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Joseph "Skip" H. Carsello, nee Howard McDonough, age 76, of Millsboro, DE, died peacefully with family near him on Saturday, March 4, 2023. Born on December 23, 1946, in Detroit, MI he was the son of Robert and Isabel McDonough.

Affectionately called "Skip" throughout his life, he was man for all seasons, defying many odds. From a Jesuit high school to college then creating a family, he produced a meaningful and purposeful life. He attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, and from the same University later received a B.A. Summa Cum Laude In history, political science and education, and an MA in Public Administration.

Joseph was a man of great intelligence, a philosopher, handsome, full of fun and an exceptional writer. Truly one-of-a-kind, he was resourceful, persistent and a leader. Dealing with illness for the past 35 years, he was always looking to find a cure, a treatment, until one day the Lord called. He lived with pain, but it was no excuse for him, exercising unlimited resourcefulness and stamina. He worked. He learned to paint. He volunteered. And made plans to visit Sicily. Despite how he felt, he was always groomed and dressed impeccably. His career was interesting and fruitful. Joseph headed up a Crime Prevention government agency in Puerto Rico, learning the language and eventually founding his own consulting firm assisting non-profit organizations in fundraising. The beach there was his refuge. Back in the states, he was executive Director of the Prince George County Private Industrial Council, helping women to find gainful employment. He also diversified his career path and managed the menswear department at Macy's. Whether executive director of a large social services agency or a checker at a local grocery store, Joseph always gave his best and earned the respect of all around him. He did a lot of volunteer work in prisons, hospitals, and church, comforting those in distress, sorrow, and isolation. He even began a course to become a funeral director so he could help grieving families. Many years into his life, Joseph learned his biological descent was Italian and he loved knowing about his heritage. He saw beauty not only in things and in nature, but in people. We can all look to his life as a book on perseverance, pain management, forgiveness, and acceptance.



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In addition to his parents, Joseph was preceded in death by his sister Kathleen, and grandchild Dakota. He is survived by son Anthony (Kayla); his grandchildren Ashlynn, Anthony Jr., and Kendall; great granddaughter, Dakota, and his loyal companion El Chapo.

A memorial service will be held by Joseph's family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Joseph's memory to your local animal shelter.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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John Szczepanski posted:

My name is John Szczepanski I never got to know my uncle Joseph Howard Carsello AKA Howard Joseph McDonough (Born Wayne Humig) by my Grandmother Anna Marie Humig Szczepanski Whom gave him up for adoption in 1946 My heart goes out to you man I never got to know I wish I had He looks so much like my father David My grandmother Anna is still alive at 99 Never came to terms giving up her son It's sad as my family is broken and fractured It's one of the reasons I've done ancestry for my love of family Blessings to his extended family and sister Kathleen and children Plz call me I would love to talk with you all My extended family!! John / 716- 771- 6916

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