



Joseph Richard Durka

August 10, 1940 - July 28, 2012

Joseph Richard Durka, age 71, of Summit, IL, passed away on July 28, 2012. The youngest of eight children he was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Mary Durka and his siblings, Henry, Edmund "Lenny," Edwin "Shorty," and Estelle Parker. He is survived by his three siblings Raymond, Alice (Stanley) Alifantis, and Geraldine (Tommy) Phillips. He is also survived by eight nieces and nephews, Dennis Alifantis, Sharon (Scott) Kickel, Richard (Carolyn) Alifantis, Chrysse (Joe) Pirok, Shauna Phillips, Patricia (Michael) Cunningham, and Nanette Stavroplos and many grand nieces and nephews. Joe's pleasure came from helping others. As a parking lot attendant at MacNeal Hospital, Joe brought smiles to everyone with his comical neckties. He enjoyed ballroom dancing, country music, the Cubs, and the Bears. Joe was devoted to God and had been a member of St. Joseph's Parish for forty years. He also served as a member of the Holy Name Society and head usher. Joe will always be remembered for his hugs. Visitation Friday, August 3rd from 3 pm to 8 pm at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 West Archer Avenue (55th Street just west of Harlem), Summit, Illinois with a committal service at Resurrection Cemetery chapel at 12:30 pm on Saturday, August 4, 2012. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

Tribute Wall

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“ *It's difficult to believe that I won't be seeing Mr. Durka at Mass every weekend. He always had a smiling Hello! for me that brightened my day. He will be very missed by the St. Joseph community.*

Joseph Richard - September 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Joe always had a welcoming face at Sunday Mass. His smile while ushering was infectious. May he rest in peace.*

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“ *Joe was as good a man as ever I've met. He had a bright, youthful spirit that brought cheer to many in need of a boost. And he was a faithful and generous friend to St. Joseph School and the larger parish. He will be missed greatly...*

Joseph Richard - September 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Joe was always a kindly, smiling person, we are sorry for your loss.*

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