



Joseph Patrick Branosky

March 17, 1945 - January 15, 2026

Joseph Patrick Branosky, lovingly known as Jerry or Joe, age 80, of Carneys Point, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2026, surrounded by his devoted family and care team.

Born in Paulsboro, New Jersey, Joe was raised with strong values that guided him throughout his life. He attended St. James High School and graduated from Paulsboro High School in June of 1963. Shortly thereafter, he answered the call to serve his country, enlisting in the United States Army. Joe was stationed in Germany and bravely served in Vietnam from January 1966 to January 1967. His dedication to service continued for 27 years with the U.S. Army National Guard.

Upon returning home, Joe built a life rooted in hard work, learning, and a commitment to serving others. He was employed as a welder at the Texaco Refinery in Westville, New Jersey, for 18 years before turning his passion for the trades into a calling as an educator. Joe taught at the Burlington County Institute of Technology for 21 years, positively impacting countless students. He retired in June of 2007.

A lifelong learner, Joe earned an Associate Degree from Gloucester County College in December 1976, a Bachelor of Science from Glassboro State University in May 1990, and a Master of Education from Wilmington College in May 1995. His commitment to education extended beyond the classroom, as he later served as President of the Alumni Association of Wilmington College. Joe was a devoted member of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Carneys

Point, where his faith remained an important part of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Claire (Gerard) Branosky, and his beloved brother, Stephen Branosky.

Joe leaves behind his cherished wife of 55 years, Sandra (Bonta) Branosky; his brothers Michael, Andrew, and John; his daughter Natalie; his sons Joel (Bernadette Ulissi), Nathan (Rose Billone), and Evan (Sarah Roache); and his treasured grandchildren Brendan, Gianna, Bernard, and Iris. He will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his service to his country, his love of teaching, and the quiet strength with which he lived his life.

Services will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Corpus Christi Church, located at 369 Georgetown Road, Carneys Point, NJ 08069. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Burial will take place at the Salem County Veterans Cemetery, located at 719 NJ Route 45, Pilesgrove, NJ 08098.

Cemetery Details

Salem County Veterans Cemetery

719 NJ-45
Pilesgrove, NJ 08069

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish- Corpus Christi RC Church
369 Georgetown Rd.
Carneys Point, NJ 08069
(856) 299-3833

Mass

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Sandy - so sorry for your loss - just now read this - we have been praying for him in church for awhile..prayers for you and family - we shared going to daily mass at St. Gabes - he will be missed - love to all...jeanette spencer

jeanette spencer - January 29 at 03:55 PM

MM

“ Sandy
I was so saddened to hear about Jerry's passing. Growing up with him was such a special part of my life. I will always cherish the memories of Little League, playing 2 hand touch football at the Water Works, playing football for PHS, all the awesome times we had in high school, and just hanging out.
I am sending you my deepest condolences to you and your family.
Rest in Peace old friend.
Mickey Mower

Mickey Mower - January 26 at 02:55 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Joseph Patrick Branosky.



January 25 at 03:23 PM

RC

“ I haven't seen Joe for quite awhile, but he was a friend I will always remember with fondness. I met Joe when he attended St. James. He was very intelligent, extremely witty and great fun to be with. He was a very patriotic American as attested by his military service. He loved his family and to Sandy and the children and grandchildren I want to offer my sincere condolences.
Raymond Cipolla



Ray Cipolla - January 23 at 12:03 PM

BW

Ray Joe was a good friend during his years at PHS. He went by JB then. When you were with him you were always entertained. Ben a long time since our days in Gibbstown. Hope you are well

Bob Wilson - January 25 at 01:39 PM

KC

“ Thinking of his family... neighbor many years ago & PHS grad. Forevermore remembered... Wonderful family, community minded, and was a pleasure to be a block away... Kathryn Ridinger, Clarksboro.

Kathryn Ridinger Clement - January 22 at 06:55 PM

MD

“ Mike and Lucy DeMario purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Patrick Branosky.



Mike and Lucy DeMario - January 21 at 11:55 AM

MD

“ Mike and Lucy DeMario planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Patrick Branosky.

Mike and Lucy DeMario - January 21 at 11:55 AM

LE

“ Sandy and Family, What an amazing man! Russ and I have so many great (and very funny) memories of Joe. It was an honor to know him...a true honor. Love, Russ and Lee

Lee - January 20 at 03:37 PM

BE

To Sandy and Family, This is Cissie Etter (Bernadette) I was sharing with my sister Dorothy and relating a little story which happened when Joe was 3 or 4 yrs old. My dear mother loved Joe. They were at a swimming pond and my Mom was backstroking with Joe on her legs which were straight out in the water. She loved young Joe. And when you love someone you love them for the rest of your life. Many prayers for all. God blesses Us and He's as close as your heart. Peace 🕊️🕊️

Bernadette - January 21 at 07:24 PM

JD

“ Jim D. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Patrick Branosky.



Jim D. - January 20 at 11:36 AM

LM

“ Love, Patrick and Eva McKenna purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph Patrick Branosky.



Love, Patrick and Eva McKenna - January 19 at 01:49 PM

LM

“ Love, Patrick and Eva McKenna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Patrick Branosky.

Love, Patrick and Eva McKenna - January 19 at 01:49 PM

LF

“ Love, Janet Brush and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Patrick Branosky.



Love, Janet Brush and family - January 18 at 09:49 PM

LF

“ Love, Janet Brush and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Patrick Branosky.

Love, Janet Brush and family - January 18 at 09:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph Patrick Branosky.*



January 18 at 04:53 PM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Joseph Patrick Branosky.*



January 18 at 01:18 PM



“ *We extend our deepest sympathies to the entire Branosky family at this sad time. The town of Paulsboro and indeed many other towns will miss him dearly. The legacy of Joe, and his family, will live forever in the hearts of those who knew him. A solid fixture for many years in Paulsboro and leaving all of us with lasting good memories. Thank you Jerry for your service to this country and God Bless you and the Branosky family now and forever.*
Jane and David Dolan

David Dolan - January 18 at 10:29 AM