



## Joseph Ross LaTorraca

January 10, 1928 - April 28, 2012

Joseph Ross LaTorraca, 84, of Old Bridge, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was a plant manager for several printing companies, more recently of DePalma Printing retiring in 1991. He would travel internationally mostly to Germany to purchase the latest in printing presses. He loved to spend time building model airplanes, working on cars, but mostly spending time with his family. He was a devout Catholic who attended mass regularly. Joseph was a veteran of the US Army having served during WW II. Born in Newark, he has resided in Old Bridge for over 58 years. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dolores nee DelSantro LaTorraca, and his children, Joseph & his wife Sue, of Old Bridge; Richard & his partner Billy Oriole, of Morganville; Carlo & Dianna of Toms River; Noreen & Manny Pereira of Millstone; & his brother Carlo LaTorraca Jr. Joseph is also survived by his grandsons, Joseph LaTorraca, Michael Rigler, Nicholas Pereira, Anthony LaTorraca, and his granddaughters, Nora Ann LaTorraca, and Angela & Olivia Pereira, and 1 great granddaughter Stephanie Rigler. Friends may call on Wednesday, from 2-4 & 7-9pm at the Michael Hegarty Funeral Home, 3377 US Hwy 9, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. Phone 732-679-4422. A Funeral Liturgy will be offered on Thursday, at 9am from St Thomas the Apostle RC Church, 1 St Thomas Plaza, Old Bridge. Committal will follow at the Holy Cross Burial Park, Cranbury Rd. South Brunswick. To send condolences or for more information please visit [www.hegartyfuneralhome.com](http://www.hegartyfuneralhome.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Ross LaTorraca*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Rest in Peace. Your journey is over and may God's Love surround you for eternity.Cousin Ronnie and Marie ElenaSeptember 12, 2013*

**Ronnie Andry** - September 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Daddy, it's been one month today that you've gone home to be with our lord. I feel your presence with me every day...without that I wouldn't be able to get out of bed every morning. Thank you for my dream last night. My heart was singing hearing your voice once again. I'm trying my hardest to keep my promises to you. Please forgive me if I have a bad day. You see I loved you more than life itself and some days I'm not as strong as you would like me to be. I will continue to make you proud even though you are no longer here with us on earth. When you told me that day that I was your hero, I froze....for the definition of a hero is, A man distinguished by exceptional courage and nobility and strength. In other words, the meaning of the word "Hero" is Joseph Ross LaTorraca. I'm so blessed to have been able to call you my Hero every minute of every day of my life. May you be resting peacefully in our lords embrace. Always and forever, your Renee xxxooo*

May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Deela and family,We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family during this hard time.*

**Tom and Barbara Newton and family** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Dee and family my deepest sympathy goes out to all, suffering the loss of Joe LA . He was a great man and father. I will always remember the good times and laughs we had when i was growing up knowing the Jo La family. RIP Joe La.

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**john pagano** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Great saddness for your loss it always comes to soon we wish life eternal, to be loved is the greatest gift to a parent and child and I know love was plentiful in your family, sending regards to you.  
Robin flory n family

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**Robin Flory** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dearest Uncle JoeLa, I cant believe another one of my favorite uncles has been called home by our Lord. My heart is truely broken. Im so greatful for all the wonderful memories i have of you. I spent every summer at your house, vacationed with you, so much so that you always said you were claiming me on your tax return. You taught us all so much about family, loyalty, compassion and ou always made us go to church on Sunday with you. We drove you crazy and you loved it. Ill miss our phone conversatons and hearing you laugh, ill miss your smiling face and how you always blessed me before i left. This family now has another void in it and we will forever be saddened by you leaving us. You were loved by everyone and now you will be missed by everyone, especially us your family. Rest in peace now, for you suffered too long. Fly with the angels til we all meet again in heaven. I love you and will forever miss you. Your niece Marisa xoxo

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**Marisa** - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Deela and family, Please accept my sincerest and deepest sympathy. I know Joe was a great husband, father, and grandfather. May God ease your pain during this difficult time. Joan Korshalla NakielnyWarwick, Rhode Island

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May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all our family and friends suffering the loss of Uncle Joe. Our lord called him home and as much as we wish we could have our loved ones here forever we know in our hearts the Glory of God and His kingdom in Heaven is our ultimate journey where we go to rest in peace, no more pain, suffering or struggle. RIP Uncle Joe Love you all.... Beverly Del Santro

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May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We love you Uncle Joe La. God Bless. Aunt Dee, Joe, Ritchie, Noreen , Carlo and all the family, our thoughts and hearts are with you all. Love, Vinnie, Jill and Family.

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May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers to JoeMama and his wonderful family and friends, so sad to hear of your wonderful Dad....and May he RIP and be Your Angel from up above..Remembering his smile and how happy he would be when I would see him..Hang in there and especially to Your Mom..my Love to all and Blessings on the way..Peace... \*\*

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**Norma\*Antonio Maldonado\*Torres** - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ To My friend. Pop. I Thank you for all the worldly advice over the years. Pop can you please send a message to Pop Jr. Tell him its okay for me to still eat there. Also, Pop Jr is still on that laptop. Please take a peak for me and let me know. ( I know your laughing right now.) Love you Pop. Keep on smiling with those baby blues.

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**Harry williams** - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Debbie Baker-Chamberlin** - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ To all my Cousins and their families,Its HARD to lose a parent...the pain is unbelievable. To lose a spouse is heart renching.They are never gone only away, until we meet again. Your JOE LA touched many lives, incuding mine. I will forever remember his beautiful smile and gorgeous eyes.May he rest in peace..cousin gail

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**gail murray** - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My heart breaks for you all, please know I am with you all in your hearts. RIP Uncle Joe La.

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**Laura Geisel** - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Noreen (and the entire family), I am so sorry for your loss. I know how much your Dad meant to you and my heart is broken knowing that you are in so much pain right now. My love to all of you during this most difficult time. May time heal you and leave you with just the beautiful memories that you have. He will always be in your heart and be that special Angel looking over all of you! Big cyber hugs and kisses to you!!! oxox

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April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. I will always remember his gentleness and most of all his smile. R.I.P.  
Uncle Joe

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**Rosemary Polk** - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM