



Warren J. Goercke

May 1, 1953 - July 30, 2020

Tribute to Warren Goercke

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Warren Jack Goercke was born in Mather Hospital to Elizabeth and Otto Goercke on May 1, 1953 in Port Jefferson. He spent his formative years in Sound Beach, attending Earl L. Vandermeulen High School, while also working with his family at Otto's Bakery. In 1973, Warren received an Associate's Degree in Applied Science at Suffolk County Community College. He continued his studies at Syracuse University and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry concurrently. He earned a Bachelor of Science from Syracuse University as well as a Bachelor of Science in environmental studies from SUNY ESF, respectively, in 1975. This was a landmark year for Warren, as he would begin his family life, marrying his wife of 45-years, Karen, on October 11, 1975. Warren and Karen would raise six children, showering affection on their five grand-children, while also caring for both of their mothers, who stayed with them.

Warren had a long, productive career with Allstate Motor Club, working eight years in Multi-Line Claims Management. In 1986, he transitioned to the position of Northeast Territory Field Manager, and was then promoted to National Field Manager, which he maintained for the next eighteen years. While working for Allstate, Warren furthered his studies, receiving his M.B.A. from Dowling College. In 2009, Warren began working for the Town of Islip, lending his expertise and devotion to the community he cherished, first as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and then as Subrogation Specialist, retiring in 2015.

Always civic-minded, Warren became an active-member of the Rotary Club of Patchogue, serving as President for one-year and as Chair of the Gift of Life Program. Because of his

huge heart and tireless efforts, children worldwide benefited from life-saving heart surgery through this program. Warren also volunteered as Assistant Scout Master for his sons' troops and as a soccer coach for his daughters' teams.

A lover of history and follower of social issues, Warren served on the Town of Islip's Democratic Committee, and was ever-mindful of and vocal about social justice issues. He frequently posted historical pictures online of local landmarks, recounting his memories and sometimes leaving polemical remarks, ribbing his friends on the right. But Warren was always good-natured, and never allowed differences to turn to feuds.

Warren was devoted to his faith, regularly attending Our Lady of the Snow Catholic Church and participating in a weekly bible study at the Sayville Methodist Church. He assisted with the 100-year church restoration projects and was also a religious education instructor. Warren felt a true affinity to nature, enjoying his time boating and fishing on the waters of the Long Island Sound, the Southshore, and the Great South Bay. He would regularly visit Watch Hill and Davis Park, and was even Commodore of the Sayville Yacht Club in 2004. Warren also loved digging around in his garden, and bird watching, occasionally posting pictures online of the feathered friends who would visit his family's bird feeders.

In 2012, Warren experienced a series of health-related challenges. He was first diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Nine months later, he developed Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Unresponsive to treatment, Warren was placed on a waiting list for bone-marrow transplant. As a person who had given so much to others in his life, perhaps it seemed only right when, on September 23, 2014, this generosity of spirit was returned to him. Warren was the recipient of bone-marrow transplant. His family is forever grateful to Mo Bernal, whose unforgettable act of kindness was life-giving.

Sadly, the person who represented the best in all of us, passed far too soon, leaving us at the age of 67. We mourn his passing, but give thanks to have known and loved him.

Warren is survived by his wife, Karen, his children Alexandra (Mekiell), Michelle (Bryan), John, Phillip, and Paul, and grandchildren Zoe, Noelle, Quincy, Teddy, and Kobe. Warren was pre-deceased by his beloved son, Kevin, brothers, Otto and Douglas, and his parents, Elizabeth and Otto.

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Cemetery

St. Lawrence Cemetery

401 Lakeland Avenue

Sayville, NY, 11782

Events

AUG **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Robertaccio Funeral Home - Patchogue
85 Medford Avenue, Patchogue, NY, US, 11772

AUG **Visitation** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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AUG **Funeral Mass** 09:45AM

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Our Lady of the Snow Church
175 Blue Point Ave, Blue Point, NY, US, 11715

Comments



“ Irene And Brian Goercke lit a candle in memory of Warren J. Goercke



Irene and Brian Goercke - August 08, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Warren J. Goercke.



August 03, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Warren J. Goercke.



August 03, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ 83 files added to the album LifeTributes



Robertaccio Funeral Home, Inc. - August 03, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ Beautiful Memories. Rest in Peace Dear Warren
Glenn - August 03, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



barbara goercke - August 03, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ The Rivera Family lit a candle in memory of Warren J. Goercke



The Rivera Family - August 03, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Goercke family.. Warren will be missed by all whose lives he has touch. Love and prayers, The Rivera Family.
The Rivera Family - August 03, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ Your Tender Age Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Warren J. Goercke.



Your Tender Age Family - August 03, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Warren J. Goercke.



August 03, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Robertaccio Funeral Home, Inc. - August 03, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ I always think of Warren as a kind, gentle , soft spoken man with a very caring soul. I think of him fondly. He will be missed by the world.

Dee Hensen - August 02, 2020 at 10:10 PM



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August 02, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ Barbara And Mark Goercke lit a candle in memory of Warren J. Goercke



Barbara and Mark Goercke - August 02, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ Karen and Family. I was so saddened to hear this news about my old friend Warren. I know he went through a lot, He was a wonderful person.

Glenn Wellbrock - August 02, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ To the entire Goercke clan - I do believe Warren was the kindest man I ever met. I'll miss him. Everyone who knew Warren will miss him. But I'm sure his kind spirit will live on on those who knew him

David Roy Hensen - August 02, 2020 at 04:02 PM