



Joe S. Andrzejczak Jr.

December 29, 1950 - May 4, 2020

Joseph S. Andrzejczak Jr 12-29-50 to 5-4-20

Beloved husband of Deborah; devoted father to Joseph 3rd (Sheri) and Robert (Trish); loving stepfather to Theresa Speck (Matt) and Frederick Repetsky, Jr, (Kim) and 10 grandchildren, Macie and John, Bobby and Jana, Jonathan, Ron, Branna, Emilie, Juliet and Zachary.

Joe's story started on 12-29-1950 as an only child to Joseph Sr. and Stella Andrzejczak. He was born in Manhattan NY, was raised on the Lower East Side, and as a teen moved to Lyndhurst, NJ where he graduated from Lyndhurst High School and made lifelong friends. From high school, he served his country in the United States Coast Guard and retired honorably as a Chief Petty Officer after 24 years of service. He landed at the Cape May/Lewes Ferry where he worked until he retired a second and final time in 2013. Joe met the love of his life, Debbie, through a mutual friend in 2002. They had a whirlwind romance and were married in Philadelphia, PA in 2004. They spent many years traveling, building their home and life in Villas, NJ. Joe and Debbie realized their dream of retiring to Hawaii where they moved in October 2019. Joe was well-known for his lack of patience, not holding back his opinion and knack for telling it like it is. He always told you the truth even if you didn't want to hear it. He was a gifted story-teller, usually taking much longer to get to the end than necessary. He is acclaimed for his gift of playing air guitar to Hotel California. He was known to his friends as Joe Aces, the Pathfinder, Coast Guard Joe, Joe Alphabet, Joe the Fuel King and lastly, Hawaiian Joe. He loved fishing, snorkeling, Gloria Estefan, Frank Sinatra, Fox News, the History Channel and above all, his family. Most importantly, he adored his SWEEETIE Deb. Joe was a cook in the Coast Guard, a chef with the Grand Hotel and the Cape May Lewes Ferry; and had a philosophy to put hot sauce on everything. He had many requests for his Polish Kielbasi and sauerkraut along with his ribs & wings. Joe could frequently be heard mumbling under his breath "I gotta do everything" especially when thinking of the honey do lists Debbie made for him. Joe was a model of strong will and sheer determination right up until the end of his journey on earth. A celebration of Joe's life, following a Catholic Prayer Service, will be held on the grounds

of the Cape May Lewes Ferry (behind the terminal), Route 9, North Cape May, NJ on July 11, 2020 at 1pm. The family requests everyone to wear Hawaiian shirts, shorts and flip flops. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society. info and condolences: www.spilkerfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Spilker Funeral Home - July 02, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Dear Debbie:

First, I want to say how sorry I am. I know how much love you had for Joe. I was incredibly amazed at the love you two share. You will always share it. Deb, you are in my thoughts and prayers daily. I pray that your family also remembers the good times and it helps the healing of the heart.

You two always gave me hope.

Love,
Dottie

Dottie Sheehan - July 10, 2020 at 10:01 AM



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Edward Topolewski - July 07, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ Dearest Deb,
I am so sorry for your loss. I know that you and Joe shared such a profound love, and it was so evident in the way you spoke of him. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Well wishes to you and your family. We love and miss you <3 - Cynthia Ortiz Fendrick

Cynthia Fendrick - July 06, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ Deb:
I am so sorry to hear about Joe. You always seemed so happy when you were together or talking about him. My thoughts are with you. I miss you Deb!- Jerry Kosmin

Jerry Kosmin - July 06, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ Joe was a sweet man and very kind gentle giant! He was my mother's next door neighbor Muriel ! He always was there for her if she needed him, he mowed her lawn even without her asking for help! When he was packing for Hawaii he was throwing all his Christmas garland and lights away and asked if I wanted any I could have them so I did take them and now when I hang them I will always think of Joe! We thought the world of him what a wonderful man, we will all miss you Joe! Gone to soon!

Mary MacCarter Muriels daughter - July 02, 2020 at 12:09 AM



“ Thank you Mary
Deb Andrzejczak - July 02, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ Joe was a great guy ...we shared a lot in the last few years going through the same things but we always ended the conversation with a laugh....gone too soon...Condolences Deb and family....
Jim Pietrowski - July 10, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ Joan Bellerby lit a candle in memory of Joe S. Andrzejczak Jr.



joan bellerby - July 01, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ Thank you Joanie

Deborah A Andrzejczak - July 01, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ Dotto to Holly, I met Joe on the USCGC Hornbeam. He was the lead cook. Best cook I ever had in 22 years active duty. He could make liver taste good. LOL. He replaced a rotten cook. So going from rotten cook to Joe was like winning the food lottery. Joe was a awesome shipmate, person, friend. Joe you are missed!

Bill Gerry

Bill Gerry - July 01, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ Thanks Bill. See you soon

Deborah A Andrzejczak - July 01, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Joe, I remember meeting Joe when he was a chef on the C.G ship ' The Sassafra's' my father was the chief on duty at the time. It was thanksgiving and Joe made the turkey feast. The crew had to work the holiday So that's where my family had dinner. It was delicious ! Then coincidentally years later , I worked on the ferry and Joe worked the boarding ramp. He recognized me right away from when I was a little kid. When I would see him he would talk to me about my dad and old times in the C.G. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time . RIP.
Joe. Holly Molnar

Holly Molnar - July 01, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ Thank you Holly

Deborah A Andrzejczak - July 01, 2020 at 11:46 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies, Debbie & family. We wish we could be there to celebrate Joe's life, in our Hawaiian shirts and flip flops! What a cool idea, Joe would love it! We were just reminiscing about the trip to Mexico...and hanging with you & Joe! We are so thankful to have had that little bit of time to get to know him! Raise one for us as you celebrate this wonderful man! Rest easy, sweet Joe. Big Hugs, lots of love, Debbie and all! Rob & Donna! XX

Donna Ashley Rob Adair - July 01, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ Thanks cousins. We will miss you.

Deborah A Andrzejczak - July 01, 2020 at 11:47 PM



“ You are the love of my life, my best friend, my insides, my everything. I will never love anyone as I loved you. Until we meet again babe.



Deb Andrzejczak - July 01, 2020 at 05:55 PM