



Joseph Dragicevich

August 8, 1933 - March 30, 2016

Obituary of Joseph Dragicevich

On the morning of March 30, 2016, Joseph Dragicevich passed away peacefully in his home in Lady Lake, FL at the age of 82. Joseph was born in New York, NY on August 8, 1933. He was the youngest child of Stephan and Milka Dragicevich. Joseph was very proud to have graduated from college with an Electrical Engineering degree. He went on to a successful career with IBM as a Director of Telecommunications. After his career, Joseph retired to The Villages in 1998, where he enjoyed playing golf and spending time with friends.

Joseph is survived by his wife Judy, his brother Frank, and three children, Darelle (Christopher-deceased) Gent, Dorian (Dennis) Peckham and David (Melissa) Dragicevich. Joseph is also survived by eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Joseph was a beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be missed by all of his family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Sunday April 3, 2016 from 3:00PM to 5:00PM at

Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Lady Lake, FL. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 8:30AM at St. Timothy Catholic Church, Lady Lake, FL. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA. <https://www.pancan.org/donate-now>.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL

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JW

“ Joe was my manager for a few years with IBM. He was not only a great manager but a great friend. You have my condolences for your loss. I will carry his friendship to my grave..

Jean "Windy" Wenderlich - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ It is with deep sorrow to hear of Joe D's passing today. I first met him when we were selected to work on the Saber project from the New York Midtown BO. We went to Poughkeepsie, to learn the 7090 system and we roomed together while attending school. We had a real pleasant relationship for many years. We separated after Saber and reunited on CCDN. I have read the condolences from all of his associates and I cannot add to them. He was truly a great guy and a good friend. In retirement we still kept in touch occasionally via e-mail. I will sincerely miss him.

Jay O'Donnell - April 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ A true model of a manager, gentleman, and true friend to all who knew him. He contributed so much to all who had the privilege to work with him. Joe leaves so many precious and wonderful memories.

Ben Varvaro - April 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ Joe had a great influence on my life, especially at IBM and the benefits that accrued from there. I highly respected Joe. In work I was always very happy to do anything he ever asked of me. Everyone else I knew felt the same! Joe and I met in January 1967 when I first joined IBM. At that time, he was a leader for the planning and implementation of the telecommunications equipment area for IBM's first nationwide information system and I was a total novice to the business. By the end of 1969, the AAS system had been very successfully launched and my expertise developed in database management. The AAS system supported IBM's richest division (data processing - DP) and also the typewriter division. Joe and other IBM management wanted the typewriter division (office products - OP) to set up its own AAS and disengage from the DP division. Joe asked me and a few others to transfer to OP to accomplish that task. When Joe assured me I'd always be welcomed back into his organization, I accepted his request and transferred. Ten long years later, the OP division wasn't doing well. My first call looking for a better IBM job was to Joe. I asked him if he could offer me a job. He instantly answered "yes". Then, when I returned to DP, Joe asked me to study and come up with plans for solving many problems of the network control center. In doing so, I came up with dozens of things to do. In spite of organizational resistance, Joe supported my recommendations and named me as manager to implement them. This was the start of my twenty five year management career in IBM - THANK YOU JOE! I attend a monthly retiree breakfast 'club' in Tarrytown New York. Every one of us has strong connections to Joe. We all frequently and most fondly reminisce about our interactions and happiest times with Joe. Dear Joe: Rest In Peace.

Art Epstein - April 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I remember the first time I met Joe D in the elevator at HCP around 1982 timeframe right after we moved in from 7-11. I was nervous as it was the first time I was face to face with the man and he said "Hi Mike how's it going? How's the family? I never forgot that. He was truly a great leader and a great person. He made us all feel valuable. He will be missed.

Michael Soravilla - April 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I was very sad to learn of Joe's passing. He truly personified the old IBM creed of respect for the individual. Joe had a great sense of humor and could make anyone feel at ease. He was a pleasure to work with at IBM. I saw Joe just last year and, after over 20 years, Joe greeted me as if it was only yesterday. Such a warm and caring guy! My prayers go out for Joe and his family.

Steve Skye - April 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Joe D was a great leader when I worked with him at IBM CCDN. Too bad he cannot hear all the admiration his team had for him. We could use his style of leadership today. Please take care and know there a lot of prayers coming your way. God Bless.

Maritza Fitzsimmons-Quinn - April 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ID

“ Mike, you and your entire family are in my thoughts at this time of your loss. IG

Ignatius Dudkiewicz - April 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ I knew Joe from IBM and worked with him on several occasions. He was a great guy, always smiling and caring and fun to talk to. He was "one" of the good ones and I will miss him. My deepest sympathy goes out to the family.

Richard Nardi - April 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Joseph Dragicevich

Donna & Jack Gerundo - April 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Darelle, Dorian and David, Our deepest condolences for the passing of your Dad. Joe was a great man. I was his secretary for several years and Jack was a manager in his organization. We cannot express deeply enough what your dad meant to us. He was a kind and gentle man. Through the years we have often spoken lovingly about him - reminiscing about the IBM days. Please stay strong.

Donna & Jack Gerundo - April 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Joe possessed that special combination of common sense management skills and wonderful people skills. You saw the results reflected every single day in the excitement and organizational loyalty shown by his people. We loved coming to work. Thanks Joe.
Bill McCann

Bill McCann - April 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DG

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PG

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers, Joe will be missed. he was a leadership example to all of us that worked with him at IBM. I am sorry for your loss.###GESTURE###

Pat Goewey - April 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dear Judy and Family, I am very sorry to learn of Joe's passing. Over the many years that I did work for Joe, I found him to be caring, intelligent, ethical and a real gentleman. He will be sorely missed. May the good memories you have of him help ease the pain of his death. Sincerely, Rich Bellew

Rich Bellew - April 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I met Joe in the early 70's when I started with IBM. Although he was 'upper Mgmt', when you were with him he never made you feel he was above you. He was a people person who was dedicated, personable and caring for your needs. He truly believed that "people are our most important asset". There are some things you go through in life and never forget. Something that stayed with me through my career in IBM and now is something Joe said at his retirement party. "I try to pride myself to live by the golden rule at work and in my personal life"....."Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." I will never forget that. Joe, God bless you and your family. Rest in peace and keep hitting them long and straight down the middle my friend.

Larry & Sandy Tetro - April 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PG

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SS

“ Joe, You were an excellent director of IBM Data Communications. Under your leadership, you have supported my promotion (among other ones). Rest in peace. Joe. Sherm

SHERM SHIAO - April 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Judy and family, My heartfelt and deepest sympathy to you and the family on the loss of your husband and father. Joe was such a good man and is now in a much better place. I wish you the peace of the Lord in this difficult time. God bless.. In Christ's Love, Alice

Alice Cunnane - March 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Darelle: Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family. God be with you and your Family.

Stephen Romano - March 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Darelle and family, my heartfelt condolences to all of you on the passing of your father. Just knowing you Darelle for the kind and open person you are, I am sure your dad must have been a great guy for having raised you to be that way. He surely went straight to heaven. My prayers will be with you on this sad day.

Lisa Schloemer - March 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Mike Murphy - May you and your family find comfort through each other during this difficult time.

Steve Long - March 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I am very saddened to hear this unfortunate news. Joe was my Director in IBM. I was new to the group and had to make a presentation to him. He knew I was nervous and treated me with the utmost kindness and courtesy. He maintained the former IBM policy of respect for the individual. He was an amazing leader and always stood up for his employees under any adverse circumstances. My sincere condolences to the family. He will never be forgotten. Sal Gentile

Sal Gentile - March 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Mike and entire family, very sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Charles Gill - March 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ I remember Joe D from IBM days, right after I graduated college in the early 80's. He was such a "cool dude"... can still seem him walking down the hall, hand in pants pocket such a nice man. My condolences to his family & friends.

Wendy K - March 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I first met Joe in 1972, and since then have worked as equals together, worked for him, and became long term friends. Joe was the most intelligent, passionate and caring person I have ever worked with. The loyalty and dedication he created within his organization was above comparison to any others. I am blessed to have had Joe in my life and will dearly miss him. God bless you, Joe.

Tony Cornacchio - March 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM