



J. Joseph Brune Jr.

February 28, 1934 - November 24, 2025

On November 24, 2025, John Joseph Brune Jr., beloved husband of Sheila M. (nee McGlone); devoted father of Meaghan Davis and her husband Peter, Gillian Brune, Sean Brune and his wife Karyn, Caitlin Brune, Moira Thomas and her husband Matthew, Colin Brune, and Kieran Brune, M.D.; devoted brother of S. Virginia Marie Brune, S.S.N.D., David Brune and his wife the late Susan, Jerome Brune and his wife Patricia, and the late Mary Frances Johnston and her husband the late Edward. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, one grandchild, and nieces and nephews, and was preceded in death by one grandchild.

Please omit flowers. Memorials may be made in his name to:

St. Ignatius Loyola Academy
300 Gittings St.
Baltimore, MD 21230

The Loyola School
801 St. Paul St.
Baltimore, MD 21202

Loyola Blakefield
500 Chestnut Ave.

Towson, MD 21204

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Visitation

DEC 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD 21212
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Funeral Mass

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ignatius
740 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Tribute Wall

GF

“ *Coach Brune was truly a famous legend.*

Greg Fudge - January 27 at 08:28 AM

JS

“ *Dear Joe/Coach Brune: You were a living legend when we met during my early years at St. Ignatius, and I could not believe our fortune when you accepted first an invitation to teach at the Saturday HAP program for prospective students and then, when you joined as teacher of public speaking and English. Soon you also were coaching lacrosse. And Mr. Brune/Coach Brune, Legend, part II was created. You were a model, mentor and friend to every faculty and staff member and ultimately every student with whom you worked. To come out of retirement downtown to the Academy on Calvert at Madison and begin anew as a teacher was courageous and, I know, had to be humbling, at first. (Your written narrative of coaching your first lacrosse game solo, which I found on my desk the next morning before breakfast, was one of favorite and most hilarious reads ever! I hope I can find it and share it with Sheila and the family.) You and Sheila were such lights for the Academy; it was so much fun having you involved and no one will forget the quiet(ish), respectful way you engaged, the boys as a teacher, coach, and advisor, and built up their trust and their efforts to be their best selves as scholars, speakers, teammates, and humans. Thank you, Joe.*

Jeff Sindler - December 03, 2025 at 12:12 PM

RG

“ I feel the loss and do not know what to say.

I coached a little div 3 football and did some part-time at Bucknell. The word on the street was when Joe sent you a coach a recruiting letter about one of his players you could takeout as gospel what he said would match perfectly the player's skills. In addition you knew you would someone who knew how to work hard.

He was one of the people at Loyola who taught me how to work hard.

Richard Gray '71

Richard Gray - December 01, 2025 at 11:33 PM

PL

“ I am terribly saddened to learn of the passing of a Baltimore-area legend, Coach Joe Brune. It's been 40 years since I played football for him at Loyola, yet hardly a week goes by that I don't think of something he taught me. We learned a lot about life on Hargaden Field from this good man, who simply used football as a teaching tool. May God grant him the eternal peace that he richly deserves. My best to Mrs. Brune, Sean, and the entire Brune family. Patrick Leahy

Patrick Leahy - December 01, 2025 at 04:44 PM

TH

“ I wish to send my condolences to the entire Brune family. As a graduate of St. Mary's Govans, there are many memories of growing up with the children. Joe gave me my first coaching job at Loyola Blakefield (even though I was a CHC grad)! He was a true inspiration to become a teacher and a coach. You will be missed. Have many more Turkey Bowls up there with Augie.

Tommy Hinkle

Tom Hinkle - December 01, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ It is with sadness in the passing of Prof. Joe Brune that his Baltimore City College D-13 Homeroom Class of June 1963 extends its condolences to the Brune family. Prof. Brune was a respected English Department instructor, and a legendary MSA lacrosse and football coach while at City during the 1960s. He attended City Class reunions for over 60 years. *Palnam Qui Meruit Ferat....City Forever*

Lee Raskin, JD. BCC D-13 / June 1963. Photo: 1963 Baltimore City College Green Bag



Lee Raskin - November 30, 2025 at 04:29 PM

RS

“ I remember when I arrived at City in 1962, Coach Brune would assist the Varsity Football Team until his time to coach the JV Team. I was trying out to be a Receiver and on a particular day , we were executing Blocking Drills. Coach Brune yelled -“I don’t know what it is that you Guys are doing, I want to see some Blood!”
Coach, Thanks for being a major part of my competitiveness!
RIP my Friend!
Ray Banks Class of 1965 and Captain of the 1964 Varsity Football Championship Team

Rev. Dr. Raymond E Banks Sr. - November 29, 2025 at 09:05 AM