



Leroy "Lee" P. Joe

September 22, 1953 - December 15, 2020

Leroy P. Joe, 67

It is with great sorrow the family of Leroy "Lee" P. Joe announce he suddenly passed away on December 15, 2020.

Lee was a long-time resident of Lakeland, FL where he planted roots after faithfully serving his country for 20 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He spent the next 24 + years working for Geico where he recently retired. Lee was preceded in death by his parents Rita and Leroy Joe, his brother Michael (Joann) Joe and his beloved wife Margaret "Jill" Joe.

Lee will be lovingly remembered by his five children, Stephen Joe, Jenette (Jim) Auletta, Chuck Jansen, Dana (Fran)Watkins, and Stacia Bannon (Tony Tidwell), his endearing 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren whom he adored. All who knew him will miss him dearly.

He could be found watching FOX and the Philadelphia Eagles. Lee loved Cruising and trying his luck at the casino. He had many trips planned for his retirement. His love of food lead him to be a great cook; his famous meatballs and sauce will go down in history. Preparing meals for friends and family was his passion and we will always remember times shared around the table.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am, Tuesday, December 29, at Gentry-Morrison Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Rd, Lakeland. The service may be viewed via livestream by going to the following link:

<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/obituaries/Leroy-Lee-Joe/#!/PhotosVideos/00000000-0000-0000-0000-0000000000001/WebcastVideo>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Leroy "Lee" P. Joe



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - December 21, 2020 at 07:11 AM

JA

Lee, You are now in heaven with your beloved wife Jill.
Rest easy Marine, we have the watch now. John & Evelyn Auletta

John Auletta - December 22, 2020 at 01:04 PM

ME

“ I miss you so much love 🙌❤️

Melissa - February 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM

GM

“ 1 file added to the album Military Tribute



Gentry Morrison - December 29, 2020 at 08:55 PM

NQ

“ Nola Quintanilla lit a candle in memory of Leroy "Lee" P. Joe



Nola Quintanilla - December 29, 2020 at 11:53 AM

NQ

“ My condolences to you -- these words can not even begin to express my sadness at hearing about Lee's passing. Those of us that were blessed to know him, grieve with you. Having worked at GEICO for so many years, I believe he had to of impacted thousands with his wry humor and big, bear hugs. A realist always, he shared wisdom when it was needed most ... and sometimes when it was needed but not wanted. May God bless you and comfort you.

Nola Quintanilla - December 29, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Roy.. Thank you for allowing me the chance to get to know you and accept me as part of the family. I will miss your wonderful dinners and gatherings. You are in part the reason i found the passion for cooking again. It was always fun on football Sundays especially when Eagles, Redskins and Giants fans were at the house. You will be very much missed

Linda Miranda - December 29, 2020 at 09:57 AM

MA

“Dad, you will forever be in my heart. From day one you took me and my sister as your own and loved us and took care of us. Continue to watch over us especially my baby brother, until we are together again, I love you and miss you❤️🥺”

Michelle Aquino - December 29, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Leroy "Lee" P. Joe.



December 28, 2020 at 11:35 AM

JA

“Lee, You are now with your beloved wife Jill in heaven. Rest easy Marine, we have the watch now.
R. I. P. - John & Evelyn Auletta

john Auletta - December 28, 2020 at 08:04 AM

BC

“Lee was always in a good mood and I enjoyed talking to him about baseball, especially the Tampa Bay Rays. I didn't know Lee was retired military but I am not surprised as he was a very humble person. He will be missed!

Brian Cobb - December 27, 2020 at 06:32 PM

MN

“ Lee, the love we shared I will cherish always, No one can take that away. We didn't get all the years we planned together, I guess God needed you more.

Melissa Nealey - December 22, 2020 at 07:43 PM

MN

Knowing your with Jill comforts me.

Melissa Nealey - December 23, 2020 at 03:17 PM

VM

Lee even though we didn't stay in touch I always remember you as a kind man.

I can still hear you saying

"What's up kid"

You are missed 😞

Vicky Murray - December 28, 2020 at 11:48 AM

RL

My heart is reaching out to you, For what you're going thru,

I'm Thinking of your frequently And Praying for you, too.

If there's something I can do, Anything at all,

Think of me thinking of you, and Don't hesitate to call.

Poem by Joanne Fuchs called Reaching out!!

Condolences to the Family!!!

Rebecca Lovins

REBECCA LOVINS - December 29, 2020 at 12:27 PM

AN

“ I'll miss you Lee, you have been there for me since I was a kid. We have grown closer over the last few years. You have been amazing with my kids and gave the most amazing advice. I loved watching how happy you and my mother made each other the last 3 years. Your an amazing man. My heart goes out to your family and my mother. You left us too soon.

Amanda Nealey - December 21, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leroy "Lee" P. Joe.



December 21, 2020 at 09:53 AM

JG

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Leroy Joe. We started at GEICO at almost the same time. My deepest sympathies to his loved ones.

Jerry Gschwender - December 20, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leroy "Lee" P. Joe.



December 20, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leroy "Lee" P. Joe.*



December 20, 2020 at 07:21 AM



“ *Melissa Nealey lit a candle in memory of Leroy "Lee" P. Joe*



Melissa Nealey - December 20, 2020 at 07:08 AM