



Joseph Charles "Joe" Colca

February 20, 1949 - November 24, 2024

Joseph C. "Joe" Colca, age 75, of St. Augustine, passed away on November 24, 2024 at his home in the Cascades community in St. Augustine, FL. Joe was born on February 20, 1949 in Clifton, NJ to parents Joseph and Katherine (Misuraca) Colca. Joe grew up in Clifton and graduated in 1967 from Clifton High School. He furthered his education at Trenton State University, where he studied business administration.

Joe began his working career at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals before transitioning to the restaurant industry, where he found his true calling. It was during this time that he met the love of his life, Susan Cartier, a fellow nursing student of his sister, Kathy. Joe and Susan married on January 19, 1975, and built a beautiful life together. He worked for Friendly's Restaurant as a District Manager and later became the Director of Operations for a McDonald's franchise in Pennsylvania. Throughout his career, Joe was known for his dedication, strong work ethic, and his ability to connect with people. He had an innate gift for building relationships, and his colleagues and employees held him in the highest regard.

In 2017, Joe and Susan retired to the Cascades community at World Golf Village in St. Augustine. Joe quickly became known as the "mayor" of the neighborhood, often seen cruising around in his golf cart, engaging with his neighbors, and bringing a warm, welcoming spirit to all. He served on various Homeowners Association (HOA) committees, always contributing to the

betterment of his community. His commitment to family, friends, and the community was truly unmatched. He had a huge heart and could often be seen delivering cold water to the community landscapers on hot days.

More than anything, Joe loved his family. He was a great provider and dedicated family man. His favorite title was "Pops" and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Joe always loved having family together and enjoyed watching his kids and grandkids grow and flourish. He was especially devoted to his grandsons, as a much-needed father figure for them. Joe was passionate about spending time with his family at the beach and when he was younger, sailing Chesapeake on their sailboat with Susan and the kids.

Joe was a longtime catholic and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his sister, Kathy Miragliotta. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Susan Colca; daughter, Erin Colca of St. Johns, Fl., son, Joseph Colca and his wife, Stephanie of St. Augustine; sister, Jane Colca of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey; brother-in-law, Anthony Miragliotta of New Jersey; grandchildren, James Joseph and his wife Frances, Connor, Emma, Lucas Joseph, Gianna; and a great grandson, Gabriel.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks to honor the memory of Joe, please consider making a donation to the CurePSP Foundation. A memorial service will be held at 10 am on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Father Guy Noonan officiating. Interment will follow at the church columbarium. Those unable to attend can view the service live-streamed at <https://iframe.dacast.com/live/2a7a09ae1c0559a83ef537e05e6a14a6/0d926f14-3fd3-923f-c556-1f0bb777106f>

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Ambrose Cemetery

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel

5950 FL-16

St. Augustine, FL 32092-0626

(904) 824-8688

Tribute Wall



“ *The CapTech team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Charles "Joe" Colca.*



The CapTech team - December 11, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ *The CapTech team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Charles "Joe" Colca.*

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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph Charles "Joe" Colca.*



December 10, 2024 at 11:12 PM



“ *Joe will always be in our hearts and thoughts! What an amazing man -- and as written, loved his family to the nth degree. When our daughter, Stephanie, married Joe, Jr. -- we were all welcomed into the Colca fold. It was as if we had been friends forever! And so shall we always be. Our love and sympathy is given to JC's family, as we deeply share in your grief. God bless you all, and keep you wrapped in love, during these very sad days.*

Nell Wozniak - December 10, 2024 at 09:48 AM

DG

“ I was fortunate. Joey lived in my neighborhood and was a loyal friend from first grade through high school. He was a delightful young boy and as a man, a true gentleman. He fought the good fight. May he now rest in peace.



Diane Glenn - December 07, 2024 at 12:52 PM

MS

“ Thanks for everything Joe! I will always be grateful to you for your support and the opportunities you provide me when I was initiating my career as a manager, my deepest condolences to his family and closest friends. RIP Joe 🙏

Monica Soto - December 06, 2024 at 04:52 PM

JV

“ Closest "big brother" for me growing up. RIP Joey.. Love and prayers to all

JIM VULLO - December 05, 2024 at 03:37 PM

JB

“ Rest in peace dear Cousin

Judie Bowman - December 04, 2024 at 04:20 PM