



## **Obituary for Joseph P. Donato**

November 9, 1942 - February 13, 2017

Broomall, Pennsylvania | Age 74

***Beloved Husband, Father and Police Officer***

**J**oseph P. Donato  
1942 ~ 2017

Joseph P. Donato cherished hero of his wife, Linda (Porreca) and "little one", Lorryne, received his heavenly reward on February 13, 2017, after a valiantly fought battle with multiple myeloma.

As a loyal supporter of the Boy Scouts, Joe was always humbled when reminded that he attained the rank of Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop No. 49.

Joe was a graduate of West Catholic High School. His was an accomplished artist and hoped to become an architect if finances allowed. He was employed by various companies for these skills and was proud to say at one point he was locked in a high security facility of Western Electric to help construct the perspective drawings for the first lasers.

He entered the U.S. Army National Guard at the age of 17 and served in the 103rd engineer battalion, 26 Division, Company C. He was very proud of the military and extremely patriotic.

His true passion was realized when he graduated from the Philadelphia Police Academy in 1967. He assigned and served in the 1st, 19th, 93rd districts and finally in the Accident Investigation Division until his retirement in 1990.

Although honored by many citations and commendations, Joe's greatest tribute was to be recognized by the Daily News as the 1988 George Fencil Award Winner while working in his beloved 19th district. Capt. Frank Pryor noted that, "He is a soldier, a foot soldier, with a dedication and commitment to people. He never sought recognition and was amazed to hear that he had been nominated. He instills confidence in people." Joe was the candidate chosen as the officer with the most fairness, compassion, and commitment to community of all nominees. He enjoyed the annual Fencil award luncheons and was particularly proud to be accompanied by his daughter, Lorryne.

Joe was an active member and coordinator of the American Red Cross, Southeastern Pa. Chapter, Special Olympics, Jerry Lewis Telethon, and the Variety Club. He was the adviser to the Overbrook Park Town Watch, but his pride and joy was creating the civil task force of volunteers to patrol the district and act as a deterrent to crime.

In his very last days, Joe was honored to receive his certificate of achievement and Gold Card for 50 years of dedicated membership to Philadelphia Lodge #5, 1966-2016.

Upon retirement from the Philadelphia Police, Joe served as Chief of the Marple-Newton School District Police Department. He loved the interaction with staff and particularly students. He was overwhelmed to receive the first Friend of Education Award honoring him for his compassion and commitment to the Marple-Newton School District Community.

Joe was a member of St. Anastasia's Parish. He had an unequalled love of the Blessed Mother, the Hail Mary, and his guardian angel, St. Michael. When someone was in need of special prayer or protection, Joe would "lend" his guardian angel to them in spite of his own desperate need.

Joe was the cherished hero of his wife of 24 yrs. Linda (nee Porreca), and his daughter Lorryne M. He is also survived by Ray, Peg, Raymond, and Zachary Porreca and Tracey, Joanne, Joseph, John, and Maria Donato, along with many other loving family and friends. Joe is predeceased by his faithful companion of many years, Snuffy.

Relatives and friends are invited to his viewing Friday morning 9:30-11:30 AM at The Danjolell Memorial 2811 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA 19008 and Funeral Mass 12:00 Noon at St. Anastasia Church Newtown Sq., PA. Interment Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery.



SFC Grant Shanaman Sgt. 1st Class Grant Shanaman, of Media, Pa., was an 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper and served 10 combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Sgt. 1st Class Grant Shanaman was an American paratrooper, a combat veteran, and a selfless servant to our nation," said Col. Pat Work, commander of the 2nd BCT. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time."

Shanaman joined the Army in June 1998. His 18-year career included more than 11 years with the 75th Ranger Regiment. He was serving as a brigade operations non-commissioned officer at the time of his death.

We will be meeting at Walt's Red Rose Tavern at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, KSU promptly at 5:45 pm to make a flag line at the funeral home at Rigby, Harding and Hagan Funeral Home, 15 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Media, PA 19013.



Nathaniel Albrand is coming home from Paris Island. We escorted Nathaniel and his friends back in August. Nathaniel is the nephew of one of our own, Michelle (Blaze). He will be riding home with his mother and we are going to meet them at the Delaware Rest Stop at 7:00pm. We will be meeting at Walt's Friday night at 6:00 pm and KSU at 6:45 pm PROMPT!!!

Please join us in honoring our brother and thanking him for his service to our great country on a very special day, Veterans Day!



Merlin will be coming home Thursday, November 10 from being in training for 992 hours. We will be escorting him home from the Philadelphia Airport. We will meet at Walt's at 4:00 pm and kickstands will go up (KSU) at 4:45 pm. Please join us in honoring our brother and thanking him for his service to our great country.