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Joseph Louis Soltis, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on April 27, 2025, surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Born on December 20, 1948, to Joseph and Evelyn Soltis in Trenton, New Jersey, Joe grew up in New Egypt, New Jersey, where he attended New Egypt Elementary School and graduated from Allentown High School in 1967. It was there he met the love of his life, Nancy Soltis — his high school sweetheart. Joe and Nancy married in 1971, the same year he began his journey in law enforcement.

Following his graduation, Joe proudly served in the United States Navy for six years. Upon completing his military service, he enrolled in the police academy in June of 1971 and went on to have a distinguished career, rising to the rank of State Police Lieutenant with the New Jersey State Police, before retiring in 1999.

In 2001, Joe and his family relocated to St. Augustine, Florida, where he embraced a well-earned retirement filled with the simple joys he cherished

most — kayaking, swimming, spending time outdoors, and creating countless memories with his family. A passionate baseball fan, Joe loved cheering for his beloved New York Yankees. His love for animals was equally strong, especially for his faithful dog Jake, who was his constant companion.

Joe's greatest pride and joy was his family. He is survived by his devoted wife of over 50 years, Nancy Soltis; his three daughters, Deanna Villa (Danny) of Port Orange, FL, Nicole Maline (James) of Brunswick, GA, and Amanda Sanders (Chris) of St. Augustine, FL; his cherished grandchildren, Victoria Geiger (Tyler), Liam and Elliott Maline, and Chris and Cooper Sanders; and his adored great-grandchildren, Nora and Isla Geiger. He is also survived by his beloved sister, Lois Cucinotta of Trenton, NJ, and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Patricia and Douglas Elliott.

Joe leaves behind a legacy of love, service, and kindness that will continue to inspire all who knew him. His warm heart, steadfast loyalty, and gentle spirit will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in his honor to the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation.

Cemetery Details

St Johns Crematory

385 State Road 207
Saint Augustine, FL 32084

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Nancy and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss. Joe was one of the best. Take care, love, Carol Conner

Carol Conner - May 01, 2025 at 11:04 AM

TC

“ thoughts and prayers, Carol Conner purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joseph Louis Soltis.



thoughts and prayers, Carol Conner - May 01, 2025 at 11:00 AM

BM

“ I was very fortunate to have known Joe in the State Police. He was an outstanding trooper and a real gentleman. He always had a smile on his face and I admired him for the physical challenges he dealt with. Rest in peace Joe! Bill Meddis

Bill Meddis - April 30, 2025 at 04:02 PM

GS

I had many recruits during the Trooper/Coach Program with the State Police, and Joe was one of the best. He was always enthusiastic and dedicated to performing his job as a State Trooper to the best of his ability. Joe was a first class person and an outstanding Trooper. Greg Seitz #2461

Gregory Seitz - May 11, 2025 at 08:01 AM

MH

Nancy, so sorry for your loss. Wish I could give you a hug and just meet again.

I have tried to get in touch several times since we came to Florida but must not have the right number. Mary Henry , The Villages....

m henry - January 07 at 10:45 PM