) - January 30 at 12:21 AM



“ From Cathy Wu, Tina Wu, Jeff Wu, Maria Ma purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph A. Greene.



From Cathy Wu, Tina Wu, Jeff Wu, Maria Ma - January 29 at 11:49 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Greene.



January 29 at 11:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Greene.*



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January 29 at 10:28 PM



“ *I was so sorry to learn of Mr. Greene’s passing. I have great memories of him from my days at Regina (Class of 1993). I had him for government and I was in his home room senior year. He was always one of my favorite teachers and I have thought him fondly for all these years. Keeping his family in my prayers. He has made a lasting impression on many of his past students!*

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**Colleen McGraw Wallenhorst** - January 29 at 09:51 PM

G1

“ I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to the family. Know of my continued prayers 🙏 for all in the Greene family.



*I was a student at Regina HS in 1985. I was in his Government class. I had difficulty and Mr. Greene would always take the time to help me understand the material. I will always remember his kindness and compassion. During class sometimes, he would say something funny and the class would laugh to break up the monotony.*

*It was a real treat to see Mr. Greene at a First Friday Mass in Willoughby about a year ago. During the Sign of Peace, I shook his hand and didn't even realize it. After that Mass, we had talked and he remembered me which made me feel happy.*

*Thank you, Mr. Greene, for all you did for the Class of '85! Regina HS* 🍀🍀🍀🍀

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**Gia Turella ~ RHS C/O 1985** - January 29 at 09:39 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Greene.



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January 29 at 08:55 PM

ST

“ Stephen T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

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**Stephen T.** - January 29 at 08:55 PM

CZ

“ I deeply regret that I did not reach out to Mr. Greene as soon as I learned about his illness. While I was searching for the right words to start the conversation, the Lord called him home. Now I will never have the chance to tell him what a remarkable teacher he was, or how blessed I was to be his student. I pray that he is resting peacefully in God’s eternal care. I believe that even in heaven, he will continue to guide and inspire many students.



With deepest sympathy,  
Carrie Zhao (AOA Class of 2014)

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Carrie Zhao - January 29 at 08:47 PM

DJ

“ Di J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

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Di J. - January 29 at 08:40 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Greene.



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January 29 at 08:01 PM

FZ

“ Former Student John Zhang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

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Former Student John Zhang - January 29 at 08:01 PM

AZ

“ Thank you, Mr. Greene, for being a person of such warmth and care. You lived with such a generous heart, and I am forever grateful to have been your student. You've left a lasting warmth in the hearts of all of us.



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**Astrid Zhou** - January 29 at 07:25 PM

JH

“ James Hu purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph A. Greene.



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**James Hu** - January 29 at 06:40 PM

JH

“ James Hu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

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**James Hu** - January 29 at 06:40 PM

SJ

“ Shizheng Quan( Jason) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Greene.

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**Shizheng Quan( Jason)** - January 29 at 06:08 PM

SJ

“ Shizheng Quan( Jason) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph A. Greene.



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**Shizheng Quan( Jason)** - January 29 at 06:08 PM



“ Thank you Mr. Greene for being an amazing person and teacher. I am grateful to have had the pleasure of being your student. May God grant his family peace and may he rest with the Lord forever!

Deidra Brown-Gibson  
Regina High School class of 1990. 🧡💚

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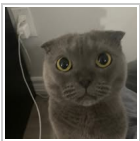
**DY Gibson** - January 29 at 05:17 PM

MZ

“ I can understand all your CAPITAL LETTERS NOW!! Mr. Greene  
十年树木 百年树人，插柳之恩 终生难忘。

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**Monty Zhao** - January 29 at 04:52 PM



“ Hi Mr. Greene. I've been going through my high school photos since your pass, and I wish I took more pictures with you. I just realized I did not take a picture with you when I graduated. I don't know what I was thinking. The first class I had with you was civics and it was amazing. I also remember you took all of us to play basketball during class. Too much memories but no chance to tell you in person anymore. Thankfully I kept in touch with you after I graduated, so no regrets there. I will miss you dearly, my favorite teacher.

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**Weiyuan Song** - January 29 at 04:26 PM

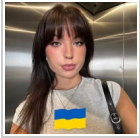
SG

*Sr. Linda Marie Gecewicz*

*I was privileged to be on the faculty with Mr. Joe Greene long enough to have introduced him to Terri his future wife. I will always treasure that and his memory. He was such a good man.*

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**Sr. Linda Marie Gecewicz** - January 31 at 01:41 PM



“ *I was a student in Mr. Greene’s history class in 2018 at AOA. I always appreciated his humor, kindness, patience, and dedication to his students. I am very saddened to hear about his passing and I am grateful to have had the chance to be his student. He will be missed by the AOA community.*

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**Alisa Krivenko** - January 29 at 03:59 PM

JC

“ *I was a student of Mr. Greene's my junior year of high school at AOA. He was an extremely kind, patient, and engaging teacher. I always looked forward to our discussions in AP US History, with his wit, good-humor, and passion making what could have been a dry topic fun and interesting. As the many condolences and well wishes here can attest to, Mr. Greene really cared about his students beyond the classroom as well. I had a difficult medical episode the summer after my junior year, and when Mr. Greene found out, he personally sent me a meal and flowers as I recovered. I've always been very grateful for his kindness and generosity in that moment, and wish I could have repaid him. While I am sad to hear of his passing, I am not surprised to see he left such a positive impact in the lives of many other students, friends, and family members. Thanks for everything Mr. Greene!*

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**Jacob C** - January 29 at 12:55 PM

JS

“ I am reminded that Joe echoed/mirrored the Lord's ways as addressed in Psalm 103 and 145. Joe was gracious, welcoming, good to all, kind, provided, guided and so much more. I worked with Joe at Regina High School and reconnected with him at the Wickliffe Senior Center when I joined there. We both grew up in Erie, Pa. and I would smile and tease him about being a "Preppie" as he graduated from Cathedral Prep there. His smile and happiness, to me, were his hallmark. He helped make the world a better place. Tess & family, wishing you loving memories to forever hold...



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**Joyce Sabo** - January 29 at 11:44 AM

BP

“ Joe has left a tremendous legacy not only in his family, but also in all of the lives he touched. He was kind and patient and strong and we are all better for having known him. My deepest sympathy to his family.

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**Barbara Piscopo** - January 29 at 07:04 AM



PA

“ I volunteered for Joe at the wickliffe senior center. He was a kind gentle soul who always went the extra mile for his seniors. He would know everyone by name and get to know them. You are missed. Rest in peace Joe.

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**pat abramczyk** - January 29 at 06:08 AM

D'

“ *Mr. Greene was just an all around cool person who happened to be an amazing educator for a bunch of teenage girls. He was patient and soft spoken but didn't let us get out of hand. For me, his poise and demeanor spoke louder than words. We were going to get this Government/ History stuff and somehow he made it fascinating to learn. Mr. Greene will be truly missed and will be remembered and embedded in our hearts and Regina High forever!* ☐  

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**Daena Gamble c/o '89** - January 29 at 03:10 AM

AA

“ Mr. Greene....

*How do you say thank you to someone who shaped the very person you are today?*

*Not only a teacher who epitomized patience, humor and intelligence.... but my softball coach for all four wonderful years, especially my senior year 88' when I know you pushed yourself to continue!! The countless game strategies, hours of practice, thousands of ground balls!!! And for those of us lucky enough to be available we got to work on field prep.... which meant hours of raking, weeding, laying chalk lines.... and then play the game!! The softball end of the season parties in the metroparks were legendary!! Shaving cream fights.... creek walks, food and more laughter than you could handle!!*

*The countless hours of playing hoops in the gym and fine-tuning my jumper helped catapult me to a four year college basketball scholarship and dual 2yr softball playing!!*

*Joe... your passion and dedication were infectious to anyone you came into contact with!! As the current Villa Angela Saint Joseph Teacher and Varsity softball coach.... I owe sooo much of my success to you.... and I dedicate this 2026 season to you!! God definitely guided me to find you one last time for our final chance to share some time together.... as always you and your wife were gracious and welcoming, even in your pain and final days. I will carry your lessons and memory with me through every practice and game and in life!! And try to carry on what you taught me.... "To Whom Much is Given.... Much is expected"!!*

*May you rest in peace!!*

*May God have mercy on your soul!!*

*Masses will be said for your intention, and you and your family will remain in my prayers!!*    

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**Ann Duhigg Armen** - January 29 at 12:22 AM

CW

“ *Mr. Greene was patient and kind. He respected and recognized our gifts and friendships. He knew I was chatty and silly in class around Kim Herd, but he also knew she helped me to pass the class, so he never broke up our group. I appreciated that so much and his perfect notes. Thank you Mr. Greene. I am now a teacher. I will be wearing Green and gold for you. Sending prayers to your family. Thank you! Carrie Walsh-Hilf '92*

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**Carrie Walsh-Hilf** - January 29 at 12:04 AM

CP

“ *Regina - Class of '03. I had Mr Greene for History, like so many others. He taught us so many things about life and how to handle the unexpected. He also taught us that you can have differing views and still live in this world harmoniously.*

*I will never forget performing the 12 Pains of Christmas for show choir. Mr. Greene came up to me after the performance and told me how much he enjoyed seeing me damage Christmas lights because putting them on the tree was a struggle.of his year after year. The next day, his Starbucks coffee cup had a sleeve on it about putting up lights. He gave me that sleeve and told me reading it reminded him of me. I still have the sleeve tucked away in my highschool memories.*

*Mr. Greene truly made an impact on many students throughout his life/career. My condolences to the Greene family. Mr. Greene, may you rest in eternal peace.*

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**Cassandra (Laughlin) Pickett** - January 28 at 11:36 PM

JW

“ *What a fantastic teacher. We all loved him. History can be dull, he made it real and engaging. Blessings to your family. Rest in peace, Mr. Greene.*

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**Julia A Wagner** - January 28 at 11:19 PM

KM

“ *I was lucky enough to have Mr. Greene at Regina for Political Science and Economics. He was a great teacher and will be missed. My prayers to his family.*

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**Kelly McGowan** - January 28 at 10:47 PM

A(

“ *RHS- Class of 1999 My condolence and prayers to the Greene Family. Mr. Greene taught us that we can hold different views and still respect, listen to, and care for one another. His impact reached far beyond the classroom, and his lessons will stay with me for life. Rest in peace, and thank you for shaping not just minds, but hearts.*

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**Ayesha Wilcox (Ansari)** - January 28 at 10:47 PM

LD

“ *My condolences to the family. I met Joe when I was volunteering at the Wickliffe Senior Center. He was quite a people person as he made a point to get to know everyone by name. He also never hesitated to deliver meals when a driver didn't show up for their route. He will surely be missed by so many. God Bless*

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**Lois Dyckman** - January 28 at 10:24 PM

MW

“ RHS- Class of 1999. Mr Greene was one of a kind. One of those teachers who educated you while teaching you to think for yourself. His respect for his students and love of education was obvious. I know he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Your family is in my prayers.

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**Miya Woods** - January 28 at 09:58 PM

SS

“ Regina HS Class of 2001. We were so blessed with a teacher like Mr. Greene. Anytime we are reminiscing about HS it always includes, "Remember that one time in history class....." So much of HS is a distant fog now, but I will always remember the kindness of Mr. Greene, he certainly knew how to handle a loud, hormonal, and sometimes feral group of girls. Prayers to his family.

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**Sara Sustarsic** - January 28 at 09:52 PM

SL

“ Prayers of comfort and strength to his entire family. Mr. Greene was fabulous at Regina. He made my day in political science and economics class. I also had the pleasure of working with him as the senior class advisor. The class of 1998 had a dynamic after prom because of Mr Greene 😊. As amazing as he was at school, I'm sure his family and community will feel his absence. My prayer is that his memory lives on in their hearts.

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**Shavonn Lee** - January 28 at 09:47 PM

BW

“ Regina High School, Class of 1995  
Mr. Greene was both my AP History teacher and one of our Senior Class Advisors. He was the Pinky to my Brain and we were determined to take over the world! He truly made a difference in the lives of so many, myself included, and I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace, Mr. Greene - your family is in my heart and my prayers.

Brandy Woods - January 28 at 08:59 PM

AB

“ Regina HS '95 , Mr. Greene was among the most wonderful and engaging teachers I had at Regina. What an amazing life you had and how you touched so many. Rest in peace and prayers for your family.

Aria Bona - January 28 at 08:46 PM

SM

“ Mr. Greene was everyone's favorite teacher. His kindness, patience and humor was unmatched. He really understood kids and had a straight shooter style that won the respect of his students. You can't mention Mr. Greene with Regina students without one of us saying “ he was my favorite teacher”. Sending love and light to family. He will be missed. Sally Graham Morgan.

Sally Morgan - January 28 at 08:45 PM



“ Me. Greene was one of those teachers who's lessons remain with you for life. He was a favorite among our class of 2004. I will forever understand supply and demand as well as how to treat one another with kindness and understanding. He really cares about his students and I hope he knew how much we cared for him. Sending love and hugs to his family.

Monica Benites-Easterly - January 28 at 08:01 PM

I WAS NORMAL  
TWO GOLDEN  
RETRIEVERS AGO

“ *Mr. Greene was a wonderful teacher. He was passionate about teaching, and he made us all better people challenging ourselves and what we thought. He always put the students first and made sure we left his class with more than just knowledge but also a desire to work for a better future. He truly made a difference to so many of us at Regina. -Jennifer Schendel RHS '90*

Jen Schendel - January 28 at 06:24 PM

RO

“ *Regina '86 - Mr. Greene was one of my favorite teachers. He didn't just teach history; he taught life skills. I think about him every year when I do taxes. He taught us that. He made his classes interesting. Today's youth don't get the kind of lifelong lessons that he taught. He made a difference. Rest easy, Mr. Greene.*

Robin - January 28 at 05:26 PM

LS

“ *I had Mr. Green for History. He was a wonderful teacher and made history come to life. He was also very kind. Sounds like a life well lived. Sorry for your loss.*

Leann Sugrue - January 28 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Jane Lonsdale, RHS Class of 2005 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph A. Greene.*



Jane Lonsdale, RHS Class of 2005 - January 28 at 05:14 PM

TM

“ I can not even adequately express the sadness I felt when I heard that Joe had passed away; I had the pleasure to meet & get to know him @ The Wickliffe Senior Center & experience first hand the kindness he extended; He was one of THE nicest people I'd ever met & I always looked forward to seeing him, every day! I found out he had a whippet, Laila, when I brought my whippet & 2 Italian greyhounds in the car, during Covid, to pick up my weekly meals; We often bonded & laughed over our whippet stories & his love for her & Hugo; he often talked about Tess, his wife & his beloved children; my Dad was from PA to & we talked about that; I Always said he reminded me of A Good Shepherd watching out for his sheep, as he watched out for Everyone @ the center & made sure any new people had a person to sit with & never sat alone; his kindness extended to me, personally , calling & checking on me @ home , during times I had extended medical issues, hospitalizations & he made sure I got meals delivered, because he knew I was alone; He was a person I held in very special regard & he was an exemplary person, intelligent, witty & a memorable person; He will be Deeply missed by me & certainly Never forgotten; A man of faith & Christian values; My sympathies go out to his beloved wife, Tess & his children, & sweet Laila, whom I know comforted him during his illness & treatments; Joe was One of a kind, & I Know Jesus welcomed him with open arms & his earthly suffering is over; I will surely miss you, Joe ! Rest Well Good & faithful servant, Well done



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Teri Markel - January 28 at 05:09 PM

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“ Regina alum '97. I hated AP History and decided to try Mr Greene's patience. I would eat in his class, escalating through the year. Yogurt, sandwiches, I even ate an apple. But I think the more egregious was the 2 liter of diet coke. He never said a word. I was not invited back to AP History senior year. Rest easy Mr Greene. And thank you.

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**Kathryn Nolan** - January 28 at 04:29 PM

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*Shylah Everett Class of 1995*  
*In my junior year I received my class schedule and realized that I was 1 credit short of the following year. I spoke to Mr. Greene and he made the necessary changes to my schedule. I was able to graduate on time and I'll forever be grateful to him for making it possible. Thank you and Rest In Peace Mr. Greene.*

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**Shylah Everett** - January 29 at 12:03 AM



“ I never met Joseph I just happened to read this on facebook. I just wanted to say what a beautiful tribute this was. Just from what I read I can tell he was a great man. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Chris Lawrence** - January 28 at 03:42 PM