



Joseph Bergant

June 29, 1957 - July 2, 2019

Joseph “Joe” Bergant II, age 62, of Chardon, passed away July 2, 2019. He was born in Euclid, on June 29, 1957.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, cousin and dear colleague who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Joe was Superintendent at Fairport Harbor Schools. He proudly retired from Chardon Local School District after 8 years of dedicated service. In retirement, he was the interim superintendent for Cuyahoga Heights School District. He then went on to work part-time at the Cuyahoga County Educational Service Center. He had a passion for music and being outdoors. Joe’s dedication, compassion and loyalty really set him apart. He was a man of many talents who loved and served his family and community. Above all, his greatest joy was his family, especially his grandchildren.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Wendy Bergant (nee Kellogg), children Erin Bergant Harrod (Justin Harrod), Michael Smetana and Bryce Smetana, grandchildren Brinley and Hadley, mother Diane Bergant (nee Smrekar), sisters Lisa Bergant Koi (David Koi), Suzanne Bergant Martin (Cooper Martin), parents-in-law Dianne and Dennis Kellogg, sister-in-law, Leslie (Steve) Smetana, nieces Alexandra, Audrey, Madelyn, Jillian, nephews Zackary, Travis and Jarett.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Bergant.

Visitation will be on Sunday, July 7, 2019 from 12 to 6pm at the Monreal Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 10am at St. Mary's Church, 401 North St., Chardon. Please meet at Church. Burial to follow at Claridon Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in honor of Joe can be made to the ALS Northern Ohio Chapter, 6155 Rockside Road - Suite 403 - Independence, OH 44131.

Cemetery Details

Claridon Center Cemetery

Tribute Wall

EL

“ *Many memories of Joe going back to the early 1980's when we played together in the Lakeland Civic Band, and when our paths crossed many times over his career during his school career in Willoughby-Eastlake and Fairport Harbor. He taught me many things, and will be missed by a great many people. Continued blessings and condolences to his good wife and family.*

Elmer - August 08, 2019 at 06:45 PM

US

“ *UH Office of Physician Services purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Joseph Bergant.*



UH Office of Physician Services - July 08, 2019 at 11:15 AM

RP

“ *Dear Wendy and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Joe leaves an enduring legacy; may he Rest In Peace. Rita Pressman*



Rita S Pressman - July 08, 2019 at 12:31 AM

AH

“ *I remember when Mr. Bergant was the interim principal at Royalveiw Elementary and then became the full time principal. I was just a young boy and will always remember his kindness and compassion. May her Rest In Peace*

Andy Hunger - July 07, 2019 at 04:38 PM

MR

“ Margaret Robinson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Bergant



Margaret Robinson - July 07, 2019 at 04:43 AM

MR

“ Dear Wendy and family. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My condolences and prayers to you all and may Joe rest in peace.
Love,
Aunt Margaret (Miller) Robinson

Margaret Robinson - July 07, 2019 at 04:41 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Bergant.



July 06, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph Bergant.



July 06, 2019 at 12:23 PM

BK

“ *Requiescat In pace. Naj počiva v Božjem miru!*

Bo Kuhar - July 06, 2019 at 09:21 AM

KP

“ *I met Joe many years ago We had the best time i Marching Band together. I always respected hin for the man he became and admired his career choices. He will be missed. I extend my condolences to his family and friends. Sincerely, Kim Patton-Powers*

Kim Patton Powers - July 05, 2019 at 08:10 PM

LP

“ *Joe was the only principal I ever worked with in my 37 year career as a Speech Language Pathologist that read my reports and thanked me for my work. He spent many hours with our special needs students at Royalview Elementary school in Willoughby-Eastlake school district even holding one boy as he had a seizure. I remember spending time with Joe and other colleagues talking about "the perfect school" brainstorming ideas on how to make education better for all students. He was a remarkable, compassionate educator and leader; truly one of a kind. God's peace Joe. You are missed and loved by many who knew you. Lyn Phoenix-Abbott*

Lynann Phoenix-Abbott - July 05, 2019 at 06:30 PM

JP

“ *Jennifer Post sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Bergant*



Jennifer Post - July 05, 2019 at 01:45 PM

JP

Jennifer Post Sorry, to hear about Mr. Bergant's passing the three years that I attended Royalview Elementary School. He's big smile always made me felt welcomed at school. I appreciated that he got involved with all the grades at recess and field day. Thank-you and I will miss you Mr. Bergant.

Jennifer Post - July 05, 2019 at 01:56 PM

YF

“ *Your Equity Trust Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Bergant.*



Your Equity Trust Family - July 05, 2019 at 01:11 PM

LU

“ *Love, Grandma Dunlap and Erb aunts and uncles. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph Bergant.*



Love, Grandma Dunlap and Erb aunts and uncles. - July 05, 2019 at 10:49 AM

TF

“ *The Dunlap and Erb families. purchased the Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... for the family of Joseph Bergant.*



The Dunlap and Erb families. - July 05, 2019 at 10:38 AM

JK

“ Joe and I served as superintendents in Geauga County. He was caring and competent administrator., traits never more evident than after the shootings at the high school. He worked tirelessly to restore calm and keep the focus on the students and staff. May he rest in peace and may his family be consoled.

Jim Knapp - July 05, 2019 at 10:02 AM

JH

“ Mr. Bergant was the band teacher when i attended Eastlake Middle School when I attended there. He not only helped me further my musical journey when i attended Eastlake North High School. He heloed me to be one of the youngest members as a freshmen to be a part of North Highs symphonic wind ensemble.

I just want to thank you for being a great teacher and rile model.

You touched the hearts and minds of so many. Thank you

Jackie Henderson - July 04, 2019 at 11:27 PM

JP

“ When I attended Longfellow Elementary, Joe was vice principal of that school. He was not somebody who spent all his time in the office because of his job title. He was a sociable vice principal that always took time to interact with the students. I can remember during recess on nice days that he would come outside and play kickball with the kids. It did not surprise me that after the school shooting at Chardon High School that he was able to guide that program through that difficult time. That shows how dedicated he was to his job. Even though I did not know him for a long time, he was one of the finest school administrators I ever knew. My family and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family.

Jon in Eastlake

jon picu - July 04, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph Bergant.



July 03, 2019 at 11:44 PM

BP

“ Devastating to hear of Joes passing. What a terrific guy. When he was Principal of Royalview I was active in school doings many years with him and PTA ...Everyone loved Joe He was a wonderful guy. So sad to hear this. 🙏 sent.

barb palumbo - July 03, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Joseph Bergant.*



July 03, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ *I remember Joe as a wonderful principal and boss. Joe always had a smile and had time for every child and adult he was around. Joe will be missed by everyone he ever met, because he took the time for them. Prayers to the family*

Ursula Mauer - July 03, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ *Don and April Siegel-Green purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Bergant.*



Don and April Siegel-Green - July 03, 2019 at 02:20 PM