



## Joseph R. Turano

December 18, 1944 - March 3, 2023

Joseph R. Turano was born in New York, New York on December 18, 1944, just as the Battle of the Bulge was being fought an ocean away. He is the only child to Josephine and Domenick Turano.

A man not afraid of hard work since he was 14 years old, he continued to do so until his mid 70's. His work experiences include driving a bus for the New York City Transit Authority for 24 years, from 1971 to 1995. As a bus operator, he had many stories about what he saw on the streets of the City in the 70's and 80's. They were enough to make a Scorsese film in it of itself. He was also cast as the driver of a city bus in the early '80's in the "I need a vacation" Florida commercials. He drove the bus but an actual actor that looked more like a bus driver was used because my father was told he was too good looking to be onscreen. On his routes he got to be friendly with various celebrities such as Jack Warden, who told him he should be an actor to having coffee with John Lennon at a diner near Central Park.

He was a kind and good man. He always made people laugh and his humor was contagious.

He is survived by his loving wife, Regina Turano, son Joseph D. Turano and granddaughter, Layla Esther Turano.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Martinez-Morse Funeral Home  
33 Railroad Ave  
Middletown, NY 10940  
(845) 343-6918  
martinezmorsefcs@gmail.com  
<https://www.MartinezFuneralHomes.com/>

## Service

MAR 10. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church  
149 Cottage Street  
Middletown, NY 10940

# Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy to Joe's Family. I remember meeting Joe as a new bus operator in the 54th Street MaBSTOA bus depot on 9th Avenue in Manhattan. He was kind and welcoming, and taught tips to drive a bus in NYC. Friendly to all, he always had a joke or comment to make people feel comfortable. May he Rest in Eternal Peace. Elaine Coonan - Retired MaBSTOA/NYCTA - 2009.

Elaine Coonan - March 13, 2023 at 03:05 PM

MM

“ Dear Joe, I am deeply saddened by your passing and will always remember the time we shared. You will be missed.

Marc Michaels - March 09, 2023 at 12:39 AM

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“ The Michaels Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph R. Turano.



The Michaels Family - March 09, 2023 at 12:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph R. Turano.



March 08, 2023 at 11:12 AM

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“ We fondly remember our Uncle Joe. He was a story teller and hardworking, kind man with an infectious chuckle. We offer healing prayers to family and friends that share in the sadness of his passing.

*Brian, Dori and Ken*

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**Dori Allen Silver** - March 07, 2023 at 09:57 PM