



Joseph J. Goebel

November 1, 1932 - April 5, 2021

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 predeceased 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.

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.t1CNQfHgJXBjzTcb

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/wtzRftApNrsL1Tj_FHjnVA2E62kHKDSImfrPBw3AdqZ7ihcQjOGf-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 De Paul 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 <http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com> and sign the guestbook.

Cemetery

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery

1589 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL, 33907

Events

APR 17 Visitation 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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

APR 17 Funeral Mass 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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

Comments



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Goebel.



April 18 at 09:47 AM



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



Kathleen Staerk - April 17 at 04:32 PM



“ 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

janet horvath - April 17 at 09:45 AM



“ 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)

Sgt Greg Malone (RET. CTPD) - April 16 at 04:28 PM



“ 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.

Stephen Ott - April 15 at 09:10 PM



“ 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.



Julie Marach - April 15 at 05:50 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Goebel.



April 15 at 10:17 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Goebel.



April 14 at 10:41 PM



“ 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

Bob Gerhard - April 14 at 09:10 PM



“ 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

Tim Dunleavy - April 14 at 01:23 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Ashenfelter - April 13 at 04:08 PM



“ Not a Goebel, but known to me as Uncle Joe.

Recruited me in 1977 along with one of my best friends, his nephew Mike "Oak" O'Connell to join the ranks of Firefighter in the Elkins Park volunteer Fire Company.

He was a mentor to me and all EPFC as Chief 3, carrying on the tradition of Richard "Dick" Hesselbacher making our fire company one of the best volunteer departments in Montgomery county.

Under his leadership I learned most facets of firefighting, graduated several firefighting/rescue training courses from County fire school, earned many NFPA certifications, became qualified to operate all EPFC equipment, graduated state EMT training, and ultimately served as Lieutenant 3B in the EPFC.

During my time at EPFC, Uncle Joe quietly challenged each of us to become the best we could be. I grew personally and professionally there, and became close friends with all EPFC firefighters to include his sons Joe Jr. and Johnny Goebel.

Many don't know this but Uncle Joe was also was a guiding light encouraging me to join the United States Air Force in 1984, from which I retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 2014.

His example of Servant Leadership, and lessons learned at the EPFC impact my daily life still today. Thank you!

Rest Uncle Joe! Good and faithful servant, husband, father, and friend, you lived the American dream! We'll take it from here!

John Hoffman - April 17 at 10:50 AM



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John - April 17 at 11:03 AM



“ Thank you, John! So appreciate your tribute.
~Mary Goebel Ashenfelter

Mary G Ashenfelter - May 08 at 12:53 PM