



Joseph John Barbarette

August 22, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of Joseph John Barbarette announces his passing on Monday, August 12, 2019 after suffering a heart attack. He was 88 years old. Joe leaves his wife of 63 years, Beverly Barbarette; his son, Michael Barbarette (Marian Borg, Emma and Claire); his daughters Lynn Ritacco (Stefan, Austin and Dylan), Lisa Barbarette Addeo (Russell) and Mary Cornell (Tym, Birch and Fern); and a brother, John Barbarette (Judith). A special mass will be held on Saturday, September 7th at 9:00 am at Holy Faith Catholic Church. Gainesville, FL. He was predeceased by siblings Anna Druzdusky, Angela Lesser, Maureen Barbarette and Gerard Barbarette; granddaughter Kristin and great granddaughter Jaidyn. Joe was born in the Hazelton, PA on September 7, 1930 and grew up in the Bronx, New York. He joined the Army when he was 20 years old and was stationed in Germany. He met his wife, Beverly, in Hazelton, PA while on leave and they married in February 1956. After serving in the military, Joe studied broadcasting and became a radio announcer in Providence, RI where his first two children were born. He continued his career as News Director at WDRC in Hartford, CT before becoming Press Secretary to US Senator Tom Dodd in 1968. Joe relocated his family to Ft. Lauderdale, FL in 1973, working at a local radio station for several years before leaving the profession and moving to Gainesville to manage a Radio Shack until he retired in 1992. Joe enjoyed spending time with his family and on the golf course. He was an excellent golfer and even worked as a starter at Ironwood Golf Club to enjoy time with

friends and to stay close to the game. Joe will be missed by everyone who knew him.

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I posted this in a radio group on Facebook.

The AP machine reminds me of my days working overnights at WFTL, Fort Lauderdale. The news director did the morning news and more than once came in the studio with copy from the AP machine gritting his teeth and asking "Can you read this?" I admit the copy was light but with my younger eyes I didn't have as much trouble reading it as he did. I hated changing the ribbon and getting ink on my fingers. Still I should have done it, and put on a fresh pot of coffee to be ready when he got there. I never thought of it, since I don't drink coffee. Sorry Joe Barbarette.(he passed away I discovered in 2019) I haven't forgotten you...hope we meet again someday.

Mike "Sheridan" Miranda

Mike - August 22, 2024 at 02:36 AM