

Welcome Home Good & Faithful Servant

Deacon Wayne John Otlowski, 68, died Monday, October 29, 2018 at New York University Medical Center in New York City. He was born in Perth Amboy to the late Herman and Stephanna (Bryla) Otlowski. Deacon Wayne has resided in South Plainfield since 1975. After graduating from Perth Amboy High School, Wayne continued his education at Newark State College where he received his **Bachelor's** Degree. Later, he received his Master's Degree from Kean College in 1978.



Wayne started his professional career in 1975 with his alma mater, Perth Amboy High School, as a social studies teacher. In 2001 he was hired within the district as their Vice Principal of Perth Amboy Adult School until 2006. After he retired, Wayne continued his passion for teaching as a history professor in Middlesex County Community College in 2017.

In addition to teaching, Wayne has ministered as a Permanent Deacon of the Diocese of Metuchen, serving at his home parish, the Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield. Deacon Wayne was also active in the Knights of Columbus, the Girl Scouts of America, and held the position of Vice President of the American Federation of Teaching.

In his spare time, Wayne enjoyed reading, particularly about history, drawing and telling jokes. A long time NY Mets fan, Wayne loved walking on the boardwalk and sitting on the beach watching the waves, gardening, vacationing and traveling with his wife, Joanne. He most enjoyed spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Joanne Otlowski and their three children, Anthony W. Otlowski and his wife Angela of Williamstown, Jennifer Otlowski and Mary Rispoli and husband Luca of Monroe and his brother, Allan Otlowski and wife Kathryn of Monroe. He will also be missed by his three grandchildren, Anthony, Emma and Annalisa.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Avenue South Plainfield NJ 07080. They were followed by the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at the Church of the Sacred Heart. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Donations may be made in Wayne's memory to the New York University Medical Center Transplant Organization c/o McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.