



It is with an extremely heavy heart, and profound sadness that I share the news of the passing of our Hamilton Sparta Technical Director, Club Head Coach and most importantly, friend, Joe Valvasori.

As most, if not all of us know, Joe was the assistant coach of the McMaster Men's Soccer Team for many years and two years ago, became the head coach of the McMaster Women's Soccer team. I dare say there was no club head coach or technical director more qualified within the entire province and maybe within all of Canada, than Joe.

The vision and direction he set for Hamilton Sparta allowed our club to show continued strong growth, while developing and realizing an exceptional level of successes throughout his many years with the club. What was more important to this humble man, was providing a program that allowed all our youth to have fun, while developing their skills and confidence throughout their soccer careers. These lessons would prove to turn into life skills for our players.

Joe was a very humble man, who never took credit for his tireless work. He was a friend to all, and a fighter to the very end.

Our hearts go out to the special love of Joe's life, Carla, whose love grew stronger each and every day throughout the battle Joe endured, and together with God's help, they created their beautiful daughter, Natalie...and to Joe's parents, John (Hamilton Sparta President) and Sandra (Hamilton Sparta Executive Member and Treasurer), his sisters, brother and brother-in-law's, Julie (Hamilton Sparta Executive Member and Recording Secretary) and husband Dino (Hamilton Sparta Coach), Angie (Hamilton Sparta Coach) and husband Mike, Sherri, Steven, and to the rest of his extended family.

Funeral arrangements will be communicated once finalized.

This truly is a sad day for Hamilton Sparta, and the entire soccer community. Knowing Joe, he would want us to take a breath to collect ourselves, then, keep looking forward, ensuring to always have the spirit of soccer in our hearts while enjoying coaching and playing the game he loved so much. It is my hope that we continue to enjoy being a valued member of the Hamilton Sparta Family and allow Joe's legacy to live on through each and every one of us.

Sincerely,

Ron Calabrese  
Hamilton Sparta Executive Member and friend