



Joseph Anthony Baney

September 8, 1945 - May 19, 2023

Joseph Anthony Baney, born on September 8, 1945, in Swissvale, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully at home on Friday May 19, 2023 with his wife, Olean at his side. He was the son of Mary Ciccarelli and was preceded in death by his mother, as well as his numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, his step-son Lewis J Lucarelli, and his grandson Nicholas Lucarelli.

Joe is survived by his unwaveringly devoted wife of 47 years, Mary Olean McGeever Baney, who remained steadfastly by his side through every challenge and triumph. He is also survived by his step-sons Michael Lucarelli (Susan), Nicholas Lucarelli (Patty), son Joseph Baney, and his cherished grandsons: Carson Lucarelli, Adam Lucarelli (Kaitlin), Austin Lucarelli, Michael Lucarelli, Jimmy Falotovich, John Lucarelli, Anthony Baney, and granddaughter Nicole Gogolsky. He is also survived by his great-grandsons Enzo Lucarelli, Gianni Lucarelli, and Luke Gogolsky. Joe's heart was open wide to all who knew him, and he also leaves behind a loving extended family, including Nick Pascarella, Rosalie Small, and Pat & Gil Champion. Lastly, Joe found a special place in his heart for his "chosen grandson", Vincent Vinasco.

Joe Baney had a way of making strangers feel like old friends with his warm smile and genuine interest. He never hesitated to lend a hand or a listening ear to anyone who needed it. But behind his gentle demeanor was a fierce competitor who loved a challenge and never gave up on his goals.

A testament to his passion for sports, Joe served as the owner-manager for the Maroadi Transfer softball team, leading them to multiple national championships in tournaments across the United States. His softball coaching leadership extended to the Gregg Security softball team as well, where he also achieved several national championships in the USSSA & ASA Class A softball leagues. Joe's exceptional achievements and contributions to the sport were recognized with his induction into the Softball Hall of Fame, an honor that celebrated his outstanding success.

In memory of Joe Baney, his family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). Joe's family extends profound gratitude for the care provided by Deb M, Pam O, Mary Sue D and Sue Ann Ps as well the doctors, nurses and other health care providers at Allegheny Health Network (AHN) Forbes hospital and the AHN hospice care provided during his care at home

Joseph Anthony Baney will be sorely missed by all whose lives he touched. His infectious smile & laughter, unwavering generosity, and competitive drive will forever be remembered. May his soul find eternal peace, and may his memory continue to inspire acts of kindness and compassion among those who knew and loved him.

Friends and family will be received from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. Everyone will gather at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Friday for a blessing service. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Blessing Service

MAY 26. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Anthony Baney*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Joe was a great person and a softball aficionado..I was honored to play against his teams and actually was an associate coach for him a few seasons ago..We had a great team and he always treated me with respect ..He remains in my heart.. Rest With God*

C.R.Hackett - June 02, 2023 at 01:30 PM

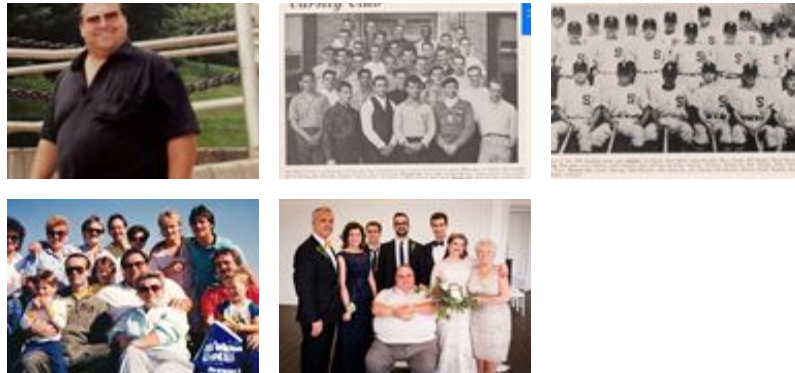


“ *Joe was the rare guy who lived his life by his own terms. He was kind, generous and funny. I loved his laugh. He was great dad to Mike, Jimmy & Terry & a great husband to Olean.*

Jeff "Tege" Domenick - May 30, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *80 files added to the album Life Tributes*



William Snyder Funeral Home - May 24, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Baney.*



May 24, 2023 at 05:48 AM



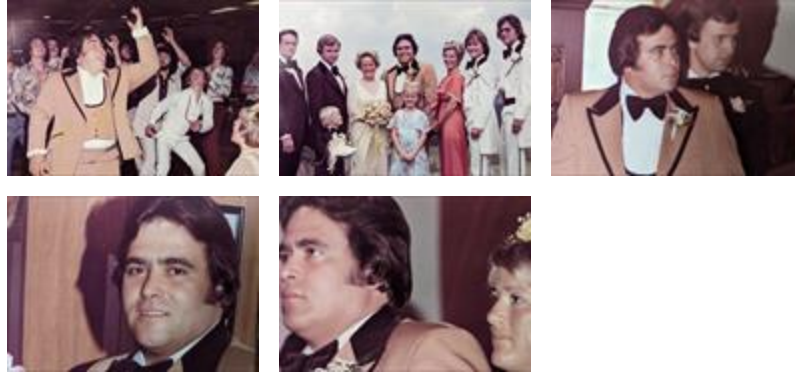
“ *Joe and Olean, along with Mike, Jimmy and Terry, welcomed me into their home at a difficult time of my life. I distinctly remember how I was always treated like family by each and every one of them. They were not just friends, but more like a surrogate family. I will forever be grateful for the kindness and compassion I was shown by these kind people. Joe's big heart, along with his infectious laugh and magnetic personality, was the reason you had to like Joe once you met him. A lot of people may not have known this, but Joe was a very good athlete himself when he was younger. He gradually drifted into the managerial direction as he got older which he loved as much as actually playing the game. Joe was successful in whichever direction he chose to go in life. He is a prime example of someone who started out with nothing, but then rose well above the norm. He will always be remembered as a dear friend who loved life. R.I.P. Joe and thanks again!*

Ron Meigs - May 23, 2023 at 08:29 AM



Michael
Lucarelli

“ More pictures of Joe with family & friends at his wedding to Mary Olean McGeever on 17 July 1976



Michael Lucarelli - May 21, 2023 at 07:15 PM

PB

“ A true legend and icon in the softball world. I am so glad I got to spend part of my softball life with Joe. Always treated me with respect as he did with all his players. I know he is using the 5 man infield in heaven. RIP Joe.
Pat Benzing

Pat Benzing - May 21, 2023 at 11:34 AM



Michael
Lucarelli

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Michael Lucarelli - May 21, 2023 at 10:20 AM


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Lucarelli

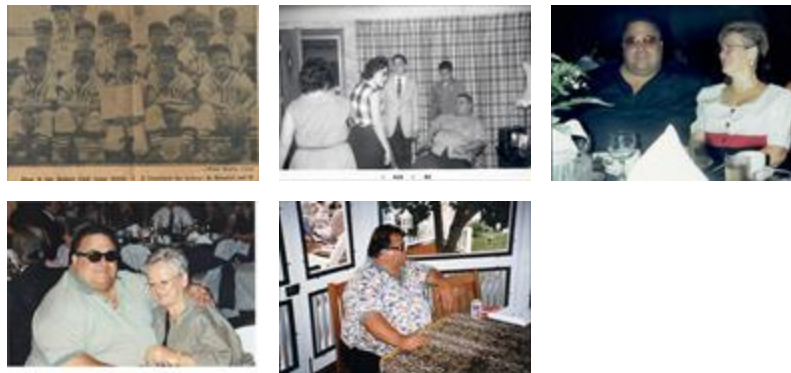
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Michael Lucarelli - May 21, 2023 at 10:19 AM

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“ 8 files added to the album *Some old photos of Cousin Joey I'd like to share*



Mike Pascarella - May 20, 2023 at 11:05 PM

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“ I met Joe when I was 39 years old. I was asked to play in the 40+ tournament in Uniontown. I was told that Joe was coming to watch us play and after that I played for Joe in many state, national and world tournaments. I am proud to say that we won almost everyone of them. Joe was a very special person. Kind and generous, not only in the game of softball, but in life. I learned a lot around Joe and our gang of players. Joe will be missed in the softball world as well as in my life. Love you Joe and thank you for everything

Dan Isaacs

USA-ASA District 10 Commissioner

And dear friend

Daniel Isaacs - May 20, 2023 at 07:41 PM