



# Joseph H. Morris, Jr.

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**J**oseph “Joe” H. Morris Jr. passed away on the evening of May 2nd, 2016 at his home in Lewes, DE, after a battle with cancer in the care of family. Joe was 58 years old.

Joe was born in Coatesville, PA, on April 6, 1958. He was the first of two children of Joseph H. Morris and Terre M. Morris. Joe's love of fishing didn't take long to surface and he quickly was prowling the shores of nearby waterways in the company of friends or relatives. These exploits continued after Joe was older and could venture out in boats. One such trip resulted in running out of fuel on Delaware Bay after a day of chasing tiderunner seatrout, so he and his cousin spent the night catching big black drum, to return dockside the next morning in triumph.

After graduating from Dickinson College with an undergraduate degree in economics, Joe's passions for writing and speaking quickly showed as he wrote for many publications and, in particular, was a staple for the Mid Atlantic edition of The Fisherman Magazine. His seminars, articles and fishing reports have been widely read and utilized by uncounted anglers. He earned his captain's license and although he didn't run charters Joe spent quite a bit of time in pursuit of one of his favorite gamefish, the striped bass.

Joe particularly loved fishing in Florida with friends and his wife Amanda, and they enjoyed many, many days fishing out of their home in Cudjoe Key. Joe was always very proud of Amanda's exploits and would often send friends pictures of her displaying her catches.

Operating and growing Lewes Harbour Bait and Tackle shop with his wife Amanda, Joe became an icon to anglers from all over and hero to many. Joe was constantly prepared to help the most inexperienced or experienced angler of any age. He was always ready with a smile or lending a hand, and would go out of his way to stay open late or come to the shop early to help customers and friends. Joe handled his last battle as he lived each day of his life with courage, humor and determination, and left all of us with the goal that we handle our lives as he did, with honesty and goodness, a smile and honor.



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Joe is survived by wife of twenty five years, Amanda Reid Morris; parents, Joseph and Terre Morris; a sister, Heather M. Wright and her husband, Craig; a niece, Arden; father and mother-in-law, Landis and Barbara Reid; two sisters-in-law, Beth McEwing and her husband, Jim; and Hope Reid and her companion, Gary Rudy; a brother-in-law, Dennis L. Reid and his wife, Lisa Carnes; three nieces; one nephew; and countless "brothers" and "sisters" who were proud to be his friend.

Donations may be sent to Delaware Hospice Center, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE, 19963 or [www.delawarehospice.org](http://www.delawarehospice.org).

A special thanks to the Delaware Hospice Center for all of their help, grace and expertise.

Please sign the guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO IRISH EYES RESTAURANT, LEWES, DE.




## Events

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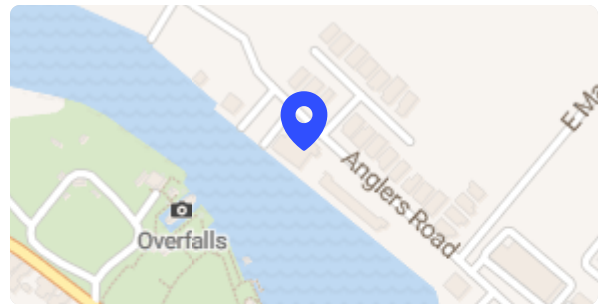
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### Celebration of life

 **Sunday**, May 22, 2016

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Irish Eyes Pub & Restaurant**  
213 Anglers Road, Lewes DE 19958





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RL

**Robert Line** posted:

to the joe morris jr, family my deepest heartfelt condolences. i first met joe the day he took ownership from anthony who introduced us. shortly after had the peasure of meeting amanda!! joe was a great friend. we would take prime ribeyes down from our beef plant in Pa.joe and amanda got us hooked on Dr, Peetes marinade Yum!! joe will be sorely missed by Deb and i. sincerely, Bob and Deb Line

May 25 at 11:09 AM

HE

**Helene Erickson** posted:

Amanda. I'm so sorry about Joe. I just found out today. If you need anything let me know.Helene

May 23 at 1:41 PM

AB

**Alan Baugh** posted:

I'm so sorry Amanda, I still cannot believe it. I can honestly say I have not met many people as genuine, kind and helpful as Joe was. What a great guy" I wish you the best. Alan Baugh, Lewes, DE.

May 22 at 12:17 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray to the Morris family.



May 18 at 8:22 AM

DK

**Don & Joann Kane** posted:

Amanda, Words cannot express how sorrowful we are for your loss and how much we will miss seeing Joe. You are two of the nicest people we've ever known. Love, Don & JoAnn Kane

May 13 at 4:24 AM



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CA

**Cynthia Anderson** posted:

Amanda, Our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family and this time of great loss. Joe will always be with you in your memories. Pearl, Don and Cindy Anderson (Wife, Son and Daughter of the late Capt. George Anderson), Enhaut, Pennsylvania

May 11 at 8:06 AM

JW

**Jwhocker** posted:

Go rest high on that mountain my friend ! J W

May 10 at 9:00 AM

NJ

**Nancy Joseph** posted:

So sorry, Amanda. You will be wrapped securely in our prayers as you face the days ahead. May God bless you with strength and soften your sadness with memories of happy times. Much love, Nancy & Charlie Joseph

May 9 at 5:25 AM

MR

**Marie Reed** posted:

Amanda May God help you through this difficult time Joe wonderful person . Marie Reed

May 8 at 8:40 AM

SR

**Sharon Reinhart** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Amanda ; Our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. Mick and Sharon Reinhart

May 7 at 3:51 PM



JT

**Joseph Troiani** posted:

Joe and I built an athletic field at South Brandywine Jr High School our senior year.

May 7 at 1:35 PM



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**Joseph Troiani** posted:

Smokin ' Joe, a great guy who will be missed very much. Rest in peace my friend. "Momma" Joe Troiani Class of '76.

May 7 at 1:33 PM



**Ron Stoudt** posted:

To Joe's parents Joe & Terre, We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Joe, Jr. We know we have not been in touch for many years but we remember well Joe's great fishing enthusiasm & his passionate love to write about the sport. We are still residing in the area (living in Kimberton, PA at the moment). Retired in 2008 but still consulting at the old steel mill. Our sincere condolences to you and Joe's entire family. Ron & Margie Stoudt (rmstoudt@comcast.net)

May 7 at 9:30 AM



**Joe Kauffman** posted:

I have not seen Joe since high school but have all good memories of him. I think everyone did. May the Lord comfort those of you that were closest to him. Thanks to Joe for always being a great friend.

May 6 at 12:19 PM



**Donna Yeoman** May 6 at 1:42 PM

Sincerest sympathy to the Morris family, especially his sister Heather, who I went to school with in Coatesville. I always heard of her older brother in school and reading about his life here know he was well loved and respected and his life too short. Donna Yeoman.



**Lori Egolf Jones** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

May 6 at 7:29 AM





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**Ann** posted:

Amanda & Family, our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Joe was an amazing, kind guy and loved by all. His memory will live forever in our hearts. God's comforting and healing peace be with you Amanda in the days and weeks ahead. May the Blessed Mother carry Joe to the loving embrace of our Lord. Ann & Steve Vereb, Shelly Long & Family.

May 4 at 11:51 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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