



Jodi DiRaimo

March 16, 1935 - July 26, 2024

Frankfort – Joseph (Jodi) Anthony DiRaimo was born on March 16, 1935, in Cranston, RI, to the late Frank and Martha DiRaimo. He passed away peacefully at home on Friday, July 26, 2024.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Sayre DiRaimo, and leaves behind three children, Lisa DiRaimo (Warwick, RI), Jodi Ann Diraimo (Scituate, RI), and Robert (Bobby) DiRaimo (Frankfort), and a grandson, Justice Donoyon. He is also survived by his sister, Annette Turchetta (Cranston, RI); and several cherished nieces and nephews.

Jodi attended Cranston East High School, Massanutten Military Academy, and the University of Rhode Island, where he played football for all three, as well as for the Providence Steamrollers. He was an avid sports fan – often traveling around the country to attend games of his coaching buddies in college basketball and football. Besides playing golf, (and winning several tournaments), he loved coaching his son in football at Lexington Catholic and continued after Bobby graduated up until the pandemic. He lived for Friday nights with the boys and coaches and recalled those days as some of the most memorable in his life. Another proud moment for him was when he was inducted into the Rhode Island Slow Pitch Softball Hall of Fame.

Jodi had several passions. One, of course, was cooking. He owned and operated several restaurants in Providence (Players Corner Pub), Florida, and Kentucky (Bravo Pitinos, Giuseppe's, and Jodi DiRaimo's Italian Cuisine.) He enjoyed not only cooking for friends, but often you would find his kitchen full of

“students” learning little secrets in preparing his recipes.

After retirement, he returned to his other two passions – traveling and gardening. He traveled several times during the year to visit family and friends, taking the back roads for unexpected adventures. He loved working in the yard. Neighbors looked forward to his friendly wave from his John Deere, cigar in mouth, and bucket hat on his head.

He touched thousands of lives over the years all over the world through sports, cooking, and traveling. He will be missed by so many people.

Services for Jodi will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Friday, August 2, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. with Mr. Jeremy Garris officiating. Visitation will be at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024, and from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made in Jodi’s memory to Bluegrass Hospice Care.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-4526
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

Visitation

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
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Service

AUG 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ Working for Jodi at the player's corner pub in Providence was one of my favorite memories as a teenager. He was always so much fun to be around. He acted more like a friend than a boss. I just wish there were more people like him in the world. Rest in peace my friend

James - January 31 at 07:50 AM

JK

“ Karen and Bobby,
Sorry for the late notice. I just came across Mr. DiRaimo's obituary. My deepest condolences to both of you. I recall how supportive Mr. DiRaimo was of SPPS. You all were a great family and I am so sorry for your loss.
Julie Kelley

Julie Kelley - August 03, 2025 at 10:41 PM

RB

“ I'm so sorry to read about Jodi's passing. For many years he was one of my best wholesale customers at my family's business Supreme Dairy Farms in Warwick, RI. As a matter of fact, our company Annual Xmas Party was held at the Player's Corner Pub. He was truly one of the nicest guys that you could ever meet. May God rest his soul.
Richard Bruzzese



Richard Bruzzese - September 27, 2024 at 09:50 PM

AH

“ I remember going to Country Cooking By George's buffet off Alexandria Drive in Lexington He always greeted us, seated us , always a pleasure to talk too. We are Sorry to hear of his passing. Alexander and Martha.

Alexander Harlow - August 30, 2024 at 12:19 PM

PI

“ Lisa, Jodi Ann & Family,
My my deepest sympathy on the passing of your father. I will always cherish the great times we had at the Pub with your ad, Mike T and Eddie D after the PC games.

RIP my friend.
Paul Iacono

Paul Iacono - August 11, 2024 at 08:55 AM

LD

Paul, those were special times!

Lisa A DiRaimo - August 12, 2024 at 05:49 AM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss , my heart goes out to you all my prayers for with you all .



Jackie Sarandrea - August 06, 2024 at 01:04 PM

LD

Jackie, Thank you so much! The Pub was a special Place.

Lisa A DiRaimo - August 12, 2024 at 05:50 AM

WH

“ Jodi was a special person who always greeted us with a smile when we came up from South County especially on St Patrick's Day.

He was always involved in raising money for various charities.

He leaves a great legacy which his family can be proud of.

RIP my friend!

Bill Horan, Narragansett, RI

William T Horan - August 05, 2024 at 02:00 PM

LD

Bill, Thank you, the memories of the Pub are many!

Lisa A DiRaimo - August 12, 2024 at 05:52 AM

SD

“ My name is Susan Downs and I am a native Rhode Islander from Warwick and East Greenwich. I now live in the Galveston, Texas area.

When I lived in RI I was blessed to do many things. I owned a Travel Agency, worked for Outlet Broadcasting and was President and Telethon Chair for United Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island.

That's how I got to meet Jody at WJAR-TV 10.

He was a force of nature. A kind, giving, funny and compassionate man. He gave whatever he could to help people with disabilities be the best they could be.

We used to do 19 hours of live Telethon on a January weekend. All of us put our heart and soul into it.

One thing that kept our spirits and energy up was Jody sponsoring and hosting the cast party wrap-up celebration on Sunday night.

Surely he is an angel in heaven and I can't wait to meet again.

Susan Pauline Downs - August 04, 2024 at 02:45 PM

LI

Susan, thank you for your kind words about my Dad. I remember you at the Telethons. Your words are perfect.

Lisa - August 04, 2024 at 08:33 PM

RB

“*Sorry to hear of Jodi's passing.... he ran a good ship at The Player's Corner Pub'. I thank him for the years he had me as the enteretainer. RIP*

Ron Bianco - August 01, 2024 at 08:06 PM

LI

Ron we had so much fun at the Pub, Thank you for your kind words. The nights with you and Bilbo the Singing dog were always a big hit!

Lisa - August 04, 2024 at 08:35 PM

AJ

“*Dear Jodi Ann, Lisa, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your father was a truly wonderful man and was loved by many. For sure, he was the BEST boss I have ever had. Sending thoughts and prayers. Love, Angel Jannitto.*

angel jannitto - August 01, 2024 at 06:04 PM

LK

*Dear Jodi and Lisa
Many years past but never forget your Dad and your beautiful Mom
We worked together and shared many happy days
God Bless
Linda DeSimone-Kuzoian*

Linda Kuzoian - August 02, 2024 at 07:46 PM

LI

Linda, Thank you so much for remembering us. We did have so much fun.

Lisa - August 04, 2024 at 08:36 PM

LI

Angel, we had so much fun when you were behind the Bar. Thank you for remembering us.

Lisa - August 04, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - August 01, 2024 at 03:04 PM

FC

“ *Dear Karen & Family*
It is with a heavy heart that we learned of cousin Jodi passing. We are sending you our deepest sympathy and condolences at this sad time. We will keep you and family in our daily prayers.
Cousins Franny & Bobby Cucino

Franny & Bobby Cucino - August 01, 2024 at 10:44 AM

JL

“ *Dear Karen and Family, please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. Jodi and I knew each other from elementary school and continued our friendship throughout our young lives. Our time spent together as teammates on the Cranston High football team will be cherished. I will miss him and will remember him in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your sorrow during this difficult time. Joe LaPolla*

Joseph LaPolla - July 31, 2024 at 07:25 PM

JG

“ Dear Karen and family, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers since Jodi's passing..Please accept my deepest sympathy and God,s blessings.

John Giusti

John Giusti - July 31, 2024 at 02:58 PM

AP

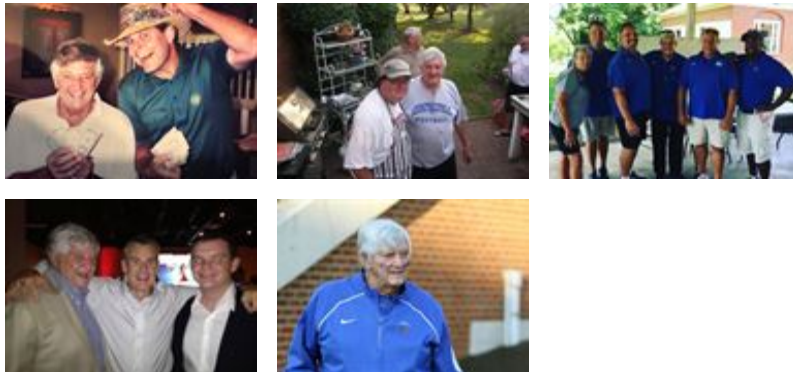
“ Dear Karen and family, there are never enough word to provide consolation at this time of grief; however please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers since you notified us of Jodi's passing. I met Jodi in junior high school and to this day in our lives (many years) he was still the same unpretentious person. Jodi was Jodi! Sending our deepest sympathy and God's blessings to all.

Anthony and Rose Pagano

Anthony G. Pagano - July 31, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ 72 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - July 30, 2024 at 10:28 AM

LM

“ Rest in peace Sir, always remember you taking care of us kids by introducing us to the many amazing athletes in restaurant at Player's Corner. I'm 61 now but I will always remember your kindness.

LLOYD L. MASSEY - July 30, 2024 at 10:22 AM

JM

“ Dear Karen and Family, I have a hole in my heart after hearing of Jodi's passing. He was one of my closest friends. We shared many memories and I will miss him terribly. He had a generous heart and loved a good time. I know we will meet again. I am with you at your time of sadness. All my love. Sincerely, Joe Mancini

Joe Mancini - July 30, 2024 at 06:46 AM

DW

“ So sad to hear this he was the heart of providence and so kind to me when I didn't a year in Lexington doing a book with Rick Pitino he will
Missed by Everyone who knew him

dick weiss - July 29, 2024 at 11:33 PM

EK

“ Dear Jodi and Justice, I'm so very sorry for your loss. May your Father/ grandfather rest in peace.
With sympathy, Elyse

Elyse Kaprielian - July 29, 2024 at 09:52 PM

TS

“ *Sending Deepest Sympathy and Condolences for Jodi. I first met him when he played in the PCC McKenzie Member Guest in the late 70s with my Dad. He let me drive his gorgeous orange Eldorado convertible, which was like a boat and I had no business driving it at age 16, but he gladly gave me his keys. Jodi would regularly make bacon and egg sandwiches and bring them to the club every weekend for the entire A Train. His kindness was off the charts. The World needs more Jodi DiRaimos. Rest In Peace old friend.*

Ted Shannon - July 29, 2024 at 07:14 PM

KD

“ *Jodi, Karen, Dale and I spent some time together at the lake in western Kentucky. A fond memory for me....Karen and I were on the screened-in porch and Jodi and Dale were out on the deck over looking the lake. Doing what??? Just looking at the lake and having cigars. Karen and I were so tickled just to see them sitting there, having a cigar and probably sharing stories. We so loved him. Jodi, the world already misses you!!!*

Kim and Dale - July 29, 2024 at 06:25 PM

KD

“ *Kim And Dale lit a candle in memory of Jodi DiRaimo*



Kim and Dale - July 29, 2024 at 06:19 PM