



## Joseph C Zanfini

November 10, 1949 - December 8, 2016

Murrells Inlet....Joseph C. Zanfini

Joseph Charles Zanfini age 67 of Murrells Inlet, SC passed away December 8, 2016 after a long courageous battle with carcinoid cancer.

He was born and raised in Westerly, RI where he attended local schools and graduated from Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Margaret Zanfini; brother, James Zanfini and grandson, Reed Charles Parker.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; son, James (Jim) Zanfini of Moosup, CT; daughter, Christine Zanfini Parker of Dayville, CT; grandson, Owen Parker of Dayville, CT; a sister, Judy Barber (Michael) of Westerly, RI; stepson, Michael H. Brown, Jr. (Deondra) of Wilmington, NC; a step granddaughter, Sophia Brown of Wilmington, NC.

Joe was a parishioner of Saint Michael Catholic Church and also attended Ocean Lakes Worship Service. Joe dedicated his life to public safety. He was a lifeguard at Misquamicut State Beach in RI and obtained the rank of Captain of the Westerly Surf Rescue. He was a member of the Westerly Ambulance/Rescue and later became an honorary member of the organization. Joe retired from the Westerly Rhode Island Police Department after 21 years of service. After retiring from the police department Joe worked at Foxwood's Casino as a security supervisor and later became a surveillance investigator before retiring to South Carolina. After moving to SC Joe continued his dedication to public safety by becoming a member of the

support services unit of the Murrells Inlet Garden City Fire Department in 2008. He was selected as volunteer of the year for the Fire Department in 2008 and 2015 by his fellow firefighters. Joe was honored by the department with life membership in 2016. He was also a member of the Coastal Carolina FOP, SC Firefighters Association and the United States Lifesaving Association.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 AM Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at St. Michael Catholic Church, Garden City, SC.

Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 PM on Monday, December 12, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Murrells Inlet Garden City Fire Department, PO Box 648, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

TQ

“ With a heavy heart my wife and I send our deepest condolences to the Zanfini family. I have known Joe for over 20yrs and had the pleasure meeting him when he was a police officer for the Town of Westerly. My wife and I would meet up with him when we would camp in Pirate Land in Myrtle Beach and would catch up on what was going on in each others life. Joe always had a smile on his face and would help you out at the drop of a hat. May you be at peace now Joe and you will be forever missed.

*The Quaratella Family  
Westerly, RI*

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**Thomas Quaratella** - December 19, 2016 at 06:19 AM

HM

“ I am so saddened by Joe's passing. But I wasn't happy when he and his family moved to South Carolina. I knew Joe best when he was a cop. And when he retired I wanted him to replace John McVeigh as Watch Hill's Primary Police Officer. Joe was lots of fun, but he was always so sincere and kind. Boy, did he ever give my son a tongue lashing when with a new driver's license, he of course was going too fast. I don't know if he ran Joe off the road but no one could have done a better job talking sense into that kid. I loved Joe even more after that. Geez, I'm really in shock. My condolences to the family. I'm sooo glad I can count Joe as a true friend. God speed. Hatsy Moore

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**hatsy moore** - December 13, 2016 at 05:35 AM

LM

“ Sandra, I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers go with you. May you feel the presence of the Lord in these difficult days and the prayers of friends back home.  
*Lana Martin*

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**Lana W Martin** - December 12, 2016 at 02:52 PM

SD

“ My heart breaks for your lose Sandra! Prayers for you everyday!

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**Sara Davis** - December 12, 2016 at 08:10 AM

SB

“ Joe was a great friend of mine, since 1971, serving with him on the Westerly Ambulance Corps. We had a good time together and I will miss him. Scott Barker-Myrtle Beach, SC. Originally from Westerly, RI.

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**scott barker** - December 11, 2016 at 04:11 PM

BM

“ We are sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was always a gentleman; it was a pleasure to know him. Jack served with him on the Westerly Police Dept.  
*Bobbie and Jack McCormick*  
*Venice, FL*

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**Bobbie and Jack McCormick** - December 11, 2016 at 02:22 PM

SS

“ Sandra, there are no words to help ease your sadness and pain, my heart breaks for you. Maybe knowing so many people love you and Joe will help a little. My deepest sympathy and love during this difficult time. Sue Sheehan, Myrtle Beach

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**Sue Sheehan** - December 11, 2016 at 06:56 AM

SJ

“ Joe was a great kind hearted guy. A true Gentle Giant. I served with Joe at the Westerly Ambulance Corps and I would see him on many days while he was working for Westerly Police he would have his lunch break many days at the Ambulance Building. I also had the pleasure of working with Joe when I became a constable with Westerly Police. My deepest sympathy to all Joes family for you loss. Rest In Peace my friend.

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**steven Johnson** - December 10, 2016 at 04:10 PM