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Joseph J. Adams, Jr. Teacher, mentor, friend

Joseph “Joey” Adams, 67, of Rehoboth Beach ended his long, courageous battle with cancer on March 28, 2017 surrounded by family and friends. Joey was born in Baltimore, MD on August 5, 1949 to Joseph Adams and Katherine DiDio.

He graduated from Towson University in 1972 and began teaching art in middle and high schools - a legacy of teaching and mentoring that would last a lifetime. During his 28 years as a teacher he also taught art at a community college, tended bar at The Last Chance in Columbia MD, honed his skills as a potter, coached softball and football, and sponsored a ski club.

Joey started working at the Bottle & Cork in 1982 and became a partner in the Highway One Group in 1990. He was a founding board member of Community Bank Delaware in 2006 and served as Secretary.

He was fun-loving and adventurous and loved to travel with friends and his wife Mary Ellen. Joey loved his family and friends and will be deeply missed by all the people whose lives he touched. They will remember his optimism, his sunny disposition, his caring and interest in others, and his loyal and reliable friendship.

Joey liked sports and split his affection between the Phillies and the Orioles, the Eagles and the Ravens. He liked vodka martinis and working in the yard - and sometimes doing yard work while drinking a martini, but what he really loved was teaching and mentoring people to be their best at work and in life.

He was predeceased by his parents Joseph Adams and Katherine DiDio. He is survived by his loving wife Mary Ellen Abendroth, his sister Kathy Acquavella and her son Matthew, his stepfather Sam DiDio, all of Bel Air, MD and too many friends to count.



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A Visitation will be held Sunday, April 2 from 3:00-6:00 at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, April 3 at 11:00 at St. Edmond Roman Catholic Church, Rehoboth, DE followed by a celebration of Joey's life at the Bottle & Cork in Dewey Beach.

Mary Ellen and her family would like to thank the many professionals at Beebe Healthcare, the Tunnell Cancer Center and Johns Hopkins University Hospital for their excellent care and support. In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to Beebe Medical Foundation, Tunnell Cancer Center, 902 Savannah Road, Lewes 19958; Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center - Dr. William Sharfman, Dept. Medical Oncology or Dr. Nita Ahuja, Dept. Surgical Oncology - 750 E Pratt Street, Suite 1700, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Please sign the online guestbook.



Events

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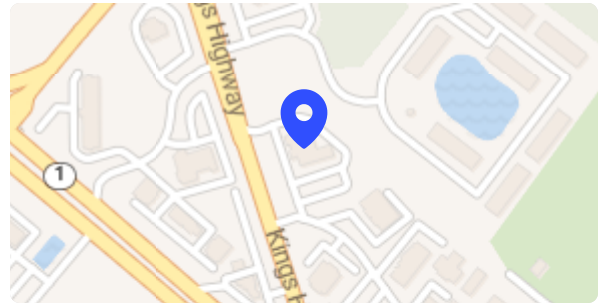
Visitation

 **Sunday**, April 2, 2017


 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



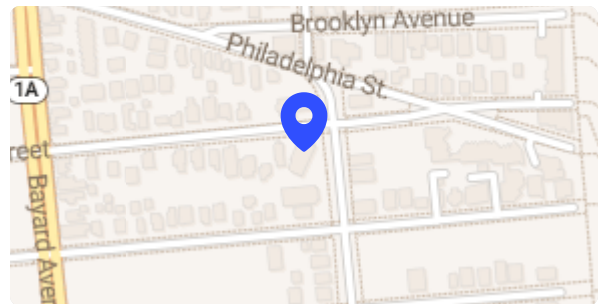
Mass of Christian Burial

 **Monday**, April 3, 2017

 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Edmond Catholic Church**

409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE
19971





Tribute Wall

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Tribute Video**.



April 3 at 9:42 AM



Linda Miller posted:

We are going to really miss you Joey 🥺 Linda Miller n Eddie Reese

April 3 at 12:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Adams family.

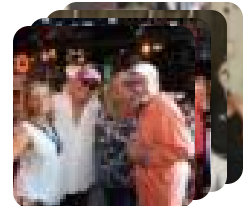


March 31 at 5:25 AM



Diane Cooley shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Joey was the epitome of a thoughtful, kind, and decent man. I consider myself very fortunate to have known him and been his friend. To be Joey's friend was to know that he would always look out for you, be loyal and true to you. I never met anyone who didn't like Joey, I don't think it was possible. The world was better with him in it and he will truly be missed.



March 30 at 7:06 AM

ME **Mary Ellen** March 31 at 4:37 AM

Thank you, Diane



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JS

Joseph Salamone posted:

I believe I may have known Joe longer than anyone else alive. He was my first & best friend for 62 years. I have known Joe since the age of five. His loss is devastating to me and to everyone who was fortunate enough to know him. I am very thankful I was able to spend last Saturday with him to tell him how much he is loved and also to pray with him. I take comfort knowing he is now with God. Until we meet again...God's peace Joey!

March 30 at 8:53 AM

NL

Nancy Salamone Lowe April 2 at 3:38 AM

Having said that brother, I have many memories of JOE growing up, especially that he protected me as another big brother growing up. No one messed with "Little Salamone". Rest easy handsome.

ME

Mary Ellen March 30 at 10:44 AM

Beautiful, Joe

JS

June, Gary And Craig Snow sent a Love Everlasting Bouquet to the Adams family.

March 30 at 8:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Adams family.

March 30 at 7:06 AM





Media

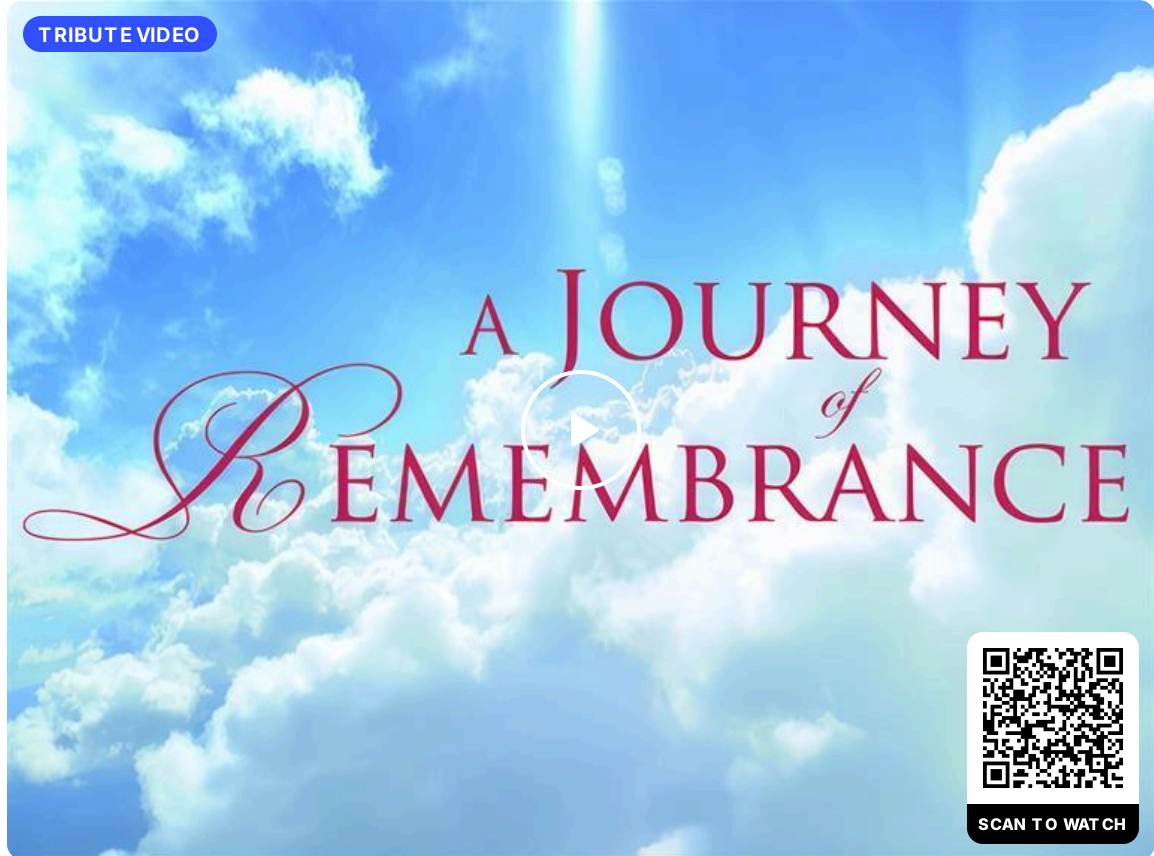
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April 3 at 9:42 AM



MP Mark Pryslak April 3 at 4:47 PM

This was tremendous . I have known Joey casually for 25 years. This was a wonderful tribute to his life .Mary Ellen you were a lucky women,but he was a luckier man because of you. Mark P



Diane Cooley shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 30 at 12:12 PM



Joe & me (Diane)



Msrtha March 30 at 5:55 PM

Nice, really nice.



All Past & Present Highway One Owner



Sunday at northbeach



80th Anniversary at the Cork



Diane Cooley March 30 at 12:31 PM

Maryellen sneaks a kiss



joey & my sister Cynthia



John, Alex, Joe, Mike



Memories only last if you share them

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



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