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Joseph Peter Slabosz, Jr., 78, of Fort Myers, died February 8, 2016 at Hope Hospice at Health Park in Fort Myers, FL. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Memorials: Hope Hospice. Joseph was born January 23, 1938 in Chicago, IL to Joseph Peter Slabosz, Sr. and Genevieve Maslowski. He married Dorothy Joyce Mirtich on October 15, 1960 in Berwyn, IL. Joe had a passion for building. In his earlier years he worked as a tool and die maker for Argonne National Laboratories. On the side, he was a homebuilder, and built all of the homes that his family lived in. In 1995, he continued his passion for woodworking by co-founding Florida Wood Creations with his son in Fort Myers, FL. In 1981, Joe moved his family from Illinois to Cape Coral, FL to enjoy the mild winters and the Gulf waters. Joseph and his wife were members of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Fort Myers. They enjoyed traveling across country in their RV, and would often invite their grandkids along. He enjoyed boating and skeet shooting, but what he loved most was spending time with his family. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy, four children, Cindy Rice and her husband Bill of Antioch, IL, Dave Slabosz and his wife Heather of Fort Myers, FL, Beth Wortkotter and her husband Steve of Marietta, GA, Janet Griggs and her husband Jack of Fort Myers, FL; sister, Arlene Cavallone of Las Vegas, NV; and grandchildren, Derek, Brittany, Brandon, Frances, Bridget, Parker and Dawson. The Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Joseph. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com).



## Tribute Wall

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JG

**Janet Griggs** posted:

Thank you so much for your kind words and for sharing your memory of our father! He certainly was a man of great honor and integrity, traits we were fortunate to be recipients of as well as to aspire to have, in honor of him! Sally, God bless you and your family! Janet

April 27 at 5:43 AM

JG

**Janet Griggs** posted:

...and we love you! Thank you, Carole for your loving support not only today but throughout the last 24 years. My father respected and loved you for the wonderful friend you were/are... Truly consistent with how you are in all roles of your life! Xoxo Janet

April 27 at 5:23 AM

JG

**Janet Griggs** posted:

Derek, your Grandpa was so very proud of you for not just what you have accomplished in life that may be tangible, but for what is less tangible, your character...the wonderful young man that you have become today! You should take ownership of this accomplishment and be proud of yourself for it appears you have taken a page or two from your Grandpa! Hugs & Kisses..lots of misses-we all can't wait until you return! Aunt Janie

April 27 at 5:19 AM

JG

**Janet Griggs** posted:

Heather, dad loved you so ...not just as a daughter in law, but as a daughter for it takes one compassionate and gentle soul to know another! We are blessed to have you in our family! Love ya, Janet

April 27 at 5:12 AM

JG

**Janet Griggs** posted:

Thank you, Lori! Our father was such a kind, loving, and patient man...and even though he had a quiet demeanor about him his beautiful spirit and presence was always so strongly felt! We will miss him and our mother so very much!

April 27 at 5:10 AM



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LP

**Lori Pask** posted:

Janet, my thoughts and prayers are with you . I can't imagine how difficult it has been for you this year. May you find peace and comfort in the memories you share with your father. RIP-Lori Pask-

April 25 at 3:48 PM

HS

**Heather Slabosz** posted:

I remember the first time I met my soon to be father-in-law. He made me feel so welcome in his family's home. I was lucky to marry his son who learned many of his father's wonderful traits. Honesty, integrity, kindness and compassion come to mind first, but there were many more to admire. I will miss his kind and gentle soul. Rest in peace Dad.Heather Slabosz

February 21 at 8:49 AM

DS

**Derek Slabosz** posted:

Grandpa Joe will be dearly missed. It is rare to find a person so honest, true to his word, and kind-hearted. He was an avid thinker and skilled craftsman. Joe will remain a true pillar of the community, and an infinitely faithful family man. We can all learn from him and try to emulate what he did to become better human beings. Love, His grandson Derek

February 18 at 12:18 PM

CZ

**Carole Zeltman** posted:

I remember the first time I met Joe and Dorothy at the Slabosz' home in Cape Coral, in 1991. I was new to the area and my new friend, Janet had invited me over for dinner. Since that time I've had the privilege of being part of many Slabosz-Griggs' celebrations and have always been warmly welcomed. Joe, always thoughtful and kind, never missed an opportunity to ask me about my husband and family and always listened with interest. Joe leaves a legacy of a fantastic family whom I dearly love.Carole Zeltman (Rich, Julianna & Olivia)

February 15 at 10:41 AM

SW

**Sally Wortman** posted:

I had the opportunity to work with Joe and his son, when I was the Move-In Coordinator at Cypress Cove. He was a person of integrity, something that has become rare these days. I send my condolences to his family at this difficult time. Sally Wortman, Fort Myers

February 15 at 5:37 AM



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