



## Joseph Michael Virgalla

April 27, 1957 - April 8, 2023

Joseph Michael Virgalla, 65, of St. Augustine, passed away on Saturday, April 8, 2023. Joe was born in Fairfield, CT to the late Joseph and Barbara Virgalla. He is also preceded in death by his brother, Tommy, and father-in-law, Billy Warden. Joe is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 40 years, Jaimi; brothers, Bob (Becky), Bill, Jim, and John (Deirdre); sisters, Cathy (Jeff), Patty, and Rose; several nieces and nephews; and his Warden & Dovel in-law family.

Joe retired from the U.S. Navy (AW-1) and Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (Lieutenant). During his service in the Navy, he received many decorations and citations. He was a caring, devoted, and loving husband, son, brother, uncle, friend, and father to many rescued fur babies. Enjoying life meant beach walks with Jaimi & the dogs, boating, RVing around the country, and motorcycle rides in the North Carolina mountains.

A Graveside Service, with military honors and honors from Jacksonville Retired Firefighter Association, will be held at Jacksonville National Cemetery on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Joe's favorite charity, S.A.F.E. Pet Rescue at <https://safe-pet-rescue-fl.com>, Since the cemetery allows only a limited number of flower arrangements, you may visit Joe's

tribute page at [www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com) and have floral tributes delivered directly to the family. Messages of sympathy may also be shared on his tribute page.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Jacksonville National Cemetery

4083 Lannie Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32218  
(904) 766-5222

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

APR 18. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KG

“ I met Joe many years ago at my first USN duty station; I cherish those times as some of my best memories are with my HSL-33 family. We were a special group that just clicked. Joe and all of the crew...Gordon W, Gary Bross, Mark Hill, Bob Hadley, Bruce Gilbert, Ken and Lindy Leeper, and the list goes on...made me feel like I was a part of a family even though I was so very young and so far away from home. Joe was especially always very kind and treated me like his little sister. RIP Joe; sending prayers to Joe's family and friends.

Kerrie Godfrey - June 19, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Joe. I will never forget the good the good times we had had visiting Joe and Jaime in St. Augustine and the fun boat rides. My thoughts are with Jaimi and family.  
Rich and Lorry Helwig

Rich Helwig - April 16, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Virgalla.



April 16, 2023 at 01:42 PM

JE

“ *What an enormous loss, for so many people. Joe and Jai have been absolutely two of the best people I've known, and the partnership and companionship that they shared was strong. I know Joe had a big family, and I hope that all of them and Jaimi can find some comfort in their shared love for him and in all of the good memories of times with him. Sending love and strength to Jai.*

*Jen Smith*



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**Jen** - April 15, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Virgalla.*



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April 14, 2023 at 01:44 PM

DO

“ *What a great man, friend. Such great memories with Joe and Jaimie with Carol and I. Riding to Bike week, boating, golfing, shooting pool and all those “Happy Hours! He will be truly missed, but in a better place. Prayers to Jaimie and his family! God bless. Doug*

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**Doug** - April 14, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ *So many memories. Golfing, motorcycle rides, golfing, happy hour, golfing, hanging out in the mountains. Rest in Peace my friend.*

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**Robert Walton** - April 14, 2023 at 11:54 AM

JC

“ To the Virgalla family, we are so to hear of the loss of you brother. With deepest sympathy,  
Jill and Michael Chop



Jill Chop - April 13, 2023 at 09:34 PM

JM

“ The laughter and love Jaimi and Joe shared on the cruise with the Dovel family is such a lovely memory. He was such a kind person with a ready smile for the world. Weary traveler, you won't be weary now. Sincere sympathy for this heartfelt loss. We are here for you.

Jan M - April 13, 2023 at 08:45 AM

TU

“ Jamie. All I could think about on Easter Sunday was Joe is with our Lord. And jow past he is from pain and Decision making.

Prayer to you our dear niece. Love Lois snd George..  
Out of the body and st home with the Lord

The Eldersburg Aunt and Uncle - April 13, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Virgalla.



April 12, 2023 at 11:01 PM

PB

“ We'll never forget meeting Joe & Jaimi (and their fur babies). Bob & Becky were our new neighbors and we were just getting to know them. Came home from work to find one of the biggest RV's we had ever seen parked in their driveway. We got a grand tour and spent many hours in lawn chairs watching football on the large screen TV mounted on the RV. Great couple days before they moved on to their next stop. Hopefully many happy memories for their family & friends.

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**PJ & Lisa Bell** - April 12, 2023 at 09:27 PM

MB

“ Fun times making memories with the Dovel cousins at Crofton restaurant, as Joe and Jaimi did a pit stop in Maryland during their RV Trip around the Country!!

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**Mary Lu Batson** - April 12, 2023 at 09:18 PM

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Mary Lu Dovel Batson ❤️

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**Mary Lu Batson** - April 12, 2023 at 09:19 PM

BD

“ Joe and Jaimi joined us for a meal at the Thomas House Restaurant in Dayton, Va. and visited my Landing on the North Fork of the Shenandoah River. So sorry for your loss.

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**Becky Driver** - April 12, 2023 at 07:32 PM