



## JOSEPH E. COMINOLLI

May 24, 1951 - January 8, 2026

Joseph E. Cominolli, 74, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2026. Joe spent his formative years as a proud member of the Tyrolean community of Solvay, NY. Highly educated, he was a graduate of Solvay High School and earned an AAS in Criminal Justice from Onondaga Community College, a BS in Applied Science from Le Moyne College, and a Master of Public Administration from the world-renowned Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

Joe served as a sergeant with the Syracuse City Police Department, beginning his 25-year career in the Crime Control Unit and working administratively with 5 chiefs of police. He retired in 1995 as chief firearms instructor.

Upon leaving the force, Joe devoted his life to pursuing his passion as a gunsmith and advocating for gun safety. He held two U.S. patents: the Frame Saver Guide Rod System for 1911-style pistols and a frame-mounted safety for the GLOCK pistol. He was a proud member of the prestigious American Pistolsmiths Guild and The American Handgunner 100.

In his spare time, he enjoyed vacationing with his family in the Adirondacks, hunting, making polenta, spoiling his dog (Gus), and leaving parties as early as humanly possible.

Joe is survived by his wife of 34 years, Mary (Barletta); his sons, Erik (Jenny Dickinson) and Michael (Elizabeth); three grandchildren, Isabel, Nathaniel, and Oliver Cominolli; his sister, Sarah (Stephen) Chauncey; his niece,

Julianna Chauncey Johnston; and his nephew, Charlie Chauncey.

Joe took great pride in his sons and daughters-in-law and loved his grandchildren deeply.

He was predeceased by his mother, Dalcisa (Chemotti) Tarolli; his father, Major Cominolli; and his sister, Rita Cominolli.

Family and friends may call Monday January 12, 2026 from 9:00 – 10:15 AM at St. Marianne Cope Parish – St. Cecilia Church, 1001 Woods Rd. Solvay, NY 13209. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30 AM. Joseph will be laid to rest in Assumption Cemetery, Syracuse.

In lieu flowers, donations may be made in his memory to The Food Bank of CNY – [foodbankcny.org](http://foodbankcny.org). Please share online memories and tributes at [www.bagozzitwins.com](http://www.bagozzitwins.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Assumption Cemetery

2401 Court St.  
Syracuse, NY 13208  
(315) 454-3841

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 12. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

ST. MARIANNE COPE PARISH; ST. CECILIA CHURCH  
1001 WOODS RD.  
SOLVAY, NY 13209

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

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1001 WOODS RD.  
SOLVAY, NY 13209

# Tribute Wall



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of JOSEPH E. COMINOLLI.



January 11 at 05:51 PM



“ Northville Central School Board planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOSEPH E. COMINOLLI.

**Northville Central School Board** - January 11 at 05:51 PM



“ Dear Sarah and family, I'm so sorry about Joe's passing. I feel like I knew him through you and the times I spent at your house growing up, yet I didnt know him at all. Just one of our older siblings. But we always remember them, don't we?? I'm so sad for you, and Joey's family as well. I pray your memories carry you through the hard times. Love, Patti Armani Tuoti

**Patti Tuori** - January 11 at 08:13 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of JOSEPH E. COMINOLLI.



January 10 at 11:53 AM

AH

“ Agilon Health planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOSEPH E. COMINOLLI.

Agilon Health - January 10 at 11:53 AM

DG

“ Dear Cominolli Family, I am very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I remember how kind he was to my father, Rudy, when he would stop by to say hello and bring him an Italian bread. He was very thoughtful and caring. May he rest in peace with his loved ones.

Diana Capella Guilford - January 10 at 08:38 AM

GC

“ Alla famiglia Cominolli - Le mie più sincere condoglianze per la scomparsa di JOSEPH. Conci Giovanni. Italia



Giovanni Conci - January 10 at 04:34 AM

JC

“ To the Cominolli Family \_ My sincere condolences to you on Joe's passing. He was the best gunsmith SPD ever had. I am a beneficiary of his superior knowledge and craftsmanship in that arena. His quiet demeanor and penchant for learning made him an efficient and valued member of SPD. His undercover work in the Organized Crime Division (which preceded his CCT assignment) gave him a solid start to urban policing. RIP Joe

John Corbett - Lt. (Ret) SPD

John Corbett - January 10 at 12:35 AM

TJ

“ To the Cominoilli family my condolences! Sarge was an awesome guy, helped me greatly with firearm instruction and especially when we turned over from 38caliber guns to automatics. He was always there to answer any questions you had and help you needed. He was definitely one of the good guys. It was a pleasure to work with him and may he RIP. 🙏🙏🙏💙

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**Terrilee TL Johnson** - January 09 at 04:28 PM

LA

“ Dear Cominolli Family,

*Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

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**LeMoyne College Office of Alumni** - January 09 at 03:56 PM

MT

“ *"Mary and family, I'm deeply sorry for the loss of Joe. He was a good man who will be truly missed, and my heart goes out to all of you during this difficult time."*

*Mike Toia*

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**Mike Toia** - January 09 at 01:56 PM

JM

*Mary and family, I am saddened to hear of Joey's passing. He had a great smile and would look you in the eyes when talking. He helped me out on the PD and we became fast friends. Whenever I spoke with or thought about him, I would smile.*

*Let the wonderful memories you have to give you strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

*God Bless,*

*John*

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**John Marcon** - January 09 at 02:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of JOSEPH E. COMINOLLI.*



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January 09 at 01:32 PM

FG

“ *FamilyCare Medical Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOSEPH E. COMINOLLI.*

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**FamilyCare Medical Group** - January 09 at 01:32 PM

TE

“ *Joe was a great man. He was always calm and professional. A true role model that helped make the SPD one of the best. He had a great sense of humor. He loved his guns and he could answer any questions you might have. So sad that he left us so soon. RIP Joe*

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**Tim Erwin** - January 09 at 01:27 PM

CP

“ *Mike and Erik,  
So sorry to read about your father's passing.  
Thinking of you and your families during this  
difficult time.*



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**Cherie and Jim Putnam** - January 09 at 12:45 PM



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**BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** - January 09 at 10:28 AM