



Joseph J. Goebel

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Joseph John Goebel Sr. of Cape Coral, Florida passed away peacefully on Monday, April 5, 2021. He was eighty-eight years old. Joseph was born on November 1, 1932 in West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of the late George A. and Margaret E. (Nolan) Goebel.

Joseph graduated from Saint Thomas More High School (Philadelphia, Pa) after which he served in the United States Army in the Korean War. When he returned from overseas, he entered Plumbers Local #690 Apprentice School and became a plumber. Seven years later, he changed careers becoming a Patrol Officer in the Cheltenham Police Department (Pennsylvania) where he served his community for twenty-five years, the last fourteen as Detective earning numerous awards and commendations. After retiring, he worked eight additional years as the Pennsylvania Chief Juvenile Probation Officers Police Liaison Project Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency before retiring to Cape Coral, Florida with his beloved wife, Patricia Marie Goebel who pre-deceased Joseph in 2015 after fifty-five years of wedded happiness. While serving as a police officer, Joseph also served thirty-five years as a volunteer firefighter with the Elkins Park Fire Company (Pennsylvania) where he held numerous positions including Assistant Chief, Chief, President and member of the Board of Directors.

Joseph and his loving wife Patricia raised five children who adored and respected him: Joe Jr. (Karin), John, Mary Ashenfelter (Jim), Richard (Elba) and Ed (Martha). He was also dedicated to his eleven grandchildren and two great-grandsons. He is survived by his sister Elizabeth "Betty" A. Larney of Ellicott City, MD and numerous nieces and nephews and their spouses who always loved "Uncle Joe."

His essence was a man of great faith, devotion and love for his family, his friends, his communities and his Catholic Church. A tireless volunteer in all manner of civic and charitable organizations, Joseph worked on and later became President of Super Saturday, at the time the largest, non-corporate donor to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Later in Cape Coral, he was an active leader in the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Andrew Catholic Church. Joseph was a generous, energetic and loyal man to have at your side. He had a larger-than-life personality and he seemed to know everyone in town. He was affectionately referred to as "The Mayor". Joseph John Goebel Sr. was truly an American hero, a beloved father and a faithful and humble child of God.



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A viewing for Joseph will be held from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 17, 2021 in the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907; (239) 936-0555. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 2628 Del Prado Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida, 33904 at 1:30 pm on Saturday, April 17, 2021 (239) 574-4545. Upon conclusion of the Funeral Mass, family and friends will travel in procession from the church to his final resting place in the Field of Honor at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907; (239) 936-0555.

For those who were unable to attend the Funeral Mass personally, the family invites you to view a recording of the liturgy by clicking the following link:-

https://viewneral.zoom.us/rec/play/YQmkPGGvjRQ6YIDQ-fBwMSAPRc03jVbJhnOjLXcvQfycHtdj6ryEG6sjBFaU_bg8EmN6YE94R-47cLkE.tlCNQfHgJXBjzTcb

If you were unable to attend the Committal Ceremony at the cemetery, the family invites you to view a recording of the military honors and burial by clicking the following link:-

https://viewneral.zoom.us/rec/play/wtzRftApNrsLITj_FHjnVA2E62kHKDSlmfrPBw3AdqZ7ihcQjOGf-x0oZ6gV6BljeOV6tbUmM-r3gmWB.mZvSVdcf5LXo7oq_

(Please note, the recordings associated with these links will be available for 30 days following the service and both links will expire on May 17, 2021.)

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests that donations be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Andrew Catholic Church 2628 Del Prado Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida, 33904. Those who wish to leave a tribute, share a story or offer condolences to the family at this difficult time are urged to visit Joseph's memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign the guestbook.



Events

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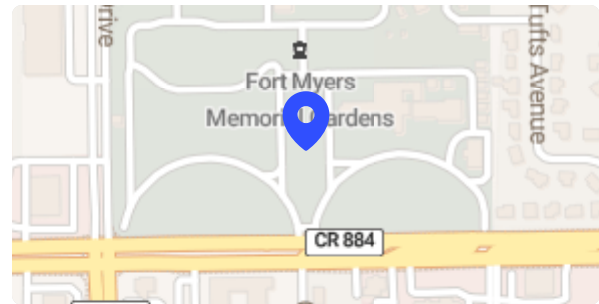
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Visitation

Saturday, April 17, 2021

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

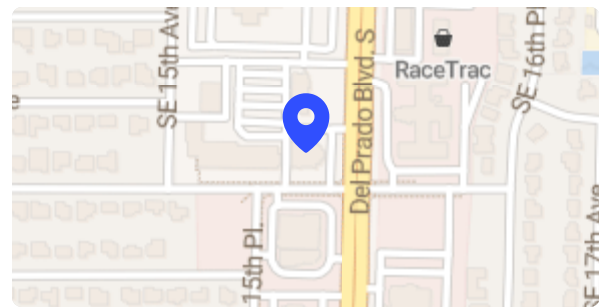


Funeral Mass

Saturday, April 17, 2021

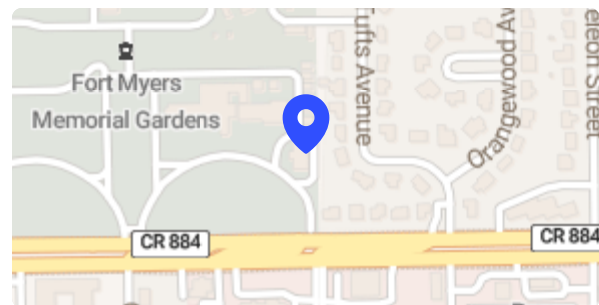
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM ET

St. Andrew Catholic Church
2628 Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral FL 33904



Cemetery Details

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery
1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers FL 33907





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Goebel family.



April 18 at 5:47 AM



Kathleen Staerk lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Will miss you Uncle Joe but so glad you are together again Aunt Pat❤️. Sending prayers and love to you.



April 17 at 12:32 PM



Janet Horvath posted:

It has been a privilege to know Grandpa Joe through 20 years of friendship with Jim, Mary, Michelle and Jenn. His memory is a blessing for us all. We send our sincerest sympathy to his family and friends. The Horvaths

April 17 at 5:45 AM



Sgt Greg Malone (Ret. Ctpd) posted:

So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Joe was a Great juvenile detective and a great guy who I enjoyed working with at CTPD. RIP Brother Joe Sgt Greg Malone (RET CTPD)

April 16 at 12:28 PM



Stephen Ott posted:

As Chief of Cheltenham Police Department, I had the honor of Joe serving as a devoted Juvenile Law Enforcement Detective for many years. Joe was an exemplary Detective who applied high standards and a straightforward, no-nonsense approach. Joe had a unique style. He was always in full control and instinctively knew what each case called for - he was engaging, parental, and a strict enforcer when needed. He was a creative problem solver. Well respected by all. More importantly, Joe was a true friend through the years. Always ready for a drink, great conversation, and many laughs. I always looked forward to spending time with Joe - in our younger days over a drink, and in our twilight years, catching up on the phone. Joe always made an effort to keep in touch. I will always fondly remember the dedicated Officer, man who helped bail out my flooded basement, and simply, true friend. ---Stephen Ott.

April 15 at 5:10 PM



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Julie Marach lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

I was very fortunate to have the pleasure of Joseph Goebel's company and kindness bestowed on me during the last couple years of his life. He has obviously had great impact to many lives and his memory will be celebrated for many years.

April 15 at 1:50 PM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Goebel family.

April 15 at 6:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Goebel family.

April 14 at 6:41 PM



Bob Gerhard posted:

It was an honor to have known and worked with Detective Goebel for many years. He was a totally dedicated police officer who loved working with kids. For many young people he was an inspirational factor in their growing up. He had the maturity to distinguish between a juvenile crime and prank. As a detective in the juvenile field he had the uncanny ability to put cases together in such a fashion so that all of the facts were laid out to make a case "iron tight" Due to his outstanding work ethic, he became known all over Pennsylvania by Judges, Police Officers, Probation Officers and Prosecutors. He truly exemplified the high standards of being a member of the fine Cheltenham Township Police Department. Bob Gerhard

April 14 at 5:10 PM



Tim Dunleavy posted:

To Joe's family and friends It was a pleasure to have worked with Joe for 20 plus years at the Cheltenham Twp PD He was a Officer , Detective, and Juvenile Detective who definitely worked to help and inspire those that he came in contact with I was proud to have worked with one of the best Rest In Peace Joe Tim Dunleavy

April 14 at 9:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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