



Joseph Alexander

September 24, 1954 - October 26, 2021

Joseph Alexander of McKinney, Texas a Jack of all trades who never knew a stranger. Joe “Papa”, “Dad”, and “the love of Elaine’s life” was a strong and uplifting man. He went to be with his heavenly Father on October 26, 2021. The last 2 years have had their shares of struggles for Joe and he courageously addressed each one head on. In 2019, Joe was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He was not discouraged and never gave up through his multiple treatments. He coined the phrase “I can’t go around it, over it or under it, so I have to go through it.” He is now safe in the arms of Jesus after a very spirited and well fought 23-month battle.

Though he is no longer with us, we will all cherish and remember him in our own ways. To sum up Joe’s life we would need volumes of books and multitudes of testimonials from the people that he touched. Joe was always on the go, always being the person to get things done. He proudly served in the United States Navy as a boatswain's mate, was deployed overseas during the Vietnam War, and received a handful of medals for his service. Joe worked for Scottish Rite Hospital for 40 years, his colleagues, staff, and friends called him “the expert.” He knew every inch of the hospital grounds and all who worked there, even the vendors who serviced the hospital, were his close friends. He started his career off as a telecommunicationist and eventually bore the title Director of Engineering and Grounds. He mentored and led many people during his time at Scottish Rite. There was never anything that Joe couldn’t do or a problem he couldn’t solve, and he was always happy to be of service to those that asked. Joe was also a member of the Knox-Corinthian Masonic Lodge #851 where his closest friends became like family.

Joe could always be heard listening to the Eagles as he enjoyed classic rock. In his leisure time he liked golf, playing the guitar, appreciated most genres of music and concerts, loved his Jack Russell Terrier – Rascal, visited car shows and liked working on cars; he loved working alongside his son, Kyle on any project, and was always excited to spend time with family. The last project will be completed in memory of Joe, a 1965 Ford Galaxie 500 that he was so proud to acquire to build with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Alexander of 41 years of McKinney, Texas; son, Kyle and wife, Courtney of Hurst, Texas; sister, Angela and husband, Charles Hood of Frisco, Texas; grandchildren, Lila and Colton Alexander; and

numerous other loving family and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his son, Jacob Joseph Alexander; brother, Johnny Dale Alexander; and parents, John Floyd and Vanna Laverne Alexander.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, November 4, 2021 at Turrentine -Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas. Interment will be held at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

The service will be livestreamed at <https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/joseph-alexander>.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to PANCAN.org or directly to the family in honor or memory of Joseph Alexander.

Memorials

I apologize about the late note, but just heard of Joe's passing. Joe was definitely a friend to all, and a "fixer" of all. He was a blessing to work with at Texas Scottish Rite for many years and touched many lives. He had a servants heart, and my prayers go out to Elaine and the rest of the family.

Regards,

KEITH HITT, DECEMBER 9, 2021

Rest in Peace Joseph and fond memories to the family. I also served on USS Newport News CA148 when it was 2nd Fleet Flagship. Will not be able to attend service At DFWNC.

TIM CANNON PGR RIDER, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Sending prayers for the family. Joe is already missed by the Scottish Rite family. So sorry for your loss.

ANGIE ALONSO, NOVEMBER 5, 2021

May he Rest In Peace.

ROSE CARRIZALES, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Mr. Joe will be truly missed i am going to miss our spiritual Talks and walks. I thank God i met you and i will never forget you. Praying for the family, God has taken home another one of his Angel but he left an impression on so many before he left God Bless you. Gone but not forgotten.

MELISSA WATKINS, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

My condolences to Elaine and family for Joe's passing. May his soul rest in peace and May God comfort your family in this time of greif. I have known Joe here in Texas Scottish Rite for 20 years. He is a very nice guy who will greet you with his smiles and call you by name anywhere he sees you. I am so glad to have known him. When I started leading our department it was Joe who encourage me to voice out all my concern and never shy away from what I am thinking. He is an inspiration and I will always remember him to all his goodness that he shared to me. May he soar to heaven and rejoice in the kingsom of God.

REUEL CORNELIA, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

You are truly going to be missed.

MARY JEWETT WEBB, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Joe was always such a kind and helpful man. Any time you asked him a question or needed help, he was right there with a solution or working to find one. I can't think of a time that I didn't see a smile on his face. Will keep Joe and those who loved him in my prayers.

CATHERINE THOMPSON, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Dear Alexander family, Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Joe and I worked together at the hospital for most of my career. He was always cheerful and had a good word for me. He embodied the true spirit of servant leadership. I know you will all miss him, but know that he is safe in the arms of Jesus.

JANICE, OCTOBER 29, 2021

Elaine I'm so sorry to learn of Joe's passing. He was a sweet friend, and true Christian. He loved the Lord, Elaine, and Scottish Rite Hospital. May God give you comfort and peace during this time.

RAMOS SHELIA, OCTOBER 29, 2021

Joe was one of my favorite people at Scottish Rite. When I joined the team in 1997 he was so kind and welcoming. I have always appreciated that. While my heart aches for your family, I know you have many wonderful memories of Joe and I hope they bring you comfort.

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