



Joseph V. Regano

February 14, 1948 - July 5, 2020

Joseph V. Regano, age 72, of Mentor, passed away Sunday, July 5, 2020, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born February 14, 1948, in Cleveland, OH.

Mr. Regano joined the Solon City School District in 1985 and was appointed Superintendent in 1987.

Joe was a 1966 graduate of Warrensville Heights High School in Warrensville Heights, Ohio. He earned a bachelor's degree in business education in 1970 from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, and a master's degree in Educational Administration from Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio in 1975. He taught business in the Euclid City School District and advanced to the central office staff there as Business Manager.

Joe was an avid Cleveland sports fan, with the Indians being his favorite team. He loved spending time with his family and never missed any of his children and grandchildren's events. He loved attending functions in the Solon Schools, especially Solon football games.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years Sandra L. (Kormendi) Regano; children, Jarad (Tiffany) Regano and Jody (Edward) George; 4 grandchildren, Nickolas, Jacob, Vincent, and Eva; brother, Dennis (Penelope) Regano; niece, Rachel

(Jake) Eales; uncle, Richard Regano and cousin, Carol Baker.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents: Anthony and Angeline H. (Castagnolo) Regano.

The family will receive friends 3-7 pm Wednesday, July 8, 2020, and Thursday, July 9, 2020, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. The Regano family is encouraging facemasks to be worn at the funeral home.

The Funeral Mass will be 10:00 am, Friday, July 10, 2020, at St. John Vianney Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor, OH 44060. Please meet at the church.

Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon.

Social distancing is encouraged at all publicly attended events.

To honor Joe's legacy, a memorial scholarship fund has been established. Donations in Joe's memory may be made to the Solon Board of Education – Joseph Regano Scholarship Fund, 33800 Inwood Road, Solon, Ohio 44139.

Offer condolence at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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ajs@brunners.com
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Tribute Wall



“ *Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph V. Regano*



Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center - July 11, 2020 at 01:47 PM

JB

“ *Joe and I were classmates at Warrensville Heights High, class of 1966. In addition to classes, we played with and against each other in Little League. We had wonderful moments in high school and always shared a laugh, no matter what the situation. After we both went off to college, we crossed professional paths on occasion. Then we crossed paths once again as "Grandfathers", attending our grandkids events at St. Mary's School in Mentor. We continued to enjoy a joke or two, but always left each other with a close handshake and a laugh. I offer my deepest condolences to Joe's family and know that both the Mentor community and the Solon school community lost a visionary person. He will be sadly missed by all. Please rest in eternal peace Joe.*

*John N Barkan, Jr
Mentor OH
WHHS Class of '66*

John Barkan - July 22, 2020 at 10:51 AM

G(

“ Dear Family of Mr. Regano:

My name is Ginny Semenchuk (Virginia Scheer) - graduate of Euclid High in 1972. Mr. Regano was my teacher in bookkeeping along with many other festive kids. He was so thoughtful and although I had challenges learning a new type of "math", he had patience with me. After graduation, I was employed using these skills working with accounting and payroll with a new company.

Let's not forget the wonderful encouragement from Mr. Regano's wife, Miss Kormendi. She was my senior year shorthand teacher who with her patience and encouragement got my word per minute up to 120!!!

When everyone learned Miss Kormendi and Mr. Regano were to be married - the entire business class was so happy, and knowing it lasted was something we all knew would come true.

Mrs. Regano, children, and grandchildren. Your husband, father, and grandfather was a wonderful man who I will remember always.

I remember when I made him a scarf of gray and scarlet after I learned he had graduated from The Ohio State University.

With all my prayers.

Ginny Scheer .

Ginny Semenchuk (Scheer) - July 15, 2020 at 03:27 PM

CK

“ Dear Family of Joseph Regano,
Bill and I send our deepest sympathies. Joe was a wonderful,
caring, and competent administrator. He will be missed.
Bill and Cheryl Koza

Cheryl Koza - July 11, 2020 at 09:54 AM

DA

“ I met Joe when I was a member of Solon City Council and a
member of the Television Advisory Committee. We established a
friendship that lasted beyond my Council service. He was as many
have already characterized: someone who filled his position with
zeal, with a genuine concern for others, a friend to all and so on. My
added characterization is that Joe is a great example of a true
gentleman. May he rest in the peace he deserves. My sincere
sympathies, David (Dave) J. Krus

David - July 10, 2020 at 04:10 PM

JJ

“ I was a teacher and coach at Warrensville Heights High School, Joe’s Alma mater. I arrived in 1966 a few months after Joe graduated. Joe is among the many former students who went on to make a difference in their community. Joe made Solon School system one of the best in Ohio and an example for other systems. Since Ohio has been rating school systems you could always count on Solon being ranked one of the top systems in the state. Solon also had a very good athletic program that Joe was very proud of. I had the privilege of coaching Joe’s younger brother Dennis in wrestling at Warrensville Hts. High School. A very fine young man who always gave you his best effort. It is very hard to find a Superintendent who stays with one system for his entire career. Joe had an impact on many young lives of the the Solon students even though he did not have direct contact with them in the classroom. Because of these challenging C19 times we will sadly not be attending the viewing. Our sincere condolences to Joe’s family, friends, coworkers, school and community for this huge loss. John Jr. and Donna Duplay

John Duplay Jr - July 09, 2020 at 07:34 PM

JM

“ John McArthur lit a candle in memory of Joseph V. Regano



John McArthur - July 09, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regano.*



July 09, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ *I had the opportunity to serve the Solon School District a couple times as a consultant searching for administrative employees. My contacts in the above regards as well as my experience working with Joe when I was an Ohio School Council executive have always convinced me of the unusual excellence of his service to Solon as well as the various school administrator associations. He had all of the skills needed to build a great school system.*

Maynard Bauer

Maynard N Bauer - July 08, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ I was one of the lawyers for the Solon BOE during most (not all-- i retired!) of Joe's extraordinary service as the Solon superintendent. A great guy (and fellow Buckeye) but not the best client in my experience because he was just way too good at his job and with people. He never got the Board in trouble through sloppy thinking or lack of preparation. His attention to people and concern for their feelings was exceeded only by his dedication to students and their learning.

I never spent time with Joe where i learned nothing and almost always came away with lessons to apply in other situations. Yet all too often i failed to thank Joe for the received wisdom.

The Solon Schools and Solon community will continue to enjoy he benefits of Joe's work and skills for years to come. My deepest sympathies for Joe's family and friends for this awful loss of his presence and perspectives.

Tim Sheeran (of Squire Sanders)

July 8, 2020

Tim Sheeran - July 08, 2020 at 07:54 PM

KG

“ As part of the Solon schools and community, I will be forever grateful for Mr. Regano's service and commitment. Thank you! I extend my prayers to his family.

Sincerely,

Kurt Gielink



Kurt Gielink - July 08, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regano.*



July 08, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Dear family of Mr. Joseph Regano, Since I was a former colleague of Joe Regano and Sandy Regano in the mid 1960's at Euclid Senior High School in the Business Department, I would like to offer my condolences to his family. Joe Regano had an impeccable reputation throughout his professional career. His death shall be a grave loss to the family as well as to the Solon School District--in addition to all who knew him: students, faculty, friends, and family members. Sincere condolences from Toni & Dennis Rash & family*

Toni & Dennis Rash - July 08, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ *The Mazzolini family , Solon, Dan, Anna , Sonny and Mike met Joe in 1983. Rooted for him to be Super, had to wait for the promoted gal to go however, we chatted many times. He was the leader of the team and he was REAL good at it. That school board starting 1985 ish can't get enough, they stuck together, gotta die to get out. Joe's organizing his next team and they'll all join him I'm sure. RIP.*

dan mazzolini - July 08, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regano.*



July 08, 2020 at 08:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regano.*



July 08, 2020 at 12:09 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regano.*



July 07, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ *Sandy,
So sorry to hear of your loss. It is a devastating experience, especially after many years together. Please take some solace in the many memories the two of you made and you family together. I will pray for peace for you. Condolences to all of your family.
Your old friend,
Barbara Bohinc Costello*

Barbara Bohinc Costello - July 07, 2020 at 06:09 PM

KH

“ *Sandy and family, my heart aches for your loss. I am so very sorry. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Hugs and love,
Kathy & Steve Hryb*

Kathy Hryb - July 07, 2020 at 12:16 PM

PT

“ *How blessed Solon School System was to have Joe as their leader. He will be remembered as an outstanding person and administrator.*

Our sincere sympathy to the Regano family.

Kathy and Phil Tuttle

Phil and Kathy Tuttle - July 07, 2020 at 11:15 AM

CC

“ *Joe was a compassionate caring man. His dedication to the Solon School System was to be admired. He will be sorely missed by many. Joe cared about people as individuals. Condolences to all the Regano family members.
Carol and Glen Caroff*

Carol Caroff - July 07, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regano.*



July 07, 2020 at 08:25 AM

JS

“ Joe was passionate about the Solon Schools and making sure the right decisions were made to make it an excellent school district. All of the resources he had set up at each school made it so that the students could succeed. I owe a lot to him for the education I received growing up.

Joe was also one of the biggest Solon football fans. I serve as the play-by-play announcer for Solon Educational TV on football broadcasts and would always see Joe in the pressbox....until the fourth quarter. Joe loved being on the field for the fourth quarter especially if it was a close game. I will miss our chats in the pressbox prior to the games and it won't feel the same without him.

Thanks to all that he provided to the Solon Schools and beyond!

Jeff Sabo

Jeff Sabo - July 07, 2020 at 07:12 AM

JK

“ Joe was a role model for superintendents. He balanced work and family. He was a great human being. May he rest in peace.,

Jim Knapp - July 06, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regano.



July 06, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph V. Regano.



July 06, 2020 at 08:06 PM