

Biography

Joseph Carlos Melo, an incoming freshman at Don Bosco Preparatory High School, and lifelong resident of the area, died at Westchester Medical Center in Mount Pleasant, New York on July 8, 2013. He was 13 years of age.

The son of Michael and Elizabeth Melo, he was born on July 19, 1999 in Middletown, New York.

Joseph just completed his middle school education at Monroe-Woodbury Middle School, and was on the Honor Roll. He was in the Expand Program for Gifted and Talented Students, an Altar Server at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, volunteer at Monroe Free Library, volunteer coach for Monroe-Woodbury Pop Warner Football, a player on the Monroe-Woodbury Middle School Football & Track Team, and a member of the New Jersey Striders Track Team. He had earned his Black Belt in Tang Soo Do and also participated in the 2011 Junior Olympics for Discus.

Survivors include his parents Michael and Elizabeth Melo of Monroe, NY, his brother Anthony at home and his maternal grandparents Michael & Irene Lynch of Monroe, NY and paternal grandmother Av? Arina Melo of Portugal.

His aunts and uncles Peggy and Mike Mullahy, of Monroe, NY, Michael and Kelly Lynch of Rockville Centre NY, Patricia Lynch of New York City. His aunt Isabella Barry of Chester, NY and aunt and uncle Aires and Alda Bettincourt of Fall River, MA along with his cousins Michael, Rachel, Kevin, Michael, and Julia also survive him.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 12th, & Saturday, July 13th 2013 during the hours of 2 to 4 & 6 to 8 PM at Flynn Funeral & Cremation Memorial Centers, Inc., located at 139 Stage Road, Monroe, New York 10950.

A Funeral Mass will be offered at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, 26 Still Road, Monroe, New York on Sunday, July 14, 2013 at 2:00 PM with Fr. Thomas Byrnes officiating.

Burial will follow at Orange County Veterans Cemetery 111 Craigville Road, Goshen, New York 10924.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions in Joseph's name please be forwarded to Provident Bank, 3 Bryle Place, Chester, NY 10918, Attention Heather Foley for a Memorial Fund to be established in his memory.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Thomas F. Flynn and the staff of Flynn Funeral & Cremation Memorial Centers, Inc. 139 Stage Road, Monroe, New York 10950. For directions to the funeral home, Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Orange County Veterans Cemetery or to offer an online memorial please visit www.flynnfh.com