



DR. JOSEPH A. KOZLOWSKI

June 16, 1962 - November 27, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE: SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2024, AT 11:30 AM AT
HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 26640 GREENFIELD ROAD, OAK PARK,
MI 48237

*THE CHAPEL SERVICE WILL BE WEBCAST AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
WATCH AT THE START OF THE SERVICE*

Dr. Joseph (Joe) Kozlowski, 62, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on the evening of November 27th, 2024. Born in Detroit, Michigan, Joe was a man of exceptional intellect, boundless humor, and – most of all – unwavering devotion to his family and loved ones.

He had the good fortune of being raised by Edith and Marvin, both Holocaust survivors, who cultivated a warm and loving home life. After surviving unimaginable darkness, Joe's arrival was a symbol of renewal and hope for his parents, a joyful light that brightened their path forward. From Edith and Marvin, Joe inherited the foundational values that would shape his life: an unwavering commitment to family, a deep love for learning, and the belief that spirited debates—always with respect—were a sign of love and connection. His older sister Ruth soon became his best friend, constantly doting on him and helping to feed, bathe, and tuck him in at night. Despite being 10 years

older, Jay and Joe shared a special bond, always playful with one another. Naturally, Joe admired Jay's wisdom and athleticism—little did he know that, with time, Jay would graciously concede that Joe had bested him in both.

Joe attended Michigan State University for his undergraduate degree, where he met his wife, Jill, after lending her his notes for their Statistics class. They kindled a friendship that blossomed into a loving relationship. They dated throughout their 20s, overcoming long-distance as Joe went on to graduate from Wayne State University School of Medicine before completing his medical residency at the University of Minnesota and his fellowship training at the University of Kentucky. Throughout his decades-long medical career, he was a well-respected radiologist, specializing in neuroradiology. He worked tirelessly to ensure the best care for his patients while still prioritizing time with his family.

Joe and Jill went on to have a beautiful family: first Julia, then Max, and finally Ben. He emphasized kindness and curiosity, two values he instilled in his children at a young age. When it came to academics, he was always a second teacher outside of the classroom, providing impromptu math lessons on the car rides to and from school. Outside of class, he would support his children's interests to the fullest degree, coaching sports teams and chauffeuring them to a staggering number of extracurricular activities.

Joe adored his children and bragged about them to everyone who would listen. Julia picked up his stethoscope at a young age, igniting the spark that she should later become a physician as well. Max inherited his fast math and quick thinking, always challenging his sports prognostications. Ben inherited Joe's gift for asking thoughtful, probing questions that gently peeled back the layers to get to the heart of any matter—an approach that reflected both their curiosity and care for their family.

He is survived by his wife, Jill; his children, Julia (Alex Marques), Max, and Ben; his brother, Jay (Renee); and his sister, Ruth. Joe's memory will forever inspire those who knew him to live fully and love deeply. He was predeceased by his adoring parents, Edith and Marvin Kozlowski, his only surviving grandparent, Max, and his sister-in-law Linda Kozlowski.

INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park
33230 Gratiot Ave
Clinton Twp. MI 48035

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi J. Krakoff

SHIVA:

Shiva is observed through Monday night.

Services at 6 PM.

Visitors are welcome from 5 PM through 8 PM at the home of

Jay and Renee Kozlowski

3922 Maple Hill East

West Bloomfield MI 48323

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

Joseph Kozlowski

you may do so by making a contribution to:

American Cancer Society

P.O. Box 6704

Hagerstown, MD 21741

1-800-227-2345

or

Holocaust Memorial Center

28123 Orchard Lake Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

248-553-2400

www.holocaustcenter.org

Cemetery Details

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

33230 Gratiot
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

FUNERAL

DEC 1. 11:30 AM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel
26640 Greenfield Rd
Oak Park, MI 48237
(248) 543-1622
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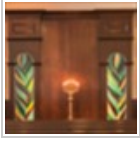
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Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of DR. JOSEPH A. KOZLOWSKI



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - November 29, 2024 at 05:15 PM

VH

Sorry to hear of Joe's passing at such a young age. He was a great guy and friend to us. Prayers for the family to cope and heal with such a heavy loss. My condolences.

vida hartz - December 01, 2024 at 01:30 PM

GP

"I met Joe in Junior HS and we were friends through HS. I heard much about Joe's love for sports, which I can shed some light. We talked in school and on phone about sports a LOT. He also shared with me his secret on how to watch the most sports on the evening news. He would tell me to watch NBC sports first & when completed, switch to CBS, and then once that sports was over then to ABC sports. This way, I could maximize my sports news watching. I will say that I kind of still do this."

Glenn A. Pulice - December 07, 2024 at 03:02 PM

DA

“ I was so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. Koz and I shared many great times growing up in Southfield together. Long before we had our driver's licenses we would ride our bikes and meet up at Duns Scotus for a round of tennis then head back to Joe's house where Mrs. K would feed us lunch while Mr. K would be working hard in the basement doing his tailoring gig. While in High School our tennis days continued together as members of the Varsity Tennis Team. Eventually, we both ended up at MSU with Koz living in Brody Hall at the opposite end of the campus from where I lived. We continued our long time friendship as we took pre-med classes together with both of us entering Medical School together at Wayne. Lots of fond memories of those years. Koz, you will be missed.

*Rest in peace. Your old pal that you affectionally referred to as:
"Orange Meadow"*

Danny Applefield

Danny Applefield - December 16, 2024 at 04:50 PM

BS

“ Joe and I met as freshmen at Michigan State. We became fast friends and roommates for our remaining years in East Lansing, and we maintained a close connection even though we never lived in the same state after graduation. What a joy and privilege to share his friendship for nearly 45 years. From the earliest days, Joe always made me feel welcome in his family, as did Ruthie, Jay, their wonderful parents, and later his beautiful bride Jill. My wife Nancy, and I were honored to have him as the Best Man at our wedding, and we joyfully attended Joe and Jill's nuptials a few years later. We enjoyed watching their kids grow, and the pride that they instilled in him. Nancy and I love Joe, Jill and their children. We admired his fierce loyalty to his family and friends, his deep devotion and love for his family and his dedication to his work, which certainly saved many more lives than he will ever know. Joe was kind, generous, brilliant and so much fun to be around. He had a great laugh and was forever loyal to the Spartans. We miss him, and we'll never forget him. His family remains important to us, and we will enjoy reminiscing about him with Jill and their kids for years to come. Rest in Peace my great friend. Until we meet again...

Bill Shores



Bill Shores - December 16, 2024 at 02:19 AM

SD

“ I loved Joe. He was good people. He was always friendly, outgoing, and caring. I was blessed to know Joe from High School and BBYO days. His easy going manner and solid athleticism were endearing to our group of friends. He played shortstop on our AZA team (Beber). Though we didnt talk or see each other a lot after high school, it was always meaningful to catch up with Joe. He will be missed by all those who had the privelage to know him!

Steve Dines - December 12, 2024 at 07:12 PM

KW

“ I took care of both of Joe’s patents. Joe was truly a remarkable person. Although I didn’t see him often every time he called the house he always took the time to talk with me. Always asking how my son was doing at MSU{his alma mater). Always giving sound advice for anything MSU related. He was a kind and loving son with truly the best parts of Marvin and Edith. I will miss our MSU convos
 

Kim Wheeler - December 12, 2024 at 08:00 AM

GR

“ It truly was a shock to learn about the passing of Joe, my oldest friend. Having met when we were about seven years old, Joe was always a constant reassuring presence in my life. Early on, Joe introduced me to the world of baseball, which subsequently led to saving my pennies and the purchase of a package of Topps baseball trading cards for a dime, and Joe was always a willing partner when it came to swapping cards. Joe subsequently became my baseball little league foil and encouraged me when I had little talent for the sport. After we graduated high school, Joe introduced me to "the coach's pass", which was a discounted general admission ticket to seeing the struggling Detroit Tigers play at the old stadium. As the Detroit Tigers fortune changed, an enduring memory was our baseball highlight spent along with his brother, Jay, which was watching the Tigers win the 1984 World Series in person. Joe was generous enough to give me an extra ticket he had for the clinching World Series game, which speaks to his character. Later in his professional life it was always a pleasure to stop in and visit Joe in south Fl and catch up with how proud he was of his three children. Joe always made it a point to reach out to me on my birthday, including at the very end of his life he made it a point to ask how I was doing. It truly was my pleasure and honor to have known Joe and to have considered him a friend.
Glenn Rudner

Glenn A Rudner - December 10, 2024 at 08:20 PM

RE

“ Joe was a terrific person. He was extremely smart and lived for his family. During high school, college and post college, i admired his relationship with his parents and the respect that he showed them. Joe was competitive and loved sports, both playing and attending games. He also shared a passion at that time in our lives- going to the Harness Race Track. We would go for a couple races and try to win money that we could use later buying drinks at our favorite bars. My thoughts and prayers are with Joe's family.

Rick Ellis - December 10, 2024 at 03:45 PM

RW

“ Having first met Joe when we were kids, I truly got to know him when we served as residents together. He was a dedicated and skilled physician, who cared about our patients, and took pride in his work. He will be remembered as a man who cared about other people. His family meant everything to him, and he demonstrated his love and devotion to them on a daily basis. May his memory be for a blessing.

Rob Weinfeld - December 10, 2024 at 08:40 AM

EG

“ Dr. ‘Joey’ Kozlowski, Joey and Joe that’s what I heard from his mother, Edith and Ruthie his sister. Jay, Would say ‘ Joe! , then Jay would go into the bathroom forever to study and do homework. All from the corners of Ruthie’s bedroom I could hear when I would visit. :).

As life goes on , time separates us , but the love I hold for all of you is true and lives on .

Joey, you lived a life so full, How proud I am to know you had a wonderfully full life, you lived it to the fullest! Following your siblings footsteps in the medical world , having a beautiful wife (Jill)and three amazing adult children.

Never knew you were such a big sports fan. Engaged in your kids lives growing up all the special things you did until the end.

Ruthie just loved you and held you close to her heart always, but Ruth you do with all your nieces and nephews and Jay as well.

Mom and dad did an amazing job raising you Jay, Ruth and Joe. The love for each other is felt immediately when entering your home Jay and Renee.

Joe is so missed already, but , he’s around and watching with you parents, Ruth and Jay and family.

*Wishing you peace and amazing memories always, Love ,
Elaine Guttenberg.*

Elaine Guttenberg - December 08, 2024 at 03:43 PM

RJ

“ I am so sorry that I will no longer be able to talk with Joe. I well remember when we were children and he would sleep over at my house quite often. He was really more like the younger brother I never had than my cousin. Such memories! Then, later on, I visited him every year for over 15 years in Florida. I watched his three children grow up and saw firsthand how wonderful a father he was. Such a kind and thoughtful person he was. He will be truly missed.

Richard Joyrich - December 08, 2024 at 01:04 PM

CR

“ I really didn't know Joe that well. I first met him when he was about 7 years old, when I would come Ruthie's house. Of course, he always wanted to be where we were. Just like a typical little brother. The next time I saw him was maybe 45 years later. What do you know? Joe was a married adult, with children of his own. I only just blinked!! I had "re-met" Joe, at Jay and Renee's home when Edith's z"l cousin, Esther and her daughter Gali , had come from Israel. Joe had an easygoing demeanor and a great sense of humor.

Although he struggled with his own health, he did not want to worry his mother, of blessed memory. He did his best to hide what was happening to himself in her presence. From hearing his family eulogize him at the funeral and shiva, it was abundantly clear just how much he valued family and how attentive he was to them. It was lovely to hear that as an adult and parent, how playful he was and how romantic he was to his wife.

His life was way too short, but he left a legacy of love, warmth, playfulness and laughter.

Carol Raznik - December 07, 2024 at 08:38 PM

AH

“ I’ met Joe in medical school almost 40 years ago and we’ve been great friends ever since. He lived close by my parents in Florida, so I got to see him most years when I visited Florida, which was great. As everybody that knows Joe is already aware, he was so smart, kind, funny, athletic, and such a great family man. His family and friends were always so important to him. I was shocked and saddened to hear the news last week. I wish that we would have seen each other and or spoke more often recently. I am grateful, however, that I had him as such a close friend for the 40 years.

Alan Hartz - December 06, 2024 at 03:11 PM

JL

“ Was so sad to hear about this. He was such a kind and smart guy. His family was always what he mentioned during every conversation. May his memory be a blessing.

Jonathan Liss - December 02, 2024 at 09:20 AM