



# Joseph Thomas D'Amico Jr.

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**J**oseph T. D'Amico, Jr. passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, February 10, the day after his 31st birthday. He was in California, serving in the Navy at Camp Pendleton when he became ill. He was hospitalized, but despite heroic efforts, he was unable to recover. He was an organ donor and his family takes comfort in the fact that its loss has provided a new lease on life for three others. A man in his 50s received his heart and left kidney. A 16-year-old received his right kidney, and a man in his 40s, who was at the top of the transplant list, received his liver.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Doris & Bob Nussbaumer and Ed Thomas, Sr.; and paternal uncles Chris D'Amico and Tony D'Amico, Jr.

He is survived by his paternal grandparents, Antonio and Regina D'Amico of Lewes; maternal grandmother Pat Thomas of Wilmington, DE; parents Joe and Mary Beth D'Amico of Lewes; sisters Gina D'Amico (Brian Chorney) of St. Petersburg, FL, Veronica D'Amico (John Brown) and nephew Johnathon Brown, of Wilmington, DE; his canine "sister" Peanut, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Lewes native and member of Cape Henlopen HS Class of 2008, Joseph also held an Associate in Applied Science - Turf Management Degree from Delaware Technical and Community College. Prior to joining the Navy, Joseph worked at Rehoboth Country Club Golf Course, Activ Pest Solutions, and many summers in the concession stand at Jungle Jim's in Rehoboth.

He was a talented athlete who enjoyed analyzing and watching sports as much as playing them. He loved the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies, and Wawa, but hated that he couldn't get a good hoagie or a Yuengling in Southern California. When he wasn't on duty, Joseph enjoyed playing golf and finding new ways to experiment in the kitchen. His family is grateful he was able to return to Delaware recently for his favorite holiday celebration - the Feast of the Seven Fishes.



## Obituary

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Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no in-person service.

A celebration of life via live streaming will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 4:00 PM. All are welcome to join the stream by visiting the following link:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/9853242/LTWebcast>

Joseph will be laid to rest with Full Military Honors at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Millsboro, DE.

In lieu of flowers, honor Joseph's memory in any or all of the following ways:

1. Pray for the health of those who received his organs and tissues. Consider becoming an organ donor if you aren't already, and make sure your family knows your wishes.
2. Raise a glass of Yuengling or eat a Wawa hoagie, two things he enjoyed but couldn't get in California.
3. Foster or adopt a shelter dog or donate to a local animal rescue organization. Joseph was the family's "foster failure" dog Peanut's favorite person. He loved her like a sister.
4. Wear with pride some Eagles green, Phillies red, or Navy blue. Joseph bled these colors.
5. Play a round of golf, run a race, go fishing. Enjoy the outdoors whenever you can.
6. Take care of yourself. Recognize when something is wrong and be brave enough to seek help.
7. Hug your family members whenever you can.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.




## Events

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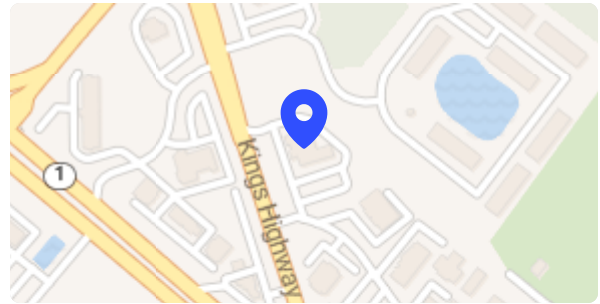
### Floral Delivery

 **Wednesday**, March 3, 2021

 10:00 AM ET

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

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958





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



February 24 at 12:24 PM



**The Compassionate Friends** posted:

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS We are so very sorry you have had to experience the loss of your child and/or grandchild, and we are here for you. The Compassionate Friends is a national nonprofit, self-help, support organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents. There are no religious affiliations, membership dues, or fees. We meet together to learn to cope with the struggles of living life without our precious children. We, too, are on this journey of grief and extend our hearts and arms to you. Please feel free to join us on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, we are temporarily meeting via Zoom until restrictions are lifted, when we can once again meet in person. For more information about The Compassionate Friends, or how to join us on Zoom, call Bill & Jill Hicks 610-368-0236 or e-mail us at: lighthousectcf@gmail.com or JHicks510@verizon.net. We wish you peace, fond memories of happier times, and healing. Your Lighthouse Chapter of The Compassionate Friends

March 20 at 2:55 AM



**Gina Ricker** posted:

Dear Mary Beth, Joe, Gina, and V,I was so sorry to read about Joseph's death in the Gazette. I will always remember him as Trevor's friend from Mrs. Peterson's class. He was smart, energetic, and athletic. He had a great sense of humor. I will always remember the fun times with school projects, field trips, Seashore Striders, and field days where he excelled. My heart goes out to your family.  
♥Love, Gina Ricker

March 7 at 1:57 PM



**Jan Czarnecki** posted:

Dearest Mary Beth, Joe, Gina, and Veronica - I was so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. You have an awesome, close, and loving family, and I loved the tribute you wrote for your son and brother. I think of you all every day and hope we can visit again soon. Hugs to all and a big pat for Peanut.Jan Czarnecki (Vicki Green's mom)

March 4 at 8:13 AM



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**April** posted:

Jojo was so much more than a friend to me. As a nurse, its easy to get sucked into the minutiae of always caring for others and forgetting about your own needs. Jojo always knew when I was having a bad day "by the tone of my hi"... he always asked me what I needed him to be to make it better. In his own "jojo" ways he taught me about growth, inner peace, and self love. T he emotional vulnerability that we shared with each other will forever be my most treasured memory.My other favorite moments were no matter how many times I told him I loved him as a friend Jojo always randomly "insisted on letting me down easy".To his family: he really loved you all more than you could ever imagine-youre in my prayers

March 3 at 3:32 PM



**Rob + Em** posted:

Joe, thank you for being such a kickass guy and genuine friend. I am so grateful for the good times we had in San Antonio, not to mention back home. It was pretty surreal for two Delaware boys to get to tear it up in Texas together for a while. Emily and I love you, man. I know you would have totally nailed the 'Texas summer attire' at the wedding. I promise to eat all of the breakfast tacos and drink all of the beers on the river I can in your honor. You'll always have a spot on our couch on gameday. - Rob Lingo + Emily Carranza

March 3 at 1:17 PM



**Joy Hearn** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Dear Mary Beth, Joe. Gina. Brian, V,John T here still are no words, but will always remember this fun kid with the smile as big as his personality and vice versa. So many ball fields, good times, happy times to keep in a special place always. My deepest sympathy. And I think you were right about Jack and Tommy.Joy



March 3 at 12:57 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the D'Amico family.



March 3 at 12:57 PM



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DS

**Diana Smith** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

A wonderful service for a wonderful man. I still can see and hear Joseph and my son Josh, their 10 yr old bodies wrestling and running through the house. Everything Eagle's. Joseph you live on in our memories and hearts. Love you.

March 3 at 12:43 PM



KG

**Karen And Gary** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

March 3 at 12:35 PM



MW

**Mason Woodyard** March 3 at 4:28 PM

T hank you Joseph for your service.Rest in peace Joseph-Mason WoodyardRehoboth elementary school your friend Sarah kings son

KG

**Karen And Gary** March 3 at 12:37 PM

We continue to send hugs and love to all of you . Love Karen and Gary

SC

**Staci Coveleski** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

March 3 at 12:34 PM



LB

**Lyn P Buck** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

March 3 at 10:34 AM





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**Lyn P Buck** posted:

Every time I read Joseph's obituary, it reminds me of the wonderful times watching him and all the neighborhood kids play together while the families celebrated many holidays and occasions. It truly hurts my heart to know that he is not here, but smiling (ALL THE TIME!) down on us. My love and sympathy go out to Mary Beth, Joe, Veronica, Gina, Tony and Jean as they brave these next days, weeks, and months trying to heal from this great loss. Lyn

March 3 at 10:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Gable Gift Box to the D'Amico family.



March 2 at 6:05 PM



**Kerry Spieker** posted:

I was so sad to hear of this. I immediately remembered Joe as a first grader and could picture his cute face and great personality. I am not surprised to see that he was serving his country and grew into such a fine young man. My condolences to his loving family

March 2 at 3:09 PM



**Katie Hutchins** posted:

Joe was my best friend ever since I got stationed on Pendelton! I will forever remember his friendship and will cherish the memories we shared together! My favorite memory of all was in the summertime we would always be grilling out, staying poolside, and than campfires at night with a bunch of our mutually friends. Sending my thoughts and prayers to his family!

February 28 at 8:58 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the D'Amico family.



February 28 at 12:34 PM



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RN

**Roxanne Nelson** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Joseph looks just like you, Mary Beth. I remember how kind you were when we worked together at Rehoboth Elementary, always patient with the children and me as we were learning to use the new computers in the classroom so many years ago. After reading about Joseph, I think your exceptional traits, and certainly some from your husband, must have influenced him as he gave new life and joy to so many. I am thinking of you, your family, and friends. Roxanne Nelson

February 28 at 6:09 AM

RB

**Robert Barron** posted:

I met D'Amico during my final tour at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton as he lived in the same module as I did in the barracks. His larger than life personality was always present whenever he was around. He was actually one of the first people that helped introduce me to others in the module and connect with others. He even shared a drink with me and for that I'm truly thankful. My heart goes out to your family during these tough times.

February 27 at 5:38 PM

LF

**Linda Furse** posted:

I remember that little boy like it was yesterday. My sincere condolences to your family!

February 27 at 3:24 PM



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**Paul Smith ( Sharkey )** posted:

My most sincere condolences to all of the D'amici family. I remember Joseph when he was younger. He was full of energy and a very bright young man. He attended a trip with us to Hershey Park. The boys had a blast and so did we. I think of that trip from time to time. Thank you MaryBeth and Joe for letting Joseph go with us. Joseph truly made that trip so much more enjoyable. Forever in our hearts, Paul, Diana and Josh.

February 27 at 6:05 AM

RB

**Robin Betz** March 3 at 1:15 PM

Thank God for CA moms!

BW

**Brenda Whitt** February 27 at 1:25 PM

My sincere condolences to Joe's family. I was his "California mom" for a while. I got him some yeingling beer imported one time and gave him his cornhole boards and bags, which he used to love to take to the beach. I have a warm spot in my heart for him, and he is greatly missed.

AR

**Amanda Rutledge** posted:

On behalf of the Hastings family, we send our thoughts and prayers to the D'amico family. So many wonderful memories at the softball fields. Amanda, Mike, Nancy, Garrett and Kyle Hastings

February 27 at 5:20 AM

FM

**Fred Muschko** March 3 at 10:55 AM

Joe was the light of my dorm at De Sales university he always was a very personal student

JA

**Joe & Mary Beth D'Amico** February 28 at 7:54 PM

Thanks Amanda. The Hastings family will always have a special place in our hearts.

CG

**Connie Garner** posted:

I didn't know Joseph, but he was a good friend to my son who was also stationed at Camp Pendleton. I am grateful for the memories they made playing a round of golf or just hanging out. It sounds like they both shared a similar sense of humor and had many laughs. I'm so sorry for your loss.

February 26 at 7:42 PM



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**Kathy O'hanlon** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

My prayers and hugs to you. Joe was full of life and a delight to have known.

February 26 at 3:39 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the D'Amico family.

February 26 at 3:35 AM



**Mary Lou Warren** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Mary Beth, Joe, Gina & Veronica - So saddened by your loss. I know that God will hold all of you in the palm of his hands throughout the difficult days ahead. Please know that we hold you close in thought & prayer everyday. So grateful to Joseph's service to our country.

February 25 at 7:19 PM



**Tara Strickland** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

February 25 at 6:05 PM



**MA** **Mary Beth D'amico** February 25 at 6:22 PM

Thank you, Ms. Strickland. We visited him in San Antonio, also, and enjoyed meeting all his friends, your daughter among them.

**TS** **Tara Strickland** February 25 at 6:15 PM

My deepest condolences to the Family for your loss... I had the pleasure of meeting and spending a little time with your Son while visiting my Daughter in San Antonio TX. He was the life of the party and keep me laughing! May GOD give you comfort and strength during this time. Rest easy now Shipmate! 💙💙💙



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**Julie Bernheimer** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My heart just breaks for his family and friends. I know his many Cape friends will miss him dearly. I am glad he was a part of my daughter's circle of friends. He was always polite and friendly and lit up a room with his smile. Please know you are in our thoughts. With love, Julie and Joe Bernheimer

February 25 at 12:39 PM



**Marybeth & Joe D'Amico** February 28 at 2:46 PM

Love you, cousin.



**Janice Ewer** February 26 at 2:47 PM

So glad to have the happy memory of Joe Sr surprising Mom (Aunt Pat) and me with a visit to Fl with Joe Jr. I pray the whole family will get through this sad time with many happy memories of him. Janice Ewer



**Marybeth & Joe D'Amico** February 25 at 6:23 PM

Thank you, Joe & Julie and Margaret & Scott.



**Margaret Haas** February 25 at 2:31 PM

Our hearts are heavy. We are thinking of Joseph's family and friends during this difficult time. We know how his Cape friends will miss him dearly. We are glad he was a part of our daughters circle of friends growing up. A fine young man, polite, friendly and cared for all that knew him. Prayers to you all. Margaret & Scott Haas



**Margaret Haas** February 25 at 2:26 PM

We are so very sorry for your loss. Our hearts are heavy for Joseph's family and friends. We are also thinking of his Cape friends who will miss him dearly. He was a wonderful person who was a part of our daughters circle of friends growing up. Friendly, polite and just a nice young man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Margaret & Scott Haas



**From Your Kd Family** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the D'Amico family.



February 25 at 10:04 AM



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**Anne Hilton** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

February 25 at 9:15 AM



**Ellen Cassidy** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

February 25 at 6:52 AM



**Donna L Hegge** posted:

Dear Joe & MB,I cannot imagine anything more devastating for a parent than to lose a child. Sadly, there is no way around the grief you have to go through, so I pray for God to surround you and the girls with comfort, peace and memories of happier times to help you through these difficult days. Joseph sure did pack a lot of life in just 31 years, and he served our country proudly, and we're grateful to him for that service. Joseph will live on in the hearts of all those who loved him, and in the lives of those he generously extended as an organ donor. With our love, and deepest condolences, Donna, Joe and Amelia

February 25 at 2:32 AM



**Marybeth D'Amico** February 26 at 3:33 PM

Dolores, I know you know this road. Your comments give me hope. Thank you.



**Dolores Rubilin** February 26 at 5:47 AM

MaryBeth and family,I am so sorry to learn of your recent loss. Your eyes lit up when you spoke of your children. Your eyes can light up again knowing how proud you are of your son. Peace to you and your family during this difficult time. Sincerely,Dolores Rubolin



**Marybeth & Joe D'amico** February 25 at 6:24 PM

We love you, cousin.



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TF

**Tia Felton** posted:

sorry to hear about joey I send my condolences to the D'Amico family may my high school buddy rest in peace.

February 24 at 5:35 PM



**Marybeth D'amico** February 25 at 6:25 PM

Thank you, Tia.

DS

**Donna Siebold** posted:

MB, I am so sorry for your loss. Your pain must be unimaginable. Wishing you and the family strength and love, Espouse.

February 24 at 1:52 PM



**Marybeth & Joe D'amico** February 25 at 6:25 PM

Merci, Espouse. Thank you, Bob and Carol.



**Robert H & Carol S Wright** February 25 at 3:22 PM

Dear D'Amico Family, our hearts go out to all of you at this most difficult time! Your feeling of loss must be tremendous. We pray all of you find comfort knowing such a fine young man is safe in heaven. We hope you are comforted by the love of friends and each other as you adjust to life on earth without Joe but you can rejoice in knowing you all will be together some day. We don't know God's plan for any of us but we do know that He is always here for us so just ask God to see you through this. Love and hugs to all of you.  
Carol & Bob Wright



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February 24 at 12:24 PM



**Gwen Guerke** March 5 at 8:57 AM

Mary Beth, I am so sad to learn that you have lost your son. Prayers and blessings to you and your family.



**Ray Young** March 5 at 8:18 AM

Joe you are still my best friend and my only true navy brother. I loved spending time with you and really enjoyed our friendship. We had so much fun golfing and cheering on the Eagles every Sunday. The times at Rookies were amazing and I miss those days. The scallops were legendary. I still use your recipe to this day. The stories I have of our time together. I could go on and on. I miss you brother and love you forever and always. Fly Eagled Fly!!!!!!



**Mason Woodyard** March 5 at 6:19 AM

Hi joe I'm mason we've never met but I'm your friend Sarah kings son mason your mom knows me thanks for serving us and being my moms friend thanks for keeping us safe RIP joe.



**Chinedu C Ezenwuba** March 4 at 7:40 PM

"My African prince" as you would always call me while letting out that smile that could heal any broken heart. You would be greatly missed. Keep resting till we meet to part no more. Farewell 🙏



- EB** **Elijah Bowser** March 4 at 2:56 PM  
Man this new broke my heart, I can't imagine how the family feels. Joe was like a little brother to me, a hard headed little brother but when I came around he always listened. I remember going over to his place to grill out with friends and how I introduced him to some fine selections and how he always loved how I seasoned steaks and taking golf shots to see how far we could hit a ball even though I sucked. I'll cherish those memories brother and I pray God has found favor with you and I also pray for his family, friends and coworkers are able to find peace through this difficult time and we remember Joe and that smile of his as long as we can, God Bless!!!!!!
- SO** **Sofia** March 3 at 9:27 PM  
One of the fondest memories I had with Joe was showing off my golf swing when we first met only to promise we'd play a round together. I never got to do that with him but the next tee off I have will be picturing him behind me telling me to swing hard and clip the grass. Tons of countless laughs and shared hellos at work will forever be held in my mind and heart. He was someone everyone loved to be around and we sure enjoyed his company.
- VI** **Victoria** March 3 at 8:31 PM  
I can't believe this is real. All I can think about are the car rides with friends and ALL the laughter and good times. You are so very loved D'Amico!!
- RB** **Robin Betz** March 3 at 12:55 PM  
So sorry for your loss, I pray your heart is always lifted with fond memories and thank you for sharing the beautiful tribute . I pray also for your comfort through friends and family through this difficult time. A fellow East Coast Navy mom, whose son is in SD, CA.
- JE** **Janice Ewer** March 3 at 12:51 PM  
Such a nice tribute. May you rest in peace Joseph.
- FM** **Fred Muschko** March 3 at 12:34 PM  
the video was cut off to soon
- SM** **Shernell Mills** March 3 at 12:34 PM  
Joe thank you for loving Steffon like a brother and looking out for him
- PM** **Paula Moreno** March 2 at 4:34 PM  
Joe, you were awesome kind,silly and loud !! Your smile lit up a room and you will be forever missed ! Football Sunday's will never be the same! My heart aches for you ! Xoxo Paula . #iloverookies



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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