



## JOSEPH R. MARKO

May 16, 1951 - September 7, 2022

Joseph R. Marko, 71, of Lakeland, passed away Wednesday September 7th at home surrounded by his family. My warrior, our hero, and hater of all things Parkinson's Disease. Loving father to Charissa ("Mariah Heap", "The Heapster"), Joey ("Jo-Bo", "Jo-Boaster") and devoted husband to Joanie has lost his fight. Joe was a lifelong resident of the Solvay/Lakeland area and graduate of Solvay High School. He and "Mr. Camp" were best friends as he was always in the Principal's office. He was an avid fan of all S.U. sports, his beloved NY Yankees and Buffalo Bills. He loved his family unconditionally, including his puppy, Jake. Joe retired from Carrier Corp. after 30 years upon learning of this horrific Parkinson's Disease diagnosis. He loved working, but you better stay back when he was driving his fork lift! He wanted to get home, sit by the pool and have a nice cold beer. Joe was always the hit of the party. This disease took so much from him, but he fought like hell to the bitter end. Never once complaining or saying "poor me"! Joe was predeceased by his parents Joseph & Elizabeth (Betty) Marko.

He is survived by his loving wife and caregiver Joan (Wells) Marko, daughter, Charissa (Jim Foley), son, Joseph (Andrea Miller), 3 granddaughters, Ateya Marko Nicole Mirra and Corrine Miller, his brother, Mike (Heidi), sister-in-law, Diane Micho, brother-in-law, Dennis (Julie) Wells, sister-in-law, Pam (John) Mooney, brother-in-law, Keith (Lisa) Wells and several family members.

The family wishes to thank the St. Camillus aides, nurses and therapists, Sue & Jeff for their compassionate care.

Family and friends may call from 4:00 PM–7:00 PM Monday, September 12th at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Ave. Solvay, NY. Funeral Services will be conducted 9:30 AM Tuesday, September 13th at the funeral home. The Rite of Committal and burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Lakeland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Empower Parkinson CNY at [www.parkinsoncny.org](http://www.parkinsoncny.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Please share online memories and tributes at [www.bagozzitwins.com](http://www.bagozzitwins.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery-Lakeland

Corner of Lawrence and Beach Roads  
Lakeland, NY

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME  
2601 Milton Avenue  
Solvay, NY 13209  
info@bagozzitwinsfh.com  
<http://www.bagozzitwins.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP 13. 9:30 AM (ET)

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of JOSEPH R. MARKO*



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**BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** - September 09, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *JOSEPH R. MARKO*

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January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Dear Joanie Joey and Charissa my heartfelt condolences to you and your whole family. Thanks to Joe I have many great memories of the time we spent together as young kids. He went on to be a great example of how a man should spend his life. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather and his family always came first. Although Joe had many obstacles in his life I never once heard him complain or feel sorry for himself. I regret that I can't be there with you to celebrate Joe's life. May God bless Joe for the person that he was. Jimmy D.*

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**Jim Delia** - September 12, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ *First met Joe back to the Country Inn softball team . Sorry to lose a team member.*

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**Joseph Antczak** - September 12, 2022 at 12:12 PM

HV

“ Uncle Joe was loved by so many people, and he meant something special to everyone. My father told me countless stories about how he and uncle Joe would go into the Syracuse Bowl. Most times they would involve sneaking in drinks. My father and him were very close. I heard he was the Good Charlie at any party or event. He was a loving son, father and brother. I didn't know uncle Joe during his days in the carrier court. I met uncle Joe in the winter of his life. It was where he was having the greatest difficulty in life that he welcomed and accepted me with no questions asked. My sister, my niece, and I formed a quick bond with Uncle Joe and Aunt Joanie. I can consider myself lucky for I even got the chance to watch a Yankees game with him. We even ordered pizza! As we left it was hard to say goodbye. Not because we were leaving but really it was because he and Aunt Joanie made us feel so welcomed. As Uncle Joe flies home I try not to be sad. Instead I try to live through his example. If I can make people feel half as much joy and warmth as he had me then I know I am doing something right. Fly High uncle Joe. Perhaps if you talk to the right angel maybe the Bills will win this year. I know you will be watching us and them from above

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**Harland Van Valkenburg** - September 12, 2022 at 08:08 AM

MI

“ What an absolutely beautiful tribute. My sincere condolences to Joanie and the entire family.

*Misty Shaughnessy*

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**Misty** - September 12, 2022 at 07:09 AM

CM

“ It was wonderful to watch the video and smile at the wonderful life he had.

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**carole mckinney** - September 11, 2022 at 08:53 PM

DC

“ I worked with Joe for many years at Carrier and enjoyed his company and humor. I will always remember Joe's love and bond with his and my dear friend Louie Gorgoni who passed on in his early forties. Joe was deeply saddened by the loss of his friend. You are now reunited and laughter reigns once again. May the Lord's peace be with you in your new life. Dave Cary

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**David J Cary** - September 11, 2022 at 02:18 PM

BS

“ Joe was a very special person - one you hope you meet on your journey thru this world - I was very fortunate to have met Joe very early in my life - we shared well over 25 years of friendship- he was a great athlete- an amazing personality- loyal - hard working - fantastic father - and a great husband- extremely witty and down to earth just a great guy - when Elaine and myself decided on a wedding day - it was a very easy choice for me my best man would be - Joe - Joe and Joanie got married a year later ( 8/89 ) and had 33 years of marriage- Joanie was good for Joe - In Closing- Joe Marko left his mark on many many people - and made this world a better place - Our condolences to the entire family - Bob & Elaine

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**Bob Sova** - September 11, 2022 at 09:13 AM

TA

“ Joanie and family,  
Very sorry to hear that Joe is no longer with us. He was always a friend you could count on no matter what. Always had a positive attitude. Enjoyed playing many years of softball and tailgating before SU games with Joe as well as as a few brews now and then. A great guy!  
Ted Amedro

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**Ted Amedro** - September 10, 2022 at 10:35 PM

JT

“ When Joe & Joanie moved into our neighborhood, it was like sunshine became a permanent fixture over our corner! Joe's smile was so bright and honest. He was always there to help or offer kindness. We will miss him dearly; his love, his jokes, and most of all his positive attitude in the midst of his illness. Rest in Peace dear neighbor and save us a cold one! Jack & Betty Trainham

Jack & Betty Trainham - September 09, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - September 09, 2022 at 02:51 PM

GE

“ Joanie and Family: We are so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was such a great loving and funny person. Had many days playing softball, drinking a cold beer, talking about the Yankees, the Orangemen and just laughing. He will be missed but in our hearts. Love George and Karen Edick - Salt Lake City, UT.

George & Karen Edick - September 09, 2022 at 12:05 PM

TC

“ *Joan and Family, we're so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. We are praying for God's peace to cover your family in this difficult time. He definitely was a fighter and a strong man. Alex & Theresa Csiga*

Theresa Csiga - September 09, 2022 at 09:18 AM

MS

“ *Marc John Speziali lit a candle in memory of JOSEPH R. MARKO*



Marc john Speziali - September 09, 2022 at 08:38 AM

LT

“ *Lloyd Todeschini lit a candle in memory of JOSEPH R. MARKO*



Lloyd Todeschini - September 09, 2022 at 07:23 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of JOSEPH R. MARKO.*



September 08, 2022 at 10:16 PM

JA

“ *Joanie*  
*So sorry to learn of Joe's passing my sincere condolences to you and the entire family. He will be greatly missed and will always be that shining star above.*  
*John Ammann*

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**John Ammann** - September 08, 2022 at 07:35 PM

CA

“ *So sorry for the families loss. But, as sad as you are telling people he is gone. There is joy on the other side as they run to meet him and say, here he comes. Gold Bless you all. Carole McKinney 311 Ontario Ave.*

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**carole,mckinney** - September 08, 2022 at 06:53 PM

MW

“ *Joe was the dearest of friends he was a fierce competitor loved Solvay loved Syracuse sports loved the Yankees and the Buffalo Bills. We watched many many games with him, he came to Florida to visit us we went to the orange bowl together to the final four Syracuse won , And we both agreed it was one of the greatest times of our lives. I will miss you buddy God Bless !!! Mick & Becky*

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**Mick & Becky Wysochanski** - September 08, 2022 at 03:45 PM