



## Joseph A. Festa

April 19, 1937 - June 30, 2017

Joseph Anthony Festa, affectionately known to friends and family as “Babe”, passed away after a courageous fight against cancer on Friday, June 30, 2017. A lifelong resident of Stamford, Babe was born on April 19, 1937 and was one of two sons born to the late Stanley and Anna (Stramandanoli) Festa. He was 80 years old at the time of his death. Babe was born and raised in Springdale and graduated from Stamford High School with the class of 1955. He was an Honorary Member of the Carpenters Local Union 210. Babe was an avid golfer, bowler and renowned baseball coach. During his time coaching baseball, he led his teams to seven straight Federal Little League championships and three City championships with his Knights of Columbus team. He continued coaching at the 13 - 15 Babe Ruth and 16-18 Senior Babe Ruth levels and coached baseball in the Stamford area for a total of twenty years. For his passion, time and effort, Babe was inducted into Stamford Old Timers Athletic Association in 2001. But more than any honor, trophy or award, Babe was most proud and joyful when his former players approached him later in their lives to thank him for the positive impact he had made on their lives. Babe was known to be the life of the party and the telltale jokester by his family and friends. He was a constant presence at Hubbard Heights Golf Course and a past member of the Knights of Columbus. Above all else, Babe was passionate about his family and friends. He will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved him. Babe is survived by two sons; Jeff Festa (Mary), and Jay Festa (Terry), his grandchildren; Jeffrey Festa

(Kristina), Chris Festa, Tyler Festa and Nicole Festa and his brother, Stanley Festa. In addition to his parents Babe was preceded in death by his wife Joan Festa. Babe's family will be receiving the sympathy and condolences of friends and family on Friday, July 7, 2017, 4pm to 8pm, at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Ave., Stamford, CT 06902. A funeral service will be celebrated at the funeral home on Saturday, July 8, at 9:30am. Guests may arrive at the funeral home at 9am. The interment will be private. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Babe's memory in support of Stamford Federal Little League. Donations may be made to: Stamford National Little League and mailed to Stamford National LL, Attn: Babe Festa Memorial, 84 Westhill Circle, Stamford, CT 06902. The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue in Stamford, CT. If you would like to leave an online condolence message for the family please visit the online guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ To Joe's Family,I am sorry to learn of Joe's passing. The last time I talked with him, he told me he was not feeling well. I have been trying to get a hold of him and felt there was something wrong. I am Joan's sister and tried to stay in contact with him as I knew how much he cared for her. RIP Joe. God bless you.

Marlene Wilber - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Jay and Family,Sorry to hear of Babe's passing. Many great memories of playing 13-15 Babe Ruth and Senior Babe Ruth that will last forever. Rest in peace

Tom McIntosh - July 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Jay and FamilySorry to hear of Babe's passing. Many memories playing for him in both 13-15 and 16-18. Great Coach, Great Man.Frank Fedeli

Frank Fedeli - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Jeff, Mary, Jeffrey and Chris:So sorry to hear about dad/grandfather passing. I never met but I heard from old Federal LL folks that he was a good man. Thoughts and prayers are with you guys and please Jeffrey and Chris I was asking for them.

Brian Maloney - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ To The Festa family, Our deepest condolences to the family of "Babe" Festa. He always had a smile and joke to lift your spirits. Loved the kids, loved his baseball. He will definitely be missed by all. Love ya Babe. Rest in peace.

Bill - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Heartfelt condolences from the Falkoff family on your loss

July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Dear Festa Family: So sorry to read of Babe's passing. He was a good friend over the years of my husband Jack. They both were involved in Babe Ruth. I remember mostly that Babe always had a smile on his face whenever you saw him. Mostly I remember that during a very bad storm in the 70's, a tree fell on our roof and came into the attic, who was first to come to our aid, Babe. Patching the roof so the water wouldn't get in. What a blessing that was to our family. I sincerely believe that Babe, the gang and Jack are sharing a few jokes and laughs up in heaven. My prayers and condolences to all. Helen Gross and family

Helen Gross - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ to the Festa family, My sincere condolences. Babe was an inspiration to the youth of Stamford. His time and effort was not in vain as so many have come forward to thank Babe. As a Fellow 2001 Old Timer honoree and friend, may you rest in peace with the knowledge that your work will always be remembered. Bob Ferrara

Bob Ferrara - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EI

“ Sorry for your loss.IAC

Ed Iacovo - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ My deepest sympathies to the Festa family on the loss of your beloved father, grandfather and friend to many. Joe "Babe" was a long-time resident and dedicated Board member at Candlelight Terrace Condominiums and he generously volunteered his vast knowledge of construction in the best interest of the complex. He will be deeply missed by all of us who were blessed to have known him. RIP Joe.

Phyllis Wilson - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Festa family So sorry for your loss, Babe is at peace and playing golf one day but not now we hope to see God like him Rest In Peace my friend

Joe Rainone sr - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ so sorry to hear that rip babe

Elmer Weston - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the Festa family during this time of grievance. My prayers are with you. God Bless and may Mr. Joseph A. Festa rest peacefully in heaven.

Jamal Fowler - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Rest in Peace, Babe Went to Trade School,with Babe,Never adell moment, Great Guy*

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**Louis Raduazzo** - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Mary,So Sorry To Hear Of The Passing Of Your Father In Law, All His Pain & Suffering is now over & He Can Rest In Peace. God Bless!Your Former Co-Worker,Susan Kuhar*

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**SUSAN J KUCHAR** - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *To The Festa Family-I most remember Babe at the Little League baseball games. Our two sons played in the leagues & we all enjoyed it so much. Enjoy all of the wonderful memories of your Father & Grandfather. May he RIP.*

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**Marilyn M Buckley** - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Dear Jay & Terry, I remember your dad so well, sitting at the ball park watching your high school baseball games. May fond memories replace your sadness with light.*

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**Cindi Lopez** - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *To the Family of "Babe" Festa, in all the years I coached youth sports, Babe was one of the very nicest to work with. Always positive towards the kids, and easy to talk to and work with. RIP, Babe a lot of young men are better for having been coached by you.*

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**Ellis Crawford Jr** - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Babe, You will be missed by me as you will by many others including family members. I will never forget the love and your encouragement you had for me as a baseball player. I miss those days very much. Best Coach I've ever had, please R.I.P Love U Joe Buchetto*

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July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM