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Joseph J. Vecchio, 86, a resident of Fort Myers Beach, FL since 1984, formerly of Lake Hopatcong, NJ passed away with his loving family by his side on Sunday, May 14, 2023. He was born July 8, 1936 in Westfield, NJ to the late Angelo and Mary (nee Simonetti) Vecchio.

The first in his family to graduate from college, Joe was Class of 1960 at Rutgers University, New Jersey, where he earned a JD. He practiced general, zoning, planning, and real estate law. His undergraduate degree was in American Literature, which meant a lifetime of reading alongside his daughter, raising her with America's greatest poets, authors, philosophers, and songwriters.

Joe's background in law and literature meant he was an exceptional debater and humorous storyteller, however, his greatest talent was in woodworking. He designed and built entire rooms of furniture, all the kitchen cutting blocks and boards, as well as the stairs and other details for the home he and Diane designed. As generous hosts, all their homes were known as social epicenters for neighbors and friends, regularly hosting both planned and spontaneous happy hours, dinners and parties.

He and his wife enjoyed seeing the world from Alaska to Antarctica and numerous warm-weather places in between; they especially loved traveling on cruise ships. Joe spent his life living near his beloved water. In New Jersey he lived on an island in Lake Hopatcong and then alongside the Florida Gulf for 40 years. He had a Master Captain's license and especially loved fishing in the Keys, both Florida coasts, and Mexico.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Diane Vecchio of Fort Myers Beach, FL and one daughter, Marji Vecchio of Reno and Baltimore.

A Memorial Service will be held 1:30 PM, Thursday, May 18, 2023 at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL. The family will receive friends for a time of visitation from 1:00 PM until the service time at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers



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memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, www.donate.cancer.org in loving memory of Joseph "Joe" Vecchio.



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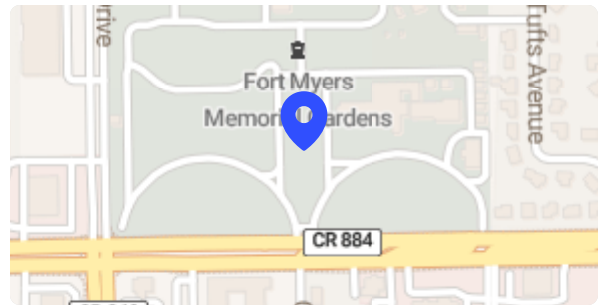
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Visitation

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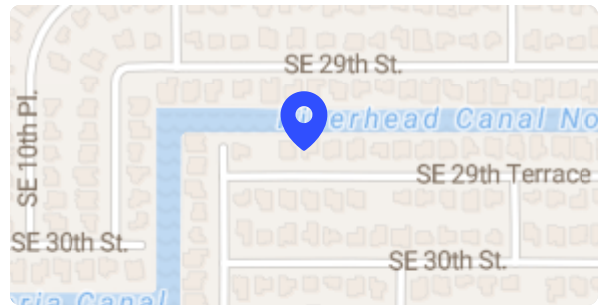


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SB

Salvatore Bua posted:

Buonasera...io scrivo dall'Italia...mia nonna faceva Vecchio di cognome...JJ era originario della Sicilia o i suoi genitori erano partiti dalla Sicilia?

October 12 at 8:54 AM

IF

Isabelle Favre posted:

As Marji's former companion, I have always been extremely touched by the way Diane and Joe included me in their family. As soon as I met them, I understood where Marji's generosity, sense of hospitality, and great sense of humor came from. Often times, we joked about the fact that her mom and dad threw more parties and were invited to more of them than we did! Their duo impressed us, and everyone around them. I had a lot of affection for Joe, I immediately told Marji that he reminded me a lot of my own father, it was a very sweet feeling. Coming from Switzerland, his artistic talent with wood working impressed me, and what more was the way that sometimes, he and Diane combined their skills in lamp shades, among others. I was also very admiring of their boating and fishing experience, it was foreign to me and I thoroughly enjoyed the times they took me out there! Joe was one of the kind, as we all know it!:-) He will always have a very special place in my life. Isabelle Favre

May 17 at 10:55 AM

FM

Filip De Meestee posted:

Hilde and myself enjoyed to be in the company of Joe and Diane sharing interesting and funny stories. Joe was always interested, genuine and humble. He helped us settle as foreigners in Palm Isles and was never shy to lend us tools, give advice and help a hand. He was generous and good hearted. He gave us mango's from his own garden. We spend numerous times together enjoying a restaurants or a bottle of wine. After we moved away, we realized that we've spent the best time of our life being a neighbor of Joes. He will be missed. Our condolences to Diana, Margie and the family. Filip and Hilde De Meester

May 16 at 11:38 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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