



Sean T. 'Mr. C' Cunningham

July 7, 1941 - March 8, 2023

7/7/1941-3/8/2023 With Joy, 'Mr. C' has been summoned by the Angels to be with several family members & friends at the 'Power Table'. In 1973, 'Mr. C' began his career as an elementary physical education teacher with the Minisink Valley School District. Mr. C 'taught' - got paid to play - in the district for over 35 years, much of that time was spent at the Old Otisville Elementary School (Little M), where he referred to his gym as 'the Irish Dance Hall' with all the 'little leprechauns'. Throughout his Minisink career, and long after retirement, 'Mr. C' coached various sports at Minisink, including Girls' basketball and Track & Field. But nowhere was he known better than on the girls' soccer field, where, year after year, he lovingly & proudly encouraged his 'Girls in Green' to do what he knew they could do, and win or lose, they never let him down. Sean T. was a certified New York State Sports Official for many sports throughout Orange County & beyond, including Orange County Soccer Officials Association (1975) - recipient of the prestigious Chris Chachis Award (1996), Mid-Hudson College Soccer Officials Association (1980), Orange County Basketball Referees Association (1978), Orange County Softball Officials (1980), Track & Field Official, & Orange County Girls Lacrosse Official (2000). Sean T. was a United States Military Veteran, serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. An active member of many community organizations, including American Legion Post #151, Elks Lodge #1097, Fraternal Order of Eagles #544 & Waalkill Fire Engine Company #6. Sean is survived and will be forever cherished by the only one fortunate

enough to call him Dad, his daughter Erinn Elizabeth Braun, her husband Paul, & his grandchildren, 'The Fabulous B/G's' (Hannah, Alison, Peter, & Jack). Also surviving are Erinn's mother Judith Hazen, his sister Ellen and brother Dennis. Many nieces & nephews; Ashley, Patrick (Aimee), Sheena, Sabrina, Edwin, Christian, Kathleen, Teresa, Bridget, Timothy, and Sean -all their spouses & families. Sean was predeceased by his parents Edwin & Virginia Cunningham, brothers Michael (Barbara), Peter & his 'favorite twin brother' Brian – no doubt all waiting to greet him at the 'Power Table', amongst so many others. Sean T. 'Mr. C' will also be missed, but never forgotten, by an innumerable number of friends, colleagues, students & players – past & present, whose lives he touched in an incredibly special way, just by being the person he was. Visitation will be under the guidance of Martinez-Morse Funeral Home, Railroad Avenue, Middletown on Friday March 17, 2023, 3-7 p.m. Interment will take place at Orange County Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the Cunningham family gravesite, St. Anastasia's in Harriman, New York. Both will take place at a later date convenient to the family. In lieu of flowers, Mr. C has requested contributions be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children, Pets Alive, Middletown, Dumped/Stray Animal Rescue, Middletown, or a charity of one's choosing.

Cemetery Details

Orange County Veterans Memorial Cemetery

111 Craigville Road
Goshen, NY

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAR 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Martinez Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Sean T. 'Mr. C' Cunningham*



Martinez Funeral Homes - March 16, 2023 at 02:19 PM

MT

Eternal rest ☩

Mercene Tarace - March 17, 2023 at 12:31 PM

MH

Will never forget Sean for the times he helped me and my son after his accident.

Mary Hayrd - March 17, 2023 at 12:34 PM

VF

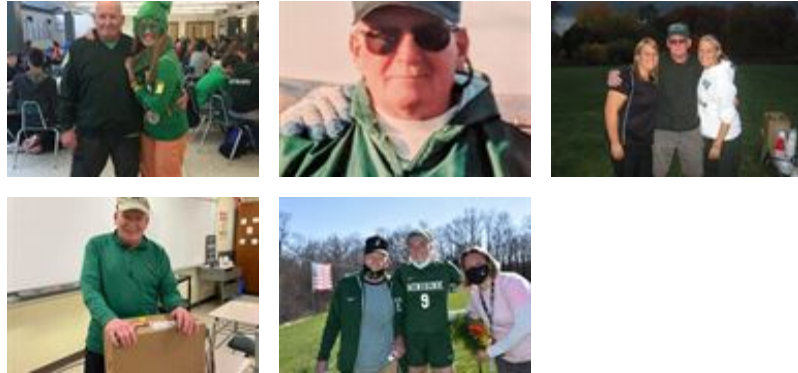
“ *Vandermeulen Family lit a candle in memory of Sean T. 'Mr. C' Cunningham*



Vandermeulen Family - March 17, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Martinez Funeral Homes - March 16, 2023 at 02:19 PM

SA

“ Our condolences. prayers for his family. Rest in peace.



Sarah - March 16, 2023 at 12:17 PM

EF

“ Ellenn and Dennis Cunningham & Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Sean T. 'Mr. C' Cunningham.



Ellenn and Dennis Cunningham & Family - March 16, 2023 at 11:34 AM

BT

“ *Beth Tulino lit a candle in memory of Sean T. 'Mr. C' Cunningham*



Beth Tulino - March 16, 2023 at 06:10 AM

EB

“ *Minisink will not be the same without Coach C, especially on the soccer field. I'm so thankful I was lucky enough to have Coach C in my life in school and on the field. It is so difficult to find someone to push you to do your absolute best even when you don't believe in yourself. He kept our faith up as a team in difficult moments and never let us forget the reasons we were on that field. He will be deeply missed!*

Emily Bannon - March 15, 2023 at 09:26 PM

FB

“ *Rest in peace old friend*

Frank Buckley - March 15, 2023 at 09:09 PM

ME

“ *Mark And Shane Eherts lit a candle in memory of Sean T. 'Mr. C' Cunningham*



Mark and Shane Eherts - March 15, 2023 at 04:32 PM

GS

“ We are so sorry to learn of Sean’s passing! George and I met Sean when we all attended Concord College (now University). George was Sean’s roommate, and fraternity brother....needless to say there are many good memories! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Cunningham family members! 🙏❤️—George & Linda Schenck

George & Linda Schenck - March 15, 2023 at 03:10 PM

YV

“ Mr. C was an important part of my childhood. He spent recess time teaching me how to play basketball when my parents were going through a divorce and I didn’t want to be around other kids. He was patient and funny and acted as an important human in my young life. He will be greatly missed.

Yvette - March 15, 2023 at 01:48 PM

LG

“ Prayers to Erinn and family. Mr C always with a smile and a quick joke to make gym fun! RIP

Lyle Granger - March 15, 2023 at 01:28 PM

DT

“ I will always Remember Mr. C from all of my life at Minisink Valley. He truly was the sweetest man ever and I will miss him dearly. I'm glad my kids got to meet him as well he was a legend and always will be!! RIP 🍀❤️🍀❤️🙏🙏

Dina Tice - March 15, 2023 at 12:35 PM

VH

“ *My deepest and most sincere sympathy to the family of Sean Cunningham.*
When I saw Sean's obituary it made me incredibly sad.
I met Sean when I worked at Chester Printing in Middletown.
There were a few customers that would come in and leave a special mark on your heart and Sean is one that did just that.
Sean used to bring in the most delicious fresh baked banana bread for the employees to enjoy.
My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very difficult time.
Treasure all of those wonderful memories of this one in a million man.
There should be more people in this world like Sean Cunningham.
V. Harrison

V. Harrison - March 15, 2023 at 09:56 AM

MK

“ *Meg Kearney lit a candle in memory of Sean T. 'Mr. C' Cunningham*



Meg Kearney - March 15, 2023 at 09:53 AM

MK

“ *Meg Kearney Keener lit a candle in memory of Sean T. 'Mr. C' Cunningham*



Meg Kearney Keener - March 15, 2023 at 09:51 AM

JO

“ With deepest sympathy.
Mr.C was my all time favorite coach and is attached to some of my fondest memories as an athlete.
What I learned and took away from him, continues to guide me in life, in training,
and in coaching.
Rest easy coach and sincerest Mahalo for everything.
Aloha a hui hou..

Juliet Owens - March 14, 2023 at 11:34 PM

JO

“ If I was to expound all the good memories I have of Mr. C. I would be one finger typing until I wore the skin off. So I will just say I am so glad my children had Shawn to help mould their character in the halls and gym at little m, his mini olympics program was super, the kids and parents looked forward to it each year. He was very personable and well liked, well loved and much appreciated for the work he did. Always loved having conversations with him throughout the years, I had hoped to run into him again in the up and coming years but it's not to be. Good bye old friend, may we meet again in glory sometime way in the future. Be interesting to see what part of your new life that you have found something to use your referee skills in. You have called your last "you're out" here! and now you're moving on. You are frozen time from the last time I saw you and now only a memory away from remembering how blessed I was to have known you, I think your brother has been waiting for you for awhile, so I'll only say ...keep it down you two...the Horner family, all of us...❤️👍

jerry horner , the Horner family all of - March 14, 2023 at 07:16 PM

MF

“ As a Minisink Office worker starting in 1984 , I Maureen Finn sadly say good bye to Sean who definitely has a seat near God, in heaven

My Irish friend..forever and made me some nice cookies one St. Patrick's Day Totally devastated to hear the news...and His last service is on the greatest day of the year...St. Patrick's Day.

Never but never passed the office without coming in to say hello

Please feel my comfort to you Erin and Judy and Sean's lovely family

Maureen Finn

Maureen E Finn - March 14, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *I will never forget Mr. C. He was my gym teacher in Otisville elementary from 85-90. It was always fun being in his class.*

Tina Mydosh - March 14, 2023 at 05:26 PM

DM

“Where to begin... it has to be Otisville” Little M” when Sean took over Eddie Diana’s position as Phys Ed teacher. Oh how the kids love to go to Gym!! Of course we hit it off right away because we were both so shy and introverted (Not). We did however agree in our philosophy of teaching! We both also knew how to enjoy life outside of the classroom. Georgio’s in Otisville became one of our stomping grounds. But it was his twinkling Irish eyes that opened you to the real man. Once a friend always a friend, always willing to be there... during my battle with cancer in the 80’s up to and including every other obstacle I have faced... he was always there.. watching my home, my dog, our “mountain lion”... always willing... just make sure to leave some “Irish tea” and access to the Hot Tub. We spent many a night sitting at local waterhole discussing life, sports and all things trivial! Christmas time always meant a fruit basket and some baked goodies and St. paddy’s day always meant cornbeef, cabbage and of course Irish Soda bread. He was like a brother to Jeanne and I. We will forever miss and love him. I am sure when you got to the pearly gates St. Patrick said to St. Peter step aside I got this one and with tha St. Patrick escorted Sean to the biggest room filled with Sean’s family and all his friends with their glasses raised and a big shout out of Slainte and welcome good and faithful servant a job well done! We love you Sean and we will keep and eye on your family!

Diand& Jeanne MacDonald/Trinkaus - March 14, 2023 at 04:56 PM

AP

“Hard to imagine a man who touched more lives than the beloved Mr. C! We all thank you for the countless memories and endless acts of kindness, most known only to him, all with a twinkle of that Irish magic in his eye. We are all forever grateful!
With love and gratitude,
Amy "China Doll" (Peluso) Prasky

Amy Prasky - March 14, 2023 at 03:59 PM

SG

“ I was extremely lucky to have had Coach C as my kindergarten teacher, coach, colleague, and friend! Lots of amazing memories ! He will be missed by so many ... ❤️❤️

Susan Sautter Green - March 14, 2023 at 03:48 PM

NO

“ So lucky to have had you in my corner all these years. I'll miss our emails and the handwritten letters; I feel blessed to share not only Minisink, but West Virginia University with you, C. From “Almost Heaven” to yours, Montani Semper Liberi <3 little billie

Nora - March 14, 2023 at 03:28 PM

JP

“ The passing of Mr. C is a great loss for so many. I had the pleasure of knowing him as a teacher, coach and a community neighbor. I never met any student or teacher who didn't respect him. Our deepest sympathy to Erin and family. Sincerely The Perrot Family Jeniva, Richard and Jean

Jeniva Perrot - March 14, 2023 at 02:23 PM

TF

“ Mr.C a true gentlemen and friend to all. It is with great sadness you have left us.... But we each will remember the Proud Irishmen, teacher and friend to all that met you.Always doing the little things to make your students and players feel important and special. Your influence will carry on and will be never ending.
Your life exemplified the symbol of the Irish Claddagh
love,loyalty and friendship.
Thanks for ALL the memories... There will never be another the likes of Mr. C 🙏 RIP
With Love and administration 
The Tomesheski family
Julianne, Colleen and Erin

Tomesheski Famiy - March 14, 2023 at 02:06 PM

TF

Admiration not administration

Tomesheski Famiy - March 14, 2023 at 02:07 PM

DM

My dear friend, “ brother” and coworker, From the very beginning we both knew we were going to be friends for a lifetime. The memories are many, filled with laughter, joy , and lots of shenanigans. You touched both Jeanne’s and my hearts in ways you now know fully! Thank you for your love, kindness ,and loyalty. You have taken with you a piece of our hearts and have left with us a piece of yours. We love you Sean T and we always will! Enjoy the big bar up filled with all of our loved ones! Happy St. Paddy’s Day ... here’s to you kid ... slainte!

Diand& Jeanne MacDonald/Trinkaus - March 14, 2023 at 02:29 PM

MB

“ I was blessed to have had Mr C in my life as a mentor as I substituted in the Irish Dance Hall! He was also an amazing coach and official. If he blew his whistle to make a call, such as a card, he would remind you how much your team missed you on the bench and send you there to ponder your choices. Lol My kids, James, Sean, and Emily are also blessed to have him in their lives as not just an amazing individual, but most importantly, a friend! Emily has had Coach C as a soccer coach and life Coach! He always preached to do what you feel is right, to play hard, and live with the results.

To know him is to love him! To lose him was traumatic. MVCSD community certainly has a bit of a hole in it. Thank you, Coach. Forever your leprechauns, love the Bannons.

Mary Bannon - March 14, 2023 at 01:54 PM

MF

Dear Erinn,
Bill and I are so sorry for the passing of your Dad Mr. C 🍀 We are sending our condolences to you! God Bless you and your Beautiful family ❤️🍀❤️🍀 RIP

Maryann Fitzgerald - March 14, 2023 at 02:38 PM

PA

“ Sean was a wonderful person. worked with him for a brief period at Middletown Psych Center. Both Sean and Brian had quite the sense of humor. Sean was also very supportive of my grandson Chris in their endeavors as soccer "refs". Really enjoyed Sean's friendship over the years- a true friend. RIP Sean

Pat Ackerson - March 14, 2023 at 01:41 PM