



Joseph Nicholas Ceniti

October 18, 1939 - November 30, 2021

Mineral Point - Joseph Nicholas Ceniti passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 30 2021. He was born on October 18, 1939 to Rocco and Lena (Galle) Ceniti. He was second of the eventually four children in the family.

Joe learned early on that he didn't want to do manual labor for a living. He valued education and attended the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and was the first in the family to graduate from college. Joe graduated with a degree in teaching. He later went on to earn his masters. Joe taught Language Arts and History in the Madison school district for over 30 years, retiring from Orchard Ridge Middle School. He made an impact on many students over the years as was evident by all the students who continued to reach out and send Christmas cards years after they were part of his class. After retiring, he helped his brother on the farm.

Joe loved the lottery. Before the lottery came to Wisconsin, he would drive to East Dubuque every Saturday to get his tickets. Later when it arrived in Wisconsin, you could find him in the evening at Kwik Trip buying his tickets.

Although Joe never married or had children of his own, he played an important part in the life of his nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. He helped them make every moment a learning moment, watched them after school and during summer breaks and helped create experiences

that will last them a lifetime.

He is survived by his brothers Rocco and Frank, nephews David Ceniti and Chris (Carol) Ceniti, nieces Jolena (Dean) Siegenthaler and Krista (Josh) Hinson and his beloved great nieces and nephew; Jason Ceniti, Ross and Maddie Siegenthaler and Tatum and Mila Hinson and many cousins.

Joe was preceded in death by his father Rocco, his sister Kae, his mother Lena, sister-in-laws Florence and Mary Jo and many beloved Aunts & Uncles.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point. Fr Michael Tarigopula will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Friday from 9:00 until 10:50 AM at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Cemetery

801 Ridge Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 9:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church
224 Davis Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BC

“ I wished that I would have known, as I would certainly have attended the funeral. Mr. Ceniti saved my butt in sixth grade, as I was not on a good trajectory. He took a personal interest in each of us back in that year of, what, 1968? Attended my high school 50th reunion. Many "Orchard Ridgers" including several from Mr. Ceniti's class. We told many stories about him. His dead-eye with pitching a chalk eraser, his tears while reading "Where the Red Fern Grows", and his supreme discomfort in teaching the boys about sex. We all loved that guy.

Bill Cook - July 28, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ *Joseph Nicholas Ceniti*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM

RS

“ *Rocco sorry to hear of your brothers passing.*
Rick Streich
Verona WI



Rick Streich - December 08, 2021 at 04:04 PM

MP

“ Joe was a wonderful guy and was loved by many!!! He was a special friend to me and was so much fun to be around. We go back to high school and college days when we would ride back and forth to Platteville for college classes and meet in the college union. Many years later, we enjoyed sharing teaching experiences. I know he was a great educator. I send my deepest sympathy, prayers and love to Joe's family. May memories bring you comfort. May Joe rest in peace! from Mary Alice Wendtlandt Porter

Mary Porter - December 07, 2021 at 01:03 PM

MZ

“ Mr. Ceniti was our sixth grade teacher at Orchard Ridge. The Howe Family- Melanie, Jenny, and Pete- felt Mr. Ceniti was the best teacher ever. His passion, wit, and enthusiasm for children and teaching was without equal. We never knew Mr. Ceniti to be anything other than joyful, every day. Our mother worked with Mr. Ceniti over the years as a "class mother"; I will never forget the Roman Banquet feasts they created, with Mr. Ceniti dressed in a toga. :)

Our deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved brother.

Melanie (Howe) Zimmer

Melanie Zimmer - December 06, 2021 at 01:21 PM

PM

“ I worked with Joe for many years at Orchard Ridge Middle/Toki Middle School. He was such a nice man who was respected by his colleagues and students. I always remember how he made that daily drive from Mineral Point to Madison and back. Never seemed to daunt him and I don't remember him missing a day due to weather.

My sympathy to his family. May he Rest In Peace.

Pat McClimon

Pat McClimon - December 06, 2021 at 08:17 AM

CL

“ Rocco, Our sympathy on hearing of the death of your brother. (Janice told me). You were a good brother to him in visiting and getting him out for rides in recent years. He sounded like a very likable guy...may he rest in Peace!! (I didn't know you were named after your Dad) God Bless All! Connie and Jim Landry

Connie Landry - December 04, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Nicholas Ceniti.



December 03, 2021 at 02:06 PM